





Welcome New Starts

Airrion	Piano	Londyn	Piano/Voice
Aria	Flute	Lucia	Piano
Cayden	Drums	Madelyna	Voice
E.	Guitar	Manny	Piano
Eleanor	Piano	Markus	Piano
Gavin	Guitar	Patricia	Voice
Graham	Piano	Pavanad	Drums
Jacob	Violin	Rosie	Piano
James	Bass Guitar	Rosie	Drums
Kristen	Guitar	Tasha	Voice
Lincoln	Violin	Vida	Piano
Linn	Violin	Zaina	Voice





Teacher Spotlight



Lucas Bakker

Lucas is a Dutch and Mexican-American composer, music producer, and teacher who prides himself on blending his multi-cultural heritage into his works. He teaches voice, guitar, piano, and ukulele at NSM.

Recent accomplishments include scoring the feature film *Search and Destroy* (available on Hulu and Amazon Prime) and the upcoming indie horror film *Pendulum*, which is currently hitting film festivals.

Lucas began piano lessons at age six, which led to theater, classical music, flamenco guitar, and rock bands in high school. He went on to graduate from Cornish College of the Arts with a bachelor's degree in music composition and a side focus in creative writing and theater.

[Click here](#) to visit his YouTube Channel
you'll be happy you did!



December Student Spotlight

Rio



Rio began taking guitar lessons with Mr. Austin in 2016, at the age of 5. Through Mr. Austin's instruction, he has grown musically by leaps and bounds.

He recently transitioned to Mr. Lucas, who is another great and valuable instructor. Rio loves to play every genre of music, but his preference is rock or alternative.

His primary instrument is his electric guitar, but he also enjoys playing his acoustic guitar.


Playing guitar has opened the door to mastering the keyboard, and he is now able to play songs by ear. Other activities Rio enjoys are playing sports (soccer, football, and basketball) and video games. He is dedicated to his studies and receives excellent grades, which include his advanced placement math class. Rio looks forward to continuing his lessons at NSM.






December Workshops


Missed a lesson? Sign up for a workshop! Workshops are available on Saturdays. They are done in a small group format and are an hour long. Contact the Admin Office to signup!



December 2, 2023
All Instruments
10:30 AM



December 16, 2023
All Instruments
10:30 AM



December 16, 2023
All Instruments
12:00 Noon





NSM will be closed
December 23, 2023
thru
January 2, 2024
Lessons will resume
Wednesday,
January 3, 2024





Operation Cratchit
Stanford Settlement 's
Annual Christmas Basket Program

Stanford Settlement has been providing Christmas Baskets for those in need of some extra help during the Christmas holidays for 50 years!

You can help by providing a donation in the box located outside the Administration Office!

Donations Needed For the Following
Non-Prerishable Foods
Unwrapped gifts for children ages 15 and under

Let's help make someone's Christmas a little brighter this year!



Congratulations to the Following MLS Recipients!

Apprentice

Ananda	Piano
Angel	Guitar
Antonio	Voice
Chase	Guitar
Devin	Guitar
Elika	Violin
Galaxy	Piano
Hariam	Guitar
Hariam	Piano
Henrick	French Horn
Ivan	Piano
Kevin	Guitar
Liam	Saxophone
Lucas	Piano
Mikeala	Piano
Patrick	Piano
Peachie	Piano
Philip	Drums
Susan	Clarinet
Zara	Piano

Songbird

Amerie	Violin
Antonio	Piano
April	Piano
Austin	Voice
Caleb	Guitar/Piano
David	Guitar

Songbird (Cont)

Elika	Mark
Emme	Guitar
Evan	Drums
Hazel	Piano
Isis	Piano
Izabella	Piano
Marco	Piano
Marcus	Guitar
Margaux	Piano
Nivaar	Piano
Peter	Piano
Peter	Voice
Sofia	Voice
Sophia	Piano
Wesley	Piano
Zachary	Saxophone

Musician

Aris	Piano
Azaria	Voice
Catherine	Guitar
Christopher	Guitar
Elijah	Piano
Jackson	Drums
Maria	Piano
Niyati	Cello
Raina	Piano
Sanha	Piano
Swapnil	Drums

Rockstar

Ademide	Piano
Cristian	Ukulele
Eli	Piano
Joshua	Violin
Veronica	Piano
Will	Drums

Allegro

Clara	Voice
Gwendolyn	Piano
Shrehaan	Piano

Vivace

Ciaran	Piano
Naaz	Piano

Prodigy

Abby	Piano
Amy	Piano
Banke	Piano

Maestro

Arush	Piano
James	Voice

Superior

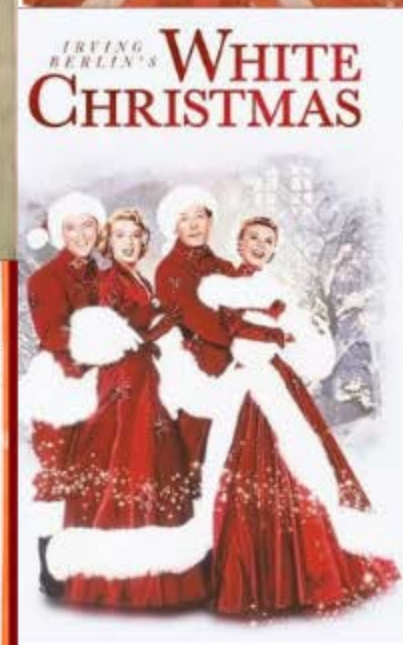
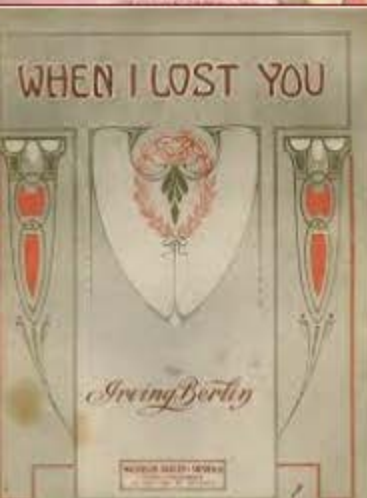
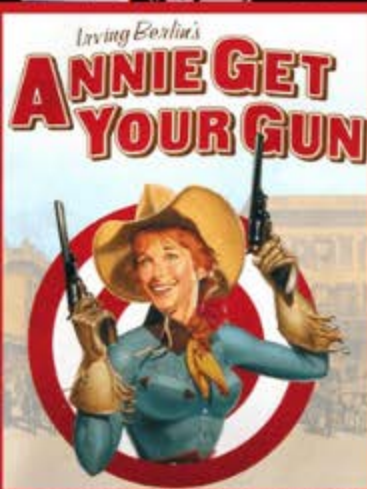
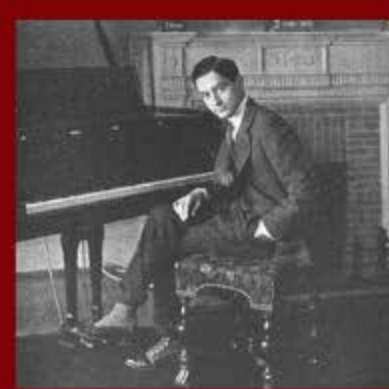
Jackson	Drums
Tobias	Piano

Champion

Parsiny	Piano
---------	-------

Prima

Jade	Piano
Noah	Guitar



Composer of the Month Irving Berlin

Irving Berlin was born on May 11, 1888. He was an American composer and lyricist. Although he never learned to read or write music, he became a self-taught rudimentary pianist and moved from street entertainer to jobs such as singing waiter and later as a song plugger in Tin Pan Alley.

He wrote hundreds of songs, many of which became major hits, which made him famous before he turned thirty. During his 60-year career, he wrote an estimated 1,500 songs, including the scores for 20 original Broadway shows and 15 original Hollywood films.

His music forms a large part of the Great American Songbook. Berlin received numerous honors, including an Academy Award for "White Christmas", a Grammy Award, and a Tony Award. [Click here](#) to listen to "White Christmas." It will certainly put you in the holiday mood!



Twin Lotus Thai
8345 Folsom Blvd, Ste 119
Sacramento, CA 95826
December 1, 2023
6 pm seating, 6:30 pm Show

Pianist / Composer
Philip Howard
'Tis the Season!

Special Guest
Violinist Girogi Khakhobashvili
[Click here](#) for Reservations



December Holidays

Christmas is an annual festival commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ, observed primarily on December 25 as a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.



Christmas
Dec 25th



KWANZAA
Dec 26th – Jan 1st

Kwanzaa is an African American and Pan-African holiday that celebrates history, values, family, community and culture.

Hanukkah is a Jewish festival commemorating the recovery of Jerusalem and subsequent rededication of the Second Temple at the beginning of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire in the 2nd century BCE.



Hannukah
Dec 7th – 15th

I ❤️ NSM so I just left a review.
Won't you join me by [clicking here](#)?

