

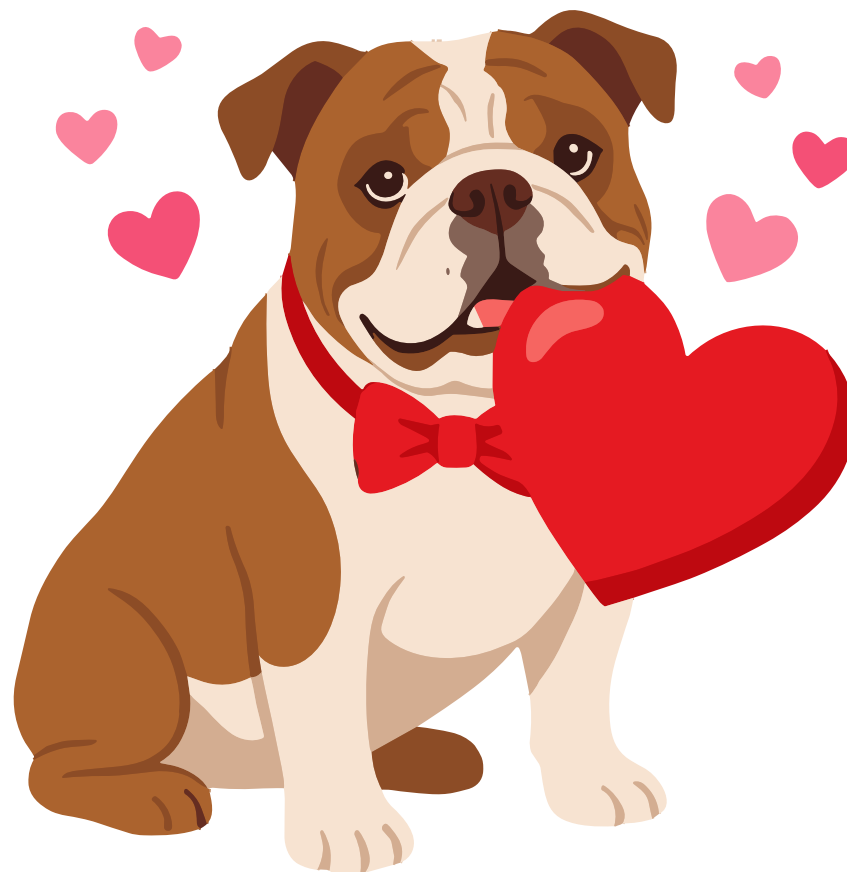
NAT&MAS
SCHOOL OF MUSIC
February Newsletter



Welcome December New Starts!

Belle	Voice
Esteban	Ukulele
Evelyn	Piano
Ira	Piano
Kaeden	Voice
Kamila	Piano
Kristina	Piano
Layla	Piano
Talyssa	Voice
Valdus	Drums

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PICK UP SPECIAL POSTCARDS IN THE
ADMIN OFFICE
FOR YOUR VALENTINE TO RECEIVE A
FREE TRIAL LESSON!**



Natomas School of Music 2026 Closed Schedule

Spring Break

Monday, March 30th through Wednesday, April 1st

Recital: Saturday - TBD

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25th and Tuesday, May 26th

Juneteenth

Friday, June 19th

Summer Break

Wednesday, July 1st thru Saturday, July 4th

Labor Day

Monday, September 7th & Tuesday, September 8th

Recital Saturday - October TBD

Thanksgiving Break

Wednesday, November 25th through Friday, November 27th

Winter Break

Thursday, December 24th through Thursday, December 31st



December MLS Recipients

Apprentice

Mariel Piano
Ray Guitar

Songbird

Benny Piano
James Piano
Joshua Guitar
Keira Violin
Kelsey Piano
Sophia Piano

Rockstar

Ileena Guitar
Aria Guitar

Allegro

Kene Piano

Vivace

Hariom Piano

Prodigy

Joey Piano
Nathan Piano

Master

Nathan Guitar

Superior

Ayan Guitar

Champion

Arush Piano
Ethan Guitar

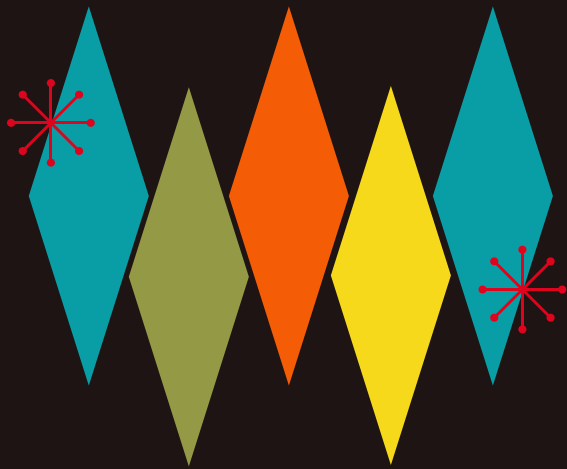
Student of the Month Alex

Alex has been taking piano lessons with Mr. Philip since September 2025. Ever since he was young, he had a passion for music and performing. He always wanted to play the guitar, piano and sing.

Upon enrolling his dad wasn't quite sure if he could develop the coordination in both hands and fingers but he's doing it. Alex is elated to finally have the opportunity to learn an instrument and looks forward to his lessons with Mr. Philip every week.



In addition to learning to play the piano he also enjoys watching his favorite action heroes Spiderman and Superman battle it out on the screen. He also enjoys watching musicals. At a young age, he saw “The Phantom of the Opera” and just loved it. Another favorite musical of his is “Wicked”.



Artist of the Month

Sam Cooke



Sam Cooke was born January 22, 1931 in Clarksdale, Mississippi. Influential as both a singer and composer, he is commonly known as the King of Soul for his distinctive vocals and importance within popular music. He began singing as a child and joined The Soul Stirrers before moving to a solo career where he scored a string of hit songs like "You Send Me", "A Change Is Gonna Come", "Wonderful World", "Chain Gang", "Twistin' the Night Away", and "Bring It On Home to Me".

His pioneering contributions to soul music contributed to the rise of Aretha Franklin, Bobby Womack, Al Green, Curtis Mayfield, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, and Billy Preston, and popularized the likes of Otis Redding and James Brown. AllMusic biographer Bruce Eder wrote that Cooke was "the inventor of soul music", and possessed "an incredible natural singing voice and a smooth, effortless delivery that has never been surpassed". [Click here](#) to hear his soothing soulful voice as he sings one of his many hits "Cupid"



February 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!

February 7, 2026

Voice

10:00-11:30 am

February 14, 2026

All Instruments

10:30 - 11:30 am

February 21, 2026

All Instruments

10:30 - 11:30 am

February 28, 2026

All Instruments

10:30 - 11:30 am



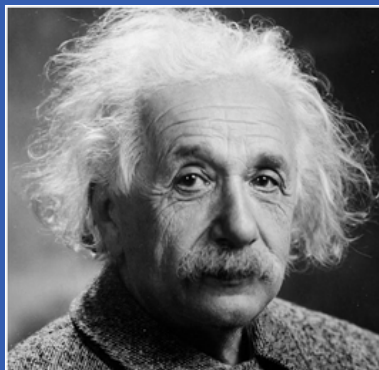
Teacher Spotlight Philip Howard



Philip is an award winning composer, pianist and founder of Sacramento Piano Day. He graduated with the highest of honors in Film Scoring from the Berklee College of Music. By exploring and expressing the spaces in-between, he takes his listeners on a journey to familiar memories and new experiences. His debut album "Connected", was awarded a silver medal for outstanding achievement by the Global Music Awards, and his new Holiday album "Gather" was received well with his audience. Philip is a firm believer in the benefits and importance of music education, and takes pride in teaching piano at the Natomas School of Music. [Click here](#) to listen to his latest composition "Sun" you're gonna love it!



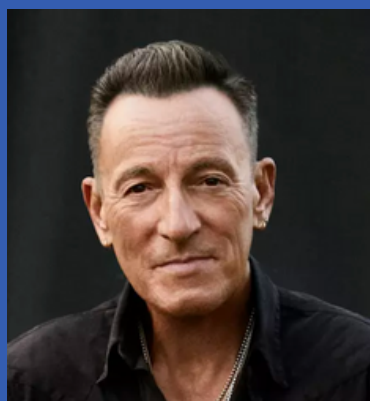
Famous Musical Quotes



“If I were not a physicist, I would probably be a musician. I often think in music I live my daydreams in music. I see my life in terms of music.”

- Albert Einstein

“One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain.” - Bob Marley



“The best music is essentially there to provide you something to face the world with.”

- Bruce Springsteen

“Music is the soundtrack of your life.”

- Dick Clark



February is Black History Month



Muhammad Ali



Neil Degrass Tyson



Harriet Tubman

**EMBRACE
YOUR ROOTS**



Madam Cj Walker



Rosa Parks



Frederick Douglass



Shirley Chislom



Booker T. Washington

I ♥ NSM so I just left a review. It took
me a while but it's done.

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