



Music Lessons on Piano, Voice, Guitar & Violin

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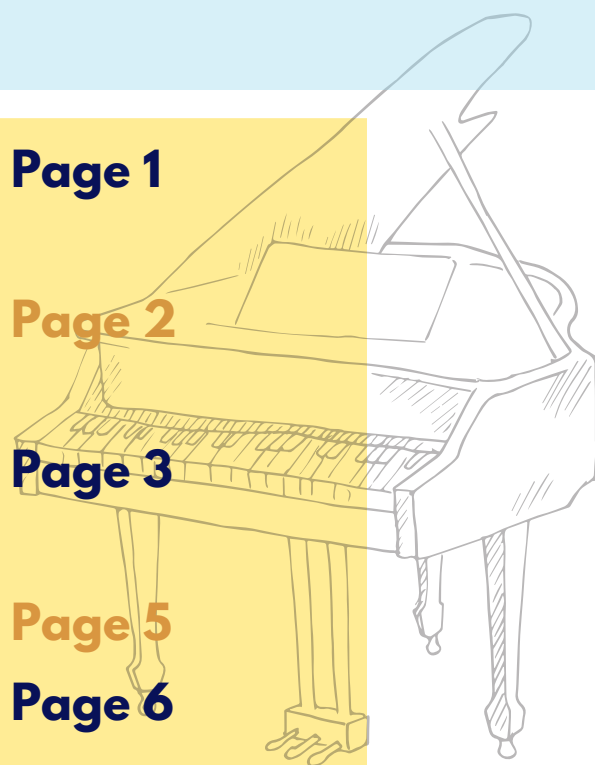
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Student of the Month: Leah A.

Piano Student of Natalie Barela



Q: What do you like most about piano lessons?

A: I get to learn about different genres of music!

Q: What other activities do you do besides piano?

A: I play saxophone in the band at school, and I also play club volleyball.

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

A: I love playing in the recitals!

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

A: I look up to my teacher, Natalie! She makes everything about piano lessons fun.

Q: Why did you decide to take piano lessons?

A: Probably because my sister was doing piano, and I wanted to try something new. It's been almost two years and I have no regrets!

"Leah is such a cool gal who's an absolute enthusiast for all things piano, especially jazz! It's wonderful having a student who not only has a niche interest, but who is also self-driven. I'm always blown away when she practices more than I assigned!"

- Natalie Barela, TMA Piano Instructor



Teacher of the Month: Marina Zimmermann

Lead Violin Instructor



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

A: I started playing the violin when I was seven, and honestly, I don't remember my life without it! At ten, I decided I wanted to go to music school, and my whole life led me toward that goal. At seventeen, I started my music degree in Brazil, and at twenty-one, I moved to the USA, I entered my master's program at

the UNC School of the Arts. Today, I perform with local orchestras, including occasional performances with the Winston-Salem Symphony.

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

A: My favorite music style to listen to is "bossa nova", with its complex harmonies, beautiful melodies, and lyrics that are pure poetry. When it comes to playing, I love Bach—his Partitas and Sonatas are masterpieces.

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

A: I'm pretty eclectic. I love going to the beach. I also enjoy practicing yoga, going for walks, exploring new cafés, and watching movies.

"Marina has done amazing work already in a short time as our violin instructor. She only has a handful of students so far, but they are all enjoying her tutelage. What has impressed me most is her commitment to teaching healthy, student-centered violin technique from the very start."

- Alek Wasserman, TMA Founder & Lead Piano Instructor





TMA Expansion: 895 Peters Creek Parkway, Suite 103

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

Triad Music Academy is excited to announce that we have acquired Suite 103 in 895 Peters Creek Parkway, on the first floor of our main building!

With the addition of a new lesson room and a new waiting room, we will be able to offer even more piano lessons on a grand piano; at 5'3", our pre-loved Falcone GP-52 is our largest instrument.

We anticipate growing into our new space and continuing to offer music lessons for lifelong learners.

For current students, please log into your [My Music Staff](#) account to check your lesson location, as your lesson may have moved into our new studio.

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



Triad Music Academy Studio D, complete with a 5'3" Falcone GP-52 baby grand piano.

students with lessons to make music for a lifetime on piano, voice, guitar, and violin.

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**

Lesson Openings

Teacher	Location	Instrument	Day	Time
<u>Austin Caldie</u>	Main Studio	Piano	Wednesday	6:30-7:00 PM
<u>Mark Fields</u>	Main Studio	Guitar	Tuesday	4:30-8:00 PM
<u>Laura Carisa Gardea</u>	Main Studio	Voice	Monday	4:30-7:00 PM
<u>Rebecca Shneiderman</u>	W-S In-Home	Piano	Tuesday	6:45-8:00 PM
<u>Marina Zimmermann</u>	Main Studio	Violin	Saturday	10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Fully Booked Instructors:

Natalie Barela, Daniel Bukin,
PG Hazard, Shannon Lindegren,
Hayley Mullins, Eric Scwhartz,
Han Vu, Alek Wasserman
& Peyton Wheeler

Upcoming Events!

Thomas Swenson Masterclass

Saturday, April 5th @ 12:00 PM

Triad Music Academy

Dr. Thomas Swenson
Piano Department Chair,
Music Academy of
North Carolina



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

Spring Recitals

Sunday, May 18th, 2025 (times TBD)

[Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem](#)

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