



Music Lessons on Piano, Voice, Guitar & Violin

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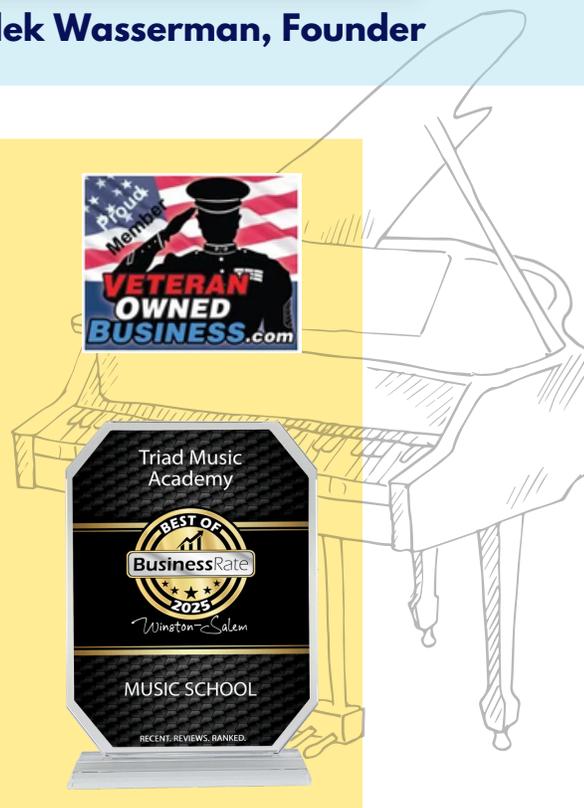




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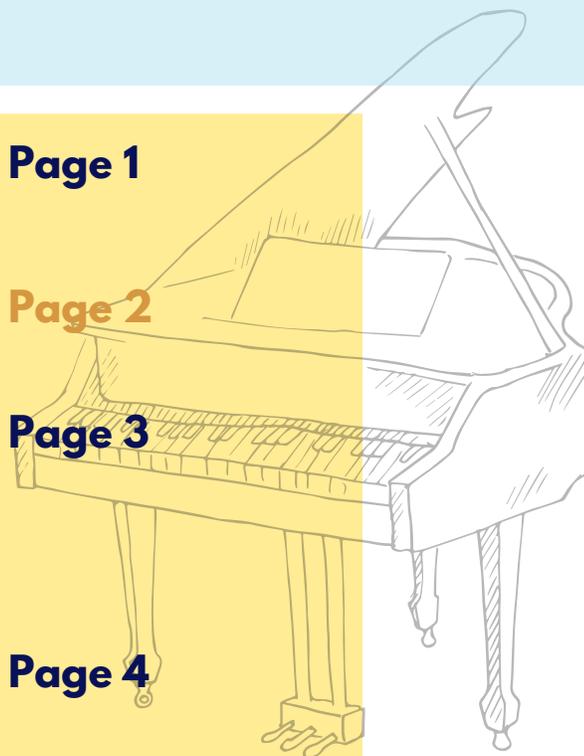
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Student of the Month: Olin C.

Piano Student of Anna Thornton



Q: What do you like most about piano lessons?

A: "Playing piano!!!" (said with smile and enthusiasm).

Q: What other activities do you do besides piano?

A: Basketball, Dance, Ice hockey (and in fall/spring soccer and baseball) . I also enjoy Legos and coloring.

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

A: Playing "Chicken Chatter" from Piano Safari, and playing with my teacher!

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

A: My teacher Anna, Benson Boone, and Huntrix.

Q: Why did you decide to take piano lessons?

A: To learn piano!

"Olin is always ready for his lessons and cheerful and ready to learn! He really loves music and works hard to get better."

- Anna Thornton, TMA Piano Instructor



Teacher of the Month: Isaac Fulk

Piano & Voice Instructor



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

A: I clocked it early: this was always going to be my life. At four, I'd stand on a pillow with a wooden spatula as my baton and "conduct" The Nutcracker in front of the hi-fi speakers. Around that same age, a piano entered our house through family, and once it was there, it felt like my whole world tilted toward music. In college, I moved from a performance-focused track into musical theater, with a psychology minor along the way.

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

A: My listening habits are basically a well-organized chaos: film/TV soundtracks on one side, and niche indie electro-dance-pop/hip-hop on the other, with a little ballroom-glam, vogue-adjacent sparkle in the middle. To name a few: Queen Herby, Durand Bernarr, and plenty of Lady Gaga.

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

A: I'm massively into Star Trek, like, "as early a memory as the pillow-conducting" into it. I'm also devoted staff to my four fur babies: Padmé-Cécile Mahler, Toothless-Reginald, Felicity-Rosemary, and Aurora-Olivier-Messiaen.

"Isaac has done phenomenal work for us as both a voice and piano teacher. He regularly succeeds in lessons with students from diverse ages and musical interests and he's been our main group makeup lesson instructor in 2026. Isaac hasn't been with us for very long, but he's already made a huge impact."

- Alek Wasserman, TMA Founder & Lead Piano Instructor



Eric Schwartz Completes PhD



Triad Music Academy would like to wish a huge congratulations to Piano Instructor Eric Schwartz, who recently completed his PhD in Music Education at UNC Greensboro!

By completing his doctoral studies, Eric became the first TMA Instructor ever to hold a PhD, and the second to hold a doctorate of any kind (Piano Instructor CJ Everett holds a DMA in Piano Performance).

After several years of part-time study,

Eric defended his dissertation on teaching dance music.

Outside of TMA, Eric is the Music Director at the School of Dance of the UNC School of the Arts. We are extremely fortunate to have such a qualified pianist and educator on our team.

Eric's students love his guidance and have been very steady with him, learning both classical and pop music. Adult piano student Jessi had the following to say about Eric's teaching:

"Eric is such a great teacher! He is a joyful mix of technical skill, enduring patience and clever humor."

Eric's recent accomplishment truly puts him in rare territory - the vast majority of degreed music educators in the US either play band instruments or are vocalists, while very few are pianists.

Congrats again, Dr. Eric, and thank you for your dedication to the craft!

Lesson Openings

Program	Day	Time
<u>Piano</u>	Monday	7:00-7:30 PM
	Tuesday	6:00-6:30 PM
	Sunday	2:45-3:45 PM
<u>Guitar</u>	None	Fully booked!
<u>Voice</u>	Monday	4:30-5:00 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