



NAT&MAS
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

March 2024 Newsletter





Save the Date



Natomas School of Music



Spring Recital



May 11, 2024



Details to come!

Welcome New Starts

Ada	Drums
Ajay	Guitar
Aurora	Piano
Ben	Voice
Cailani	Voice
Corinne	Voice
Evan	Drums
Frank	Saxophone
Guillen	Violin
Jaydee	Drums
JoAnn	Piano
Jose	Voice
Josh	Piano
Joud	Piano
Judit	Piano
Julian	Piano
Julieta	Violin
Kailer	Violin
Ken	Clarinet

Leslie	Voice
Logan	Guitar
Marisa	Voice
Meredith	Guitar
Micaela	Piano
Natalie	Voice
Quince	Ukulele
Rafel	Drums
Robert	Clarinet
Rosemarie	Violin
Rosie	Drums
Samaira	Piano
Santiago	Violin
Santiago	Drums
Subaig	Guitar
Tyler	Piano
Yash	Drums

Welcome New Teacher Alex Wilcox



Alex Wilcox is a guitar player and teacher originally from the San Francisco Bay Area. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from San Francisco State University in 2018. For the past 8 years, Alex has taught guitar and ukulele for a number of diverse communities in both California and Arizona. He has also performed live music at locations in and around the Bay Area, Phoenix, and Sacramento areas, including the Freight and Salvage in Berkeley, the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, and the Pueblo Grande Museum in Phoenix.

He has over 20 years of experience playing guitar, bass, and ukulele, with a range of influences by guitarists such as blues guitarist Stevie Ray Vaughan, rock guitarist Eddie Van Halen, metal guitarists Kirk Hammett and James Hetfield, and fingerstyle guitarists Chet Atkins and Tommy Emmanuel. One of the strengths of Alex's teaching style is his ability to adapt his guitar playing and teaching technique based on what the student feels most comfortable with: either playing with a pick or fingerstyle.

When he's not working on music, LEGO robotics, or graphic design, he is happy to be home with his wife Vanessa and their newborn daughter, Beatrix. [Click here](#) to visit his YouTube Channel.

March Student Spotlight Shreehan



Shrehaan has been taking piano lessons with Mr. Kevin since May 2022. He loves playing the piano and is excited to be part of the Natomas Music School. In addition to playing the piano, he also enjoys spending time at the library and reading both fiction and non-fiction books. He has a passion for swimming and is looking forward to taking scuba lessons this summer.





Composer of the Month

Quincy Jones

Quincy Jones, born March 14, 1933, in Chicago, is an American musical performer, producer, arranger, and composer whose work encompasses virtually all forms of popular music.

In the early 1950s, Jones studied briefly at the prestigious Schillinger House (now Berklee College of Music) in Boston before touring with Lionel Hampton as a trumpeter and arranger. In 1964, he became vice president at Mercury, thereby making him one of the first African Americans to hold a top executive position at a major American record label. His best-known work includes producing the all-time best-selling album "Thriller" (1982) by Michael Jackson, organizing the all-star charity recording "We Are the World" (1985), and producing the film The Color Purple (1985) and the television series The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (1990-96). He has won numerous awards, from Grammys to Oscars to Emmys. [Click here](#) to listen to "Soul Bossa Nova." I'm sure you'll recognize it!



March Workshops

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

March 2, 2024
All Instruments
10:30 - 11:30am

March 2, 2024
All Instruments
12:00 - 1:00pm

March 16, 2024
Voice
10:00 - 11:30am

March 9, 2024
All Instruments
10:30 - 11:30m

March 23, 2024
All Instruments
10:30 - 11:30am

Congratulations to the following MLS Recipients!

Apprentice

Alexander	Piano
Aria	Flute
Eleanor	Piano
Ellie	Guitar
Manny	Piano
Markus	Piano
Noor	Voice
Santiago	Saxophone

Songbird

Ivan	Piano
Kamarion	Piano
Kevin	Guitar
Liam	Saxophone
Noor	Guitar
Patrick	Piano
Philip	Drums
Selena	Voice

Musician

Alejandro	Piano
Antonio	Piano
Aras	Drums
Austin	Voice
Breanna	Piano
Gabriela	Piano
Jordan	Voice
Karissa	Piano
Marcus	Guitar
Marshall	Cello
Sajani	Piano
Sofia	Voice
Swapnil	Piano

Rockstar

Devin	Piano
Prabhkiya	Piano
Sanha	Piano
Shaynne	Piano
Swapnil	Drums

Allegro

Aryan	Flute
Muriel	Voice
Will	Drum

Vivace

Aiden	Piano
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Prodigy

Naaz	Piano
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Maestro

Ashley	Piano
Jazmine	Voice
Megan	Guitar

Champion

Delaney	Piano
Natalie	Voice
Nivaar	Drums

Superstar

Alexia	Piano
Bernice	Piano
Branden	Piano
Parsiny	Piano

Ensemble Schools Receives Recognition in USA Today Article

The Natomas School of Music is proud to announce that Ensemble Schools was recently rated No. 6 in USA Today's article entitled "Empowering Parents: The Top 10 Education Companies Making a Difference in Your Child's Learning Journey."

To read article [click here](#).

5TH ANNUAL SACRAMENTO P I A N O D A Y



THURSDAY MARCH 28, 2024
8:00 - 10:00 PM

AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE
RECITAL HALL

ONE PIANO - FOUR WAYS
WITH

PHILIP HOWARD
STERLING COZZA TRIO

JENNIFER REASON & MELANIE BIETZ
AND
INTRODUCING QUINN VANCE

ADVANCE TICKETS \$20
AT THE DOOR \$25
STUDENTS \$10

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Sterling Cozza



Philip Howard



Jennifer Reason



Melanie Bietz

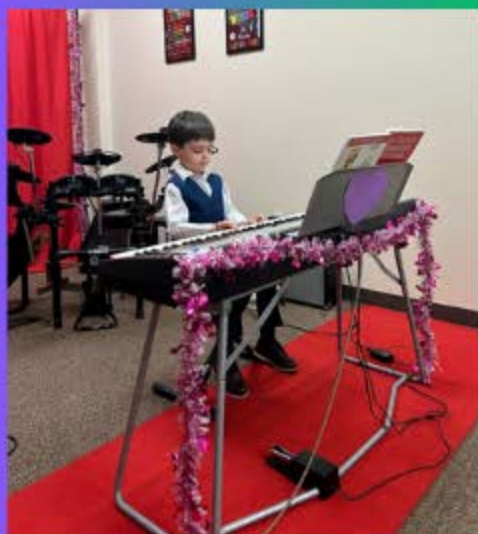


Quinn Vance

Highlights from the Natomas School of Music Studio Performances



*"Music is a world within itself with a
language we all understand"*
-- Stevie Wonder





**The Natomas School of Music
will be closed
for Spring Break
Saturday - March 30, 2024
thru
Sunday - March 31, 2024
Lessons will resume
Monday - April 1, 2024**



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