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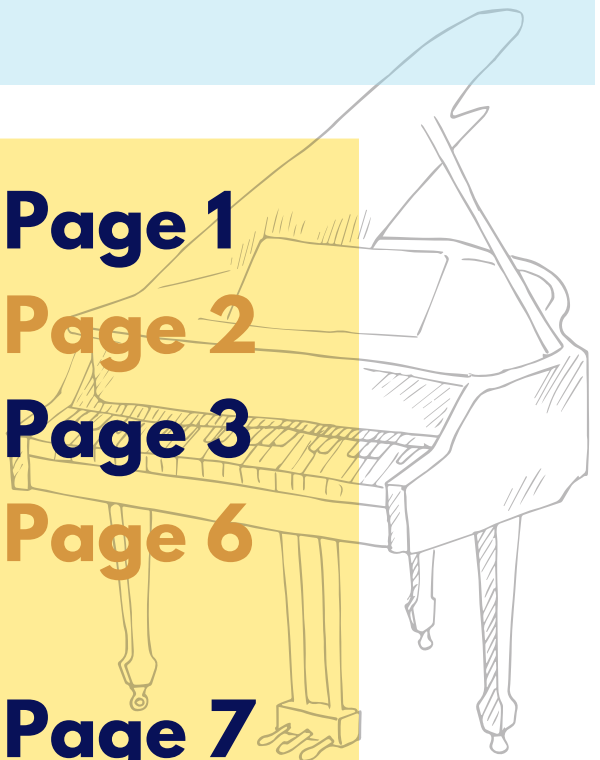
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Student of the Month: Aurora P.



Q: What do you like most about being a Triad Music Academy student?

A: It's fun to learn new songs and Mr. Alek is the best.

Q: What do you like most about playing the piano?

A: I like how it can be tricky, but I can find my way through it.

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

A: I look up to Gloria Estefan and I like to listen to pop music.

Q: Why did you decide to take piano lessons?

A: My mom wanted me to try it.

Q: What other activities do you do besides playing the piano?

A: I am part of a dance competition team and also take an acro class.

Year 1 Reflections



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

On April 20th, 2022, I filed "Doing Business As" paperwork with the state of North Carolina, officially creating Triad Music Academy. It was a huge step to leave public school music teaching to start my own piano lesson studio, but reflecting on this past year's journey, I will say that there is no looking back!

In its first year, Triad Music Academy serviced 54* eager music students, and all of them showed great progress and spirit for learning! By the numbers, we have had:

- **31 Piedmont Music Center Piano Students**
- **10 In-Home Piano Students**
- **11 Group Class Piano Students across two sections of group instruction**
- **2 Remote Students**
- **1 Music Theory Student**
- **9 Adult Piano Students**

***Some students fall into more than one category.**

Over the course of this year, I have learned an unbelievable amount about teaching the piano. Here are a few of my convictions about the craft:

- **Students need to be engaged at the piano! Everything starts from having a genuine desire to learn.**
- **Students need a framework for piano technique and reading standard music notation.**
- **Playing duets with students is a fun way to reward their musical growth and build the musical skills of counting and listening.**

With that said, don't take my word for what we're accomplishing at Triad Music Academy. Check out the program highlights on the next three pages to hear from students and parents about their experiences!

Program Highlights

Piedmont Music Center



Henry T., Piedmont Music Center Student

“I’m very happy because I get to learn new songs and I’m excited that I can move on to the next piano book.”

"In-home lessons have been wonderful for us. My kids are starting to have busy schedules between sports, meeting up with friends, and other activities, so having Alek come to our house has made it easy to fit in weekly piano lessons. My kids just started recently, and I've been amazed at how quickly they have started to learn from him!"

In-Home Lessons



Christina B., Mother of In-Home Students

Program Highlights, cont.

Group Piano



**Dr. Judy Richards,
Principal of South
Lexington School and
Developmental Center**

"I have the honor of having Alek to share his talents with our kindergarteners and preschoolers. I believe it is a beautiful thing to watch the impact that music has had on our students. They look forward to tickling the ivories during each lesson. The students excitedly share what they're doing in class each lesson they take."

Remote Lessons

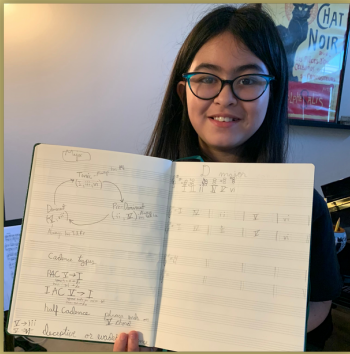
"I love the convenience of online piano lessons. They allow me to still pursue my piano journey while working full time. Alek is a very thorough and receptive instructor. I would highly recommend him for lessons."



**Eugene C., Remote
Piano Lesson Student**

Program Highlights, cont.

Music Theory



Sophia B., Music Theory Student

"Sophia has been taking music theory with Alek for the past year. This individual instruction highlighted the musical theory concepts seen in her piano repertoire pieces, and helped her learn advanced pieces more efficiently as she and Alek reviewed chord progressions in her pieces. She has begun to work on composition with Alek, and also has been working on strategies for improvisation. We are very happy with the progress that Sophia has made this year." - Nina B., mother of Sophia

"I enjoy being able to revisit my piano learning from early on as a child and increase my vocabulary and talents in piano. Piano is always a great hobby and escape from work and school. Alek is a great instructor and he knows so much!"

Adult Lessons



Mariana S., Adult Piano Student

Lesson Referral Program



Music is better with friends!

Current students and families:

For the rest of Spring Semester (now through June 11th), receive 25% off your next month's tuition when a student you refer signs up for lessons at Triad Music Academy!

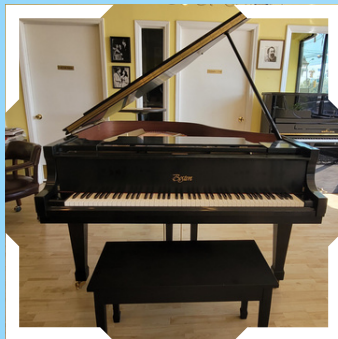
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Upcoming Events!

Dmitri Shteinberg Masterclass

Saturday, April 29th @ 4:00 PM

Piedmont Music Center

Clifton Matthews Distinguished Professor **Dmitri Shteinberg** has been on the UNCSA School of Music piano faculty since 2011. An accomplished pianist, Shteinberg has performed with symphonies including Jerusalem Symphony and Porto National Orchestra as well as chamber music appearances at notable venues including Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center.



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

Triad Music Academy Recital

Saturday, June 3rd @ 4:00 PM

Piedmont Music Center

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