



Music Lessons on Piano, Voice, Guitar & Violin

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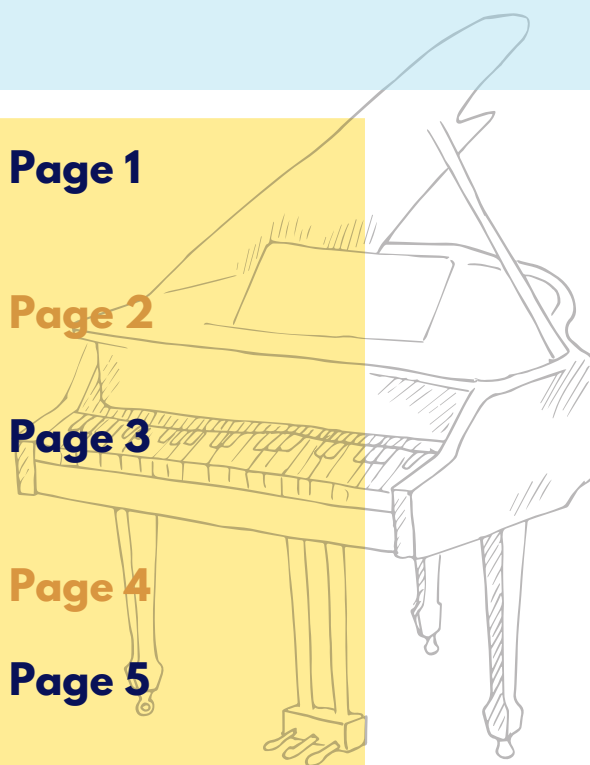
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Student of the Month: Max M.

Piano Student of Yushan Hou



Q: What do you like most about piano lessons?

A: It's fun to learn new songs because in the beginning it can be hard but then in a few days you got it!

Q: What other activities do you do besides piano?

A: Soccer, crazy running, and jiu jitsu.

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

A: Finishing book 1 and the recital.

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

A: Imagine Dragons, and Michael Jackson.

Q: Why did you decide to take piano lessons?

A: My mom signed me up, I didn't even know!

"Max comes to every lesson with improvements. He enjoys learning new things and practices everyday. He just steps into Level 2, he can read the new piece at home by himself with correct notes and rhythms!" - Yushan Hou, TMA Piano Instructor



Teacher of the Month: Dr. CJ Everett

Piano Instructor



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

A: I studied both music and architecture in college, but I had planned to be an architect since I was young. When I started my last year of school, I realized that if I continued along the path of architecture, my opportunities to play and perform music would be limited. That realization influenced the goal of pursuing music as a career, since I had more to learn and share.

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

A: I feel a strong connection to twentieth-century classical music. To my ears, many composers of this era found a perfect balance of elements that follow and break tradition while exploring sonic ideas that still sound novel today. Some of my favorite composers include Francis Poulenc, Sergei Prokofiev, Leoš Janáček, and André Jolivet.

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

A: I have been sewing for almost a decade. My mother is a skilled garment creator, and she taught me about fabrics, tools, and sewing techniques. I make many of the clothes that I wear, including pants, shirts, sweaters, and jackets.

"CJ is a very unique asset among TMA's teaching staff. He came in around the start of this year and has provided a great starting piano lesson experiences for many students. While CJ works with students of all levels and ages, he has done exceptional work especially with teenage beginner students."

- Alek Wasserman, TMA Founder & Lead Piano Instructor



Four Years of Triad Music Academy!

April 20th marked 4 years of TMA! Opening a piano studio and growing it into a fully-fledged music school has been one of the most challenging, rewarding, and unexpected journeys of my life.

I am incredibly grateful for the education I received in music school about how to play the piano and teach music, but nothing prepares you for the daily rigors of running a business.

Organizing teaching schedules, recitals, and masterclasses, registering new students, onboarding new teachers - all of it is hard work, but endlessly rewarding.

In the four years since I filed the "Doing Business As" paperwork with the State of NC, we've accomplished the following as a teaching team:

-247 Active Students & 2 Trial Students at time of writing

-17 Total Instructors (9 Piano, 3 Piano/Voice, 2 Voice, 2 Guitar & 1 Violin)



-2 BusinessRate Best of Winston-Salem: Music School Awards (2025 & 2026)

Above all, the best part is seeing the impact we've had on students here in Winston-Salem. We've had students win competitions, dedicate their lives to the study of music, and even just learn to enjoy playing their instrument, a lifelong skill that can't be taken away.

Thank you to the parents, students, community members, and teachers that have made this all possible! Here's to many more years of making music together! - Alek Wasserman, TMA Founder & Lead Piano Instructor

Lesson Openings

Program	Day	Time
<u>Piano</u>	Sunday	4:15-4:45 PM
	Monday	6:30-8:00 PM
	Thursday	7:00-8:00 PM
<u>Guitar</u>	Saturday	12:45-1:15 PM
<u>Voice</u>	Thursday	5:30-6:00 & 6:15-7:30 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 31st



- 12:00 PM: Students of Barela, Bukin, Everett, Fulk, Keith, Schwartz & Wheeler
- 1:45 PM: Students of Caldie, Hou & Jarosz
- 3:30 PM: Students of Lindegren, Thornton & Wasserman

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)

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