

NAT&MAS  
SCHOOL OF MUSIC

## August Newsletter



# Welcome New Starts

Abby	Violin
Anna	Piano
Edith	Ukulele
Elaine	Piano
Eleanor	Piano
Elias	Trumpet
Gabe	Bass
Graham	Piano
Hailey	Guitar
Jaskaren	Violin
Javed	Violin
Julieta	Guitar
Kene	Piano
Lauren	Guitar

Lequan	Voice
Liv	Piano
Marika	Guitar
Natalia	Cello
Nolan	Piano
Obi	Piano
Olive	Piano
Sajani	Piano
Senaya	Piano
Trinitee	Piano
Vijay	Guitar
Wateem	Drums
William	Drums
Zarya	Piano





The image features a central brown rectangular box containing white text. The box is surrounded by a decorative border of autumn-themed illustrations, including various colored leaves (yellow, orange, red, green) and clusters of red berries on thin stems.

**Save the Date!**

**Natomas School of Music**

**Fall Recital**

**November 16, 2024**

**Details coming soon!**

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!

August 10, 2024  
All Instruments  
10:30-11:30

August 10, 2024  
All Instruments  
12:00-1:00 pm

August 24, 2024  
All Instruments  
10:30-11:30am

August 17, 2024  
Voice  
10:00-11:30am

August 31, 2024  
All Instruments  
10:30-11:30am



# Teacher Spotlight

Austin Blanchard has been teaching for 12 years, ten of which he's taught at Natomas School of Music. He's been a performer for 20 years, during which he's played at car shows, sponsored events, etc. When he's not teaching, he's playing in a cover band, is a recording artist at local studios, and is a professional stagehand at Thunder Valley and other production companies. Driven to teach people the love and understanding of his life's passion, he provides a personalized experience in learning theory and nuances that pertain to your interests as a budding musician. He teaches guitar, ukulele, bass, and drums. As far as genres go, he's got you covered; he is good at anything from jazz to metal and everything in between.





## August Student Spotlight



Julia is 9 years old and began taking voice lessons with Mr. Joe in February of this year. She's been working on songs by Ed Sheeran, Journey, Judy Garland, and most recently, Tom Petty, and she thinks Joe's British accent is cool. Because of her teacher's coaching, she's gained a lot of confidence in her singing ability. Her favorite experience so far was performing "Supermarket Flowers" by Ed Sheeran at the spring recital, where her friends and family made the trip to see her sing her heart out. She was amazing. She looks forward to practicing and learning more songs and performing for the people she loves.

Sabrina is 7 years old and loves playing drums with her teacher Austin. Together, they are learning all the parts of the drum kit, as well as beats, notes, measures, and rhythm. She performed "Houdini" by Dua Lipa at the spring recital, which is one of the songs she loves. She is looking forward to one day playing in a middle or high school band. She enjoys learning new beats, spending time on her kit at home, and practicing with the door open so her parents can hear, so they know she's practicing.





## Artist of the Month Count Basie



William James "Count" Basie was an American jazz pianist, organist, bandleader, and composer originally from Red Bank, NJ. In 1935, he formed the Count Basie Orchestra, a group he led for almost 50 years and with which he pioneered countless instrumentation and orchestration techniques. Some of jazz's biggest figures came to prominence under his direction, including saxophonists Lester Young and Herschel Evans. He frequently collaborated with world-renowned artists, including Sarah Vaughan, Ella Fitzgerald, and Frank Sinatra.



# Congratulations to the Following MLS Recipients!



## Apprentice

Charisma	Piano
Christopher	Piano

## Songbird

Calvin	Trumpet
Fattah	Piano
Garret	Piano
Gavin	Saxophone
Manny	Piano
Nathan	Piano
Santiago	Saxophone

## Musician

Jackson	Drums
Liam	Saxophone

## Rockstar

Isis	Piano
Tyler	Guitar

## Allegro

Alli	Violin
Zachary	Saxophone

## Prodigy

Catherine	Guitar
Clara	Voice
Josie	Piano
Maddox	Piano
Maylin	Piano
Raymundo	Piano

## Superior

Preston	Piano
Charlotte	Piano
Jazmine	Piano



The Natomas School of Music  
will be closed  
Monday, September 2, 2024  
for Labor Day







### The Best (and Worst) Drinks for Your Singing Voice

Although singing may look simple, the voice is actually a complex series of systems that form an expressive and delicate living instrument. Just as you would care for a physical instrument, singers need to understand how to preserve and protect their voice to best position them for success. For more information [click here](#)





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