The Civic Orchestras offer world-class training and performance opportunities for students of all ability levels—from elementary school to college graduate students. The Civic Jazz Ensembles, a national leader in jazz education, provide students with big band and improvisational training under the guidance of world-renowned jazz artists. The Civic String Orchestras are a targeted training program for string students who are beyond rudimentary skills, but need additional instruction in technique before earning a position with the full orchestras. The Civic Wind Ensemble allows further opportunity for wind players to broaden their repertoire and wind band experience. The breadth of opportunities and training offered by the Civic Youth Ensembles shows our dedication to providing the best and most well-rounded conservatory-style training that encompasses both large and small ensemble experience.

www.detroitsymphony.com/civic

Michigan State University’s Community Music School-Detroit (CMS-Detroit) offers music education and music therapy opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and incomes. The school is located in The MSU Detroit Center at 3408 Woodward Avenue, just south of Mack (next door to the Bonstelle Theatre), in Detroit’s Cultural Center.

Youth classes include Early Childhood Music (for birth-3, ages 3-5 and 5-7), the Aspiring Musicians Program (AMP) for beginning and intermediate instrumental students, and the MSU Jazz@CMS-D for middle and high school students. Adult programs include Detroit’s first New Horizons Band chapter (both beginning and advanced groups), beginning and intermediate Adult String Ensembles, and Adult Group Guitar and Piano lessons. Music Therapy clinical services provide treatment for a variety of conditions ranging from stress to severe handicaps.

http://cms.msu.edu/

Detroit Children’s Choir

Here, ANY child can find their voice

Detroit Children’s Choir (DCC) is an inclusive choir program focused on providing high quality choral music education to ALL Detroit area 8 - 14 year olds who love to sing. Interested students can register for membership in one of DCC’s three neighborhood choir programs: Southwest Detroit at Latino Mission Society, 1450 McKinstry (near Clark Park); New Center area at YouthVille, 7375 Woodward Ave.; East Side at Matrix Center, 13560 E. McNichols (Gratiot & E. McNichols). All neighborhood choirs will perform in DCC’s city-wide concert in April, 2012.

For more information, please visit our website at
http://www.detroitchildrenschoir.org/choirs/neighborhood-choirs
Music Preparatory Division

Oakland University’s Music Preparatory Division offers the expertise, commitment, and vibrant energy of a university music department to students of all ages. The OU Music Prep Division provides experiences that foster and support learner success and a lifelong love of music:

• Studio instruction in piano, guitar, voice, and all orchestral instruments for school-age students and adults.
• Early childhood, piano readiness, and elementary voice classes.
• Preparation for a college career in music, including music theory, composition, and aural skills classes and audition workshops.
• Summer music camps.

Lessons and classes are offered at Oakland's Rochester campus, at OU's Anton/Frankel Center in Mt. Clemens, at West Hills Middle School in Bloomfield Hills, and at the Pincus Music Education Center at Orchestra Hall. E-mail musprep@oakland.edu or visit www.oakland.edu/musicprep

The Sphinx Preparatory Music Institute is the key grassroots, full-scholarship, educational program of the Sphinx Organization (www.sphinxmusic.org), the national non-profit organization focused on diversity in classical music and access to music education for under-served youth. Sphinx Prep offers classes to metro Detroit students in:

-- instrumental performance
-- integrative music theory/ear training
-- music history, with an emphasis on contributions by composers of color

The program takes place on 10 Saturdays during both fall and winter semesters (20 weeks total). It serves string, woodwind, brass, percussion and piano instrumentalists, ages 11-18. For inquiries, please contact Dean John Madison at john@sphinxmusic.org.

http://sphinxmusic.org/programs/sphinx_prep.html

String Project@Wayne, named “2011 String Project of the Year” by the American String Teachers Association, is now registering students for the 2011-2012 school year. Beginning violin, viola, and cello classes are open to children in grades 3-5; beginning bass students are accepted through grade 6. Children through grade 7 with prior experience may join us at Level II or III by audition.

http://www.music.wayne.edu/stringproject