



Music Lessons on Piano, Voice & Guitar

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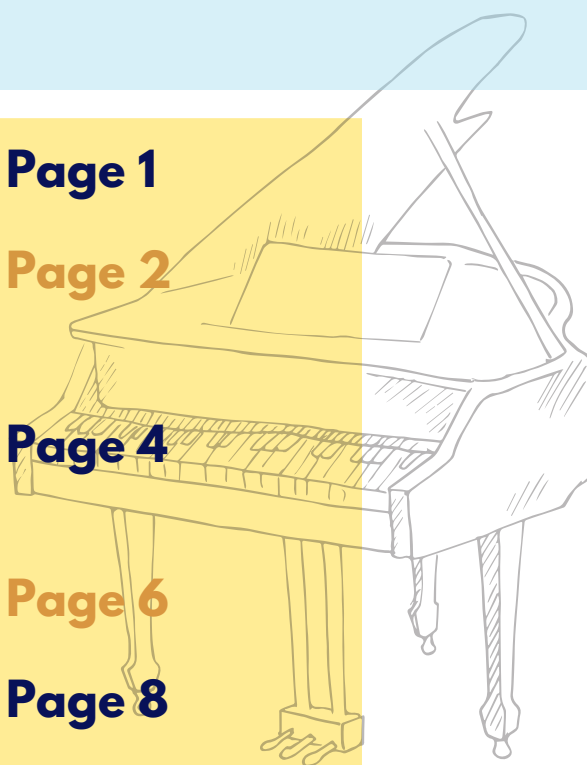
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Student of the Month: Aaron K.

Piano Student of Daniel Bukin



Q: What do you like most about piano lessons?

A: I like finishing the hard pieces that I couldn't play before. Now they sound good.

Q: What other activities do you do besides piano and guitar?

A: At school I am in the culinary and gaming clubs, and I play alto saxophone in band. I also take taekwondo, swim, and attend religious school (I'm Jewish).

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

A: I've enjoyed all the things I have done with Triad Music Academy. Playing piano is a fun thing to do.

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

A: I like Jukebox the Ghost (Ben Thornwill is the pianist), Imagine Dragons, Guster, and O.A.R.

Q: Why did you decide to take piano and guitar lessons?

A: I started taking piano lessons from my grandmother as a fun activity.

"Aaron is an awesome piano student with a really great ear and a sharp acuity for music theory. After just a few months of lessons, Aaron is able to pick up on melodies he has heard from songs on YouTube almost entirely by ear. He is quite the well-rounded musician!"

- Daniel Bukin, TMA Piano Instructor





TMA Expansion: 897 Peters Creek Parkway, Suite 202

**By Alek Wasserman,
Triad Music Academy
Instructor/Founder**

Triad Music Academy is excited to announce that we have acquired Suite 202 in 897 Peters Creek Parkway, the building next door to our current studio!

With the addition of two new lesson rooms, we will be able to most of our guitar and voice lessons into the new space, and we will end regular lessons in our Main Hall area.

We anticipate growing into our new space and eventually being able to offer more programming for our students in the near future.

For current students, please log into your [My Music Staff](#) account to check your lesson location.

For prospective students/parents, please email me at alek@triadmusicacademy.com or text me at (336) 497-1136 if you would like to schedule a tour of our facilities.

At TMA, our goal is to provide our students with lessons to make music



Triad Music Academy Studio C, complete with a Baldwin upright piano.

for a lifetime on piano, voice, or guitar.

We are delighted to be able to provide more space to make this goal a reality for our students.

**-Alek Wasserman
Founder & Lead Piano Instructor**

Guitar Instructor: Dan Castle



Dan Castle

**BS in Music Business & Politics,
New York University
AA in Music,
Berklee College of Music**

**Triad Music Academy welcomes our
second Guitar Instructor, Dan Castle!**

**Dan is a recent transplant to
Winston-Salem from Los Angeles
with a wide array of experiences,
and we can't wait to have him start
working with our students.**

**He has a significant background as a
guitarist, guitar teacher, and also as
a filmmaker; Dan has written,
directed, and composed original
music for multiple films.**

**Dan's list of accomplishments include
the films Can't Be Undone and
Newcastle, and he claims multiple
credits for both titles.**

**Additionally, Dan's jazz instructional
book, A Practical Guide to the Lesson
Literature of Dennis Sandole, was
published in 2023.**

**Dennis Sandole, who taught Dan,
was also the instructor of jazz legend
and North Carolina native, John
Coltrane!**

Obviously, we are incredibly fortunate to have a musician of Dan's caliber teaching lessons for TMA.

Dan's teaching lives up to his hype, as well. In his interview process, I was extremely impressed with his mock lesson. Dan came prepared with a handout for learning basic guitar chords that he had developed himself.

When asked to describe his teaching philosophy, here is what Dan had to say:

"I meet students where they are and I teach with a wholistic approach. My lessons start with muscle/finger development, along with an introduction to chord shapes in relation to the guitar fretboard. As the students advance, lessons become more dense, building on progressive principals.

"Music theory and song writing are also part of every lesson. I believe in developing students as both musicians and guitarists."

Dan also brings a new musical capability to TMA, being our first teacher who is primarily a jazz musician.

I personally cannot wait to see all of the good work that Dan does with our students, and I'm thrilled that we have a path forward to jazz programming with such a qualified instructor!

Finally, all new TMA instructors must be insured and pass State, Federal, and National Sex Offender Registry background checks in order to be welcomed onto the team. It is my priority to ensure your student's safety and wellbeing as they pursue their musicmaking journey with TMA.

If you are interested in guitar lessons with Dan, please reach out to me via (336) 497-1136 or alek@triadmusicacademy.com and we'll be more than happy to get you on his schedule!



-Alek Wasserman
Founder & Lead Piano Instructor



Lesson Openings

Teacher	Location	Instrument	Day	Time
<u>Natalie Barela</u>	Main Studio	Piano	Monday	3:00-4:00 PM & 5:30-6:00 PM
<u>Daniel Bukin</u>	Raleigh In-Home	Piano	Sunday	12:00-2:00 PM
<u>Mark Fields</u>	Main Studio	Guitar	Wednesday	4:00-4:30 PM
<u>Hayley Mullins</u>	Main Studio	Piano	Tuesday	5:30-6:00 PM & 7:30-8:00 PM
<u>Han Vu</u>	Main Studio	Piano	Thursday	3:00-3:45 PM

Fully Booked Instructors:

Austin Caldie,
Laura Carisa Gardea, PG Hazard,
Shannon Lindegren, Eric Schwartz,
Alek Wasserman & Peyton Wheeler

Upcoming Events!

Allison Gagnon Masterclass

Saturday, November 2nd @ 11:00 AM
Triad Music Academy

Dr. Allison Gagnon
Collaborative Piano Department
Chair, UNC School of the Arts



Select Triad Music Academy students will be chosen to perform. Email alek@triadmusicacademy.com if you would like to watch!

UPDATED - Fall Recital: Studios of Eric Schwartz, Han Vu, Alek Wasserman & Peyton Wheeler

Sunday, November 24th @ 1:15 PM
[Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem](#)

Recitals open to all Triad Music Academy students. Email alek@triadmusicacademy.com with any questions!

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UPDATED - Fall Recital: Studios of Natalie Barela, Austin Caldie, Shannon Lindegren & PG Hazard

Sunday, November 24th @ 2:45 PM

[Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem](#)

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Sunday, November 24th @ 3:00 PM

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