

November Newsletter



Welcome September New Starts

Alex Violin Angie Voice Voice Antonio Aras Drums Guitar Bella Ben Drums Benjamin Piano Piano Camelia Violin Camila Charles Guitar Chris Violin Ciara Voice Derek Piano Elias Guitar Elicia Piano Elizabeth Drums Gregory Clarinet

Ivan Voice John Piano Kaylee Guitar Kendrick Piano Piano Kira Voice Leanna Piano Marco Olivia Piano Parisa Voice Raymond Drums Reyna Guitar Samantha Piano Savani Piano Serenity Voice Sophia Piano Ulysses Piano

Teacher Spotlight Anna Kates



Anna began her musical journey on piano at age five, expanding her skills to guitar in middle school and finally landing on upright bass in high school, which has since become her primary instrument.

Her performance background spans a wide range of genres, including punk, bluegrass, country, rock, funk, and her personal favorite, jazz. Anna has performed in various jazz combos and big bands, with gigs ranging from private galas and weddings to jazz clubs and open mics.

Since high school, she has been teaching music lessons, driven by a passion for sharing the joy of music. In her lessons, she focuses on helping students learn songs they are passionate about while equipping them with the tools to become self-sufficient and lifelong learners on their instruments.

Student Spotlight - Linn





Linn began playing violin in elementary school; she enjoyed it so much that she continued playing in the middle school orchestra. Her weekends were spent working with her fellow orchestra classmates to practice the latest score.

Her teacher encouraged her to take lessons at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. At 13, she competed in a state-wide competition and played Handel's Violin Sonata III (Part II) as a solo from memory and was awarded the medal of "Command Performance," the highest award!

Due to school studies, she stopped playing. Her violin sat in the closet for many years. It wasn't until one day, as an adult, she decided to clean it up and begin taking lessons again. Although it's been quite some time since she's played, she's found that it comes back to you "like riding a bike." She's been taking violin lessons at the Natomas School of Music for more than a year now, and even though she has a lot to learn, she's really enjoying it!

Artist of the Month Post Malone



Austin Richard Post was born July 4, 1995. He is known professionally as Post Malone. He was raised by his father, Richard Post, and his stepmother, Jodie. He was introduced to various genres of music by his father, who was a DJ in his youth.

Post has gained notoriety as an American rapper, singer-songwriter, record producer, and guitarist. He has gained distinction and acclaim for his blending of various genres, including hip hop, pop, R&B, rap, and most recently country. <u>Click here</u> to hear his recent collaboration with Blake Shelton, "Pour Me a Drink."

November 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!



November 2, 2024 Voice Workshop 10:00 - 11:30 AM

November 9, 2024 Mixed Instruments 10:30 - 11:30 AM

November 23, 2024
Mixed Instruments
10:30 - 11:30 AM

November 30, 2024
Mixed Instruments
10:30 - 11:30



MLS Recipients

Apprentice

Cali Piano
Hateem Drums
Hayden Piano
Misha Piano
Mivaan Drums
Obi Piano

Songbird

Christropher Piano Daira Voice Graham Piano Guitar Logan Mivaan Drums Pavanaj **Drums** Rhiya Voice Samaira Piano

Musician Ananda Miah Mikeala

Miah Guitar Mikeala Piano Nivaar Piano Sebastian Ukulele

Piano

Rockstar Armoni Piano

<u>Allegro</u> Brianna Voice

<u>Vivace</u> Ademide Piano Alice Piano

<u>Prodigy</u> Muriel Voice Sofia Piano

Maestro Prabhkiya Piano Ethan Piano

Master Aadharsh Piano

<u>Superstar</u> Nivaar Drums

<u>Prima</u> Karissa Violin Kavita Guitar



Ensemble Blog



How to Write a Song Like Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift is a force in modern music thanks to her exceptional songwriting and infectious melodies. What began as a budding country career has become one of the most significant artists to ever live. From county to pop, Swift has kept songwriting at the heart of her unparalleled success. Her ability to make her personal experiences feel universal is why she has captured many fans' hearts. Click here to read more



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Philip Howard 'Tis the Season!!



With Special Guest Violinist Giorgi Khokhobashvili

December 6th

6pm Doors; 6:15p-7:30p Show; \$25 Cover Twinlotusthai.com for Reservations



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