



Music Lessons on Piano, Voice, Guitar & Violin

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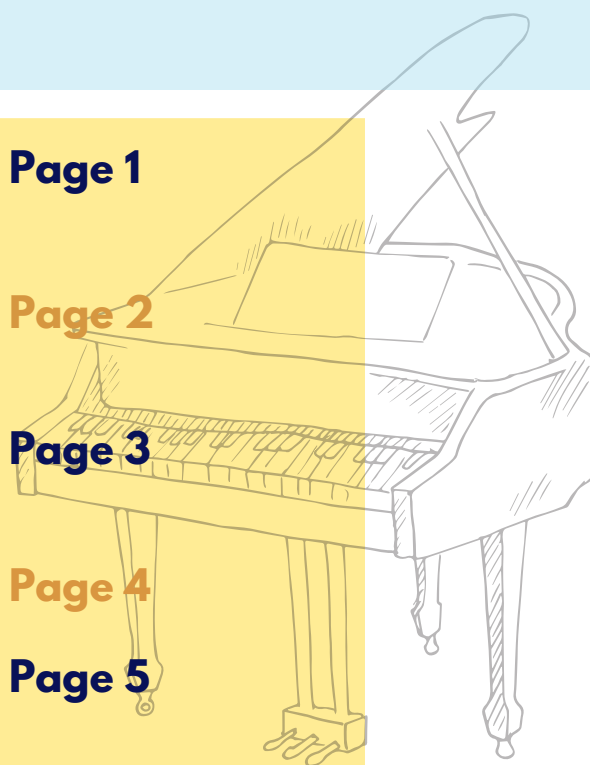
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Student of the Month: Annabelle B.

Voice Student of Peyton Wheeler



Q: What do you like most about voice lessons?

A: I'm learning how to express my creativity with singing while staying true to the song.

Q: What other activities do you do besides voice?

A: Besides voice classes I act with the Little Theater of Winston Salem and next year at Reynolds High School, I'm an active Girl Scout and I babysit.

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

A: I've loved training with Peyton because she's the best!

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

A: Because of my love for Broadway, I like Jeremy Jordan and McKenzie Kurtz. I also love listening to Sabrina Carpenter's new album. Also Olivia Rodrigo.

Q: Why did you decide to take voice lessons?

A: I started voice lessons so I could be confident with my voice on stage.

"Annabelle is a phenomenal student who shows up prepared and eager to learn more. She is growing quickly as a singer and performer because of all of her hard work!"

- Peyton Wheeler, TMA Voice Instructor



Teacher of the Month: Sarah Kennedy

Piano Instructor



Q: If you could only play one composer for the rest of your life, who would it be?

A: I'd have to say Bach, which might give me away as an organist! Bach's music is known for being cerebral and technically demanding, and those things are certainly true, but his writing has spiritual and emotional depth which can sometimes be overlooked due to his intellectual rigor.

Q: What is one thing that you think you teach uniquely?

A: I talk with even my youngest students about how practicing works and the science behind how we learn. So many of us were either given no guidance on how to practice or taught a set of principles that are now being replaced by more recent research on how our brains actually commit learning to long-term memory.

Q: What is your favorite part about being a piano instructor?

A: I absolutely love experiencing the different ways my students think about music and seeing them bring more and more of their whole selves to lessons. It is so beautiful to hear the stories and personal connections they make while playing and listening to music!

"Sarah has done an excellent job in her short time with TMA so far. Her greatest skill is her versatility. By training, she's a church organist, but she also plays keyboard in a rock band and has had experience working in the corporate world. Her students walk out of their lessons every week with a smile!" - Alek Wasserman, TMA Founder & Lead Piano Instructor



Introducing Studio E & Makeup Lesson Update

We are excited to announce the opening of our fifth lesson room, Triad Music Academy - Studio E!

Located at 897 Peters Creek Parkway, Suite 205, Studio E will host piano, violin, and voice lessons.

In addition to its role as a regular lesson location, Studio E will become the new home of our Small Group Makeup Lessons for voice and violin students; piano and guitar students will continue holding their makeups in Studio C/Keyboard Lab.

We've set up the room so the piano is movable (it was formerly in the Main Hall) and we have plenty of music stands. This way violin and voice instructors can run their group makeups in a way that flows better with the space.

On a related note, we are adding a second weekly Small Group Makeup Lesson time so they will be held on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 PM, in addition to our Saturday 9:00-10:00 AM makeup time.



The first half of 2026 was unusual for us: for the first time in TMA's history, our available lesson-room space became the limiting factor in our growth. Rather than forcing expansion before we were ready, we used that season to focus on improving the school we already had.

As Studio E fills, our next major operational goal is to hire administrative staff and continue building the strongest version of TMA yet.

As part of this expansion, we have also extended our leases through June 2028. We are so grateful to the families who have grown with us as we continue to build Winston-Salem's premier music school!

Lesson Openings

Program	Day	Time
<u>Piano</u>	Sunday	1:45-4:45 PM
	Monday	4:15-5:15 PM & 7:00-8:00 PM
	Tuesday	6:30-7:00 PM
<u>Guitar</u>	Tuesday	3:30-4:00 PM & 5:00-8:00 PM
<u>Voice</u>	Monday	3:00-6:00 PM
<u>Violin</u>	Wednesday	3:30-6:00 PM
<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!

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



Adult Student Recital

Sunday, November 22nd - Time TBD (afternoon)
Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem

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