



Music Lessons on Piano, Voice, Guitar & Violin

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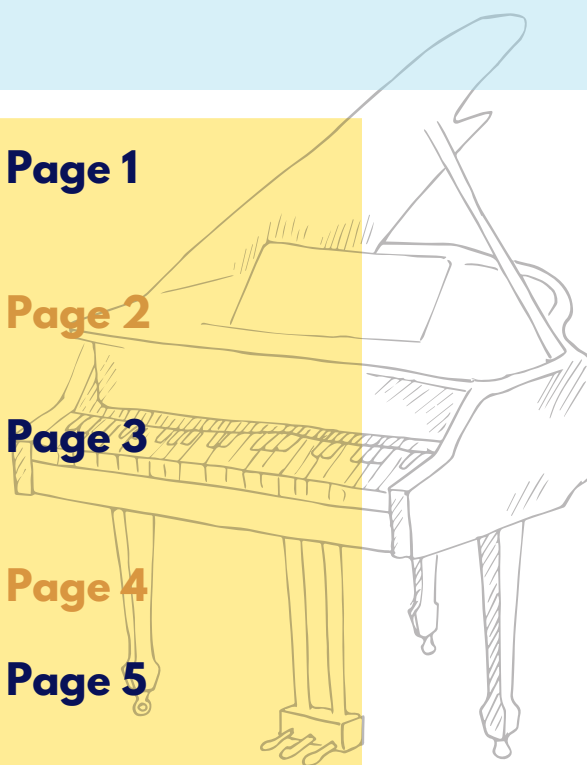
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Student of the Month: Umilah L.

Piano Student of Braden Jarosz



Q: What do you like most about piano lessons?

A: Learning how to play new songs.

Q: What other activities do you do besides piano?

A: Rock climbing and gardening.

Q: What has been your favorite experience with Triad Music Academy?

A: Getting to play piano for an audience at the recital.

Q: Which musicians do you look up to or like to listen to?

A: Braden (my teacher), GoNoodle, and Huntr/X.

Q: Why did you decide to take piano lessons?

A: Because it looked like a lot of fun!

“Umilah sparkles in her lessons every week. She is always wearing a huge smile and ready to learn something new about music! She has recently taken to writing her own songs. Umilah also does a great job of sharing what she learns with her brother, which is how I know she is really learning!”

- Braden Jarosz, TMA Piano & Voice Instructor



Teacher of the Month: Anna Thornton

Piano Instructor



Q: How did you decide to become a professional musician? What did the journey look like for you?

A: I decided to go into music professionally after realizing that I couldn't imagine my life without it. I had played piano since I was a child but it was more of an extracurricular activity for me, and it wasn't until about 15 that I realized this was something I wanted to do more seriously and major in it.

Q: What is your favorite type of music to listen to? What do you like to perform?

A: I enjoy lots of different music: besides classical music I also listen to rock and indie pop! I enjoy performing music from the Romantic Era a lot, but find beauty in music from other time periods as well.

Q: Do you have any hobbies or special interests outside of music?

A: I liked to draw and paint a lot as a kid and even went to an art club for 8 years. I don't have as much time now to paint, but I enjoy drawing every now and then as well as a good book.

"Anna is a great teaching talent! She is new to TMA, but not new to teaching, and her students have had all kinds of fun learning piano technique, music theory, and in some cases very beginner piano. Across her studio, parents and students look forward to their lessons each week."

- Alek Wasserman, TMA Founder & Lead Piano Instructor



Best Music School in W-S 2026

We are elated to announce that Triad Music Academy has been awarded “Best Music School” of Winston-Salem for the year 2026 by BusinessRate!

Having won the award for the first time in 2025, we are now on a two-year hot streak as Winston-Salem’s premiere music lessons program.

Given that we started with zero students in April of 2022, it’s a humbling honor to have won the award twice in our first four years of existence.

BusinessRate uses a ranking system that evaluates local businesses’ Google Reviews, looking at the longevity of the business, recent reviews, and review quality. With this robust rating system, we feel confident that our award actively reflects our students’ experiences.

As we’ve grown over the last four years, we have always tried our best to prioritize student outcomes, and as a result we’ve had students go on to study at multiple music schools, win



win local piano competitions, and advance weekly in their studies.

Of course, we recognize the most important aspect of being the “Best Music School” in Winston-Salem: we can’t do it without the dedicated students and parents that support us on a weekly basis. Without your Google Reviews and your weekly practice and lesson attendance, we wouldn’t be able to make strides.

So I’ll leave it at this – thank you, Winston-Salem!

-Alek Wasserman,
TMA Founder & Lead Piano Instructor

Lesson Openings

Program	Day	Time
<u>Piano</u>	Sunday	1:45-2:15 PM & 4:15-4:45 PM
	Tuesday	7:00-7:30 PM
	Thursday	7:00-7:30 PM
<u>Guitar</u>	Saturday	11:45 AM - 12:45 PM
<u>Voice</u>	Thursday	4:30-5:00 & 5:30-6:00 PM
<u>Violin</u>	None	Fully booked!
<u>Piano (In-Home)</u>	Various	Email or text for specific times.

Email alek@triadmusicacademy.com or text (336) 497-1136 to schedule your lesson.

Upcoming Events!

Spring Recitals

Sunday, May 17th - Times TBD (afternoon)

Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem

All Triad Music Academy child students are welcome to participate. Email alek@triadmusicacademy.com if you have any questions

Fall Recitals

Sunday, November 22nd - Times TBD (afternoon)

Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem

All Triad Music Academy child students are welcome to participate. Email alek@triadmusicacademy.com if you have any questions