



CMS Musical Notes

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Practice Tips: May For Parents

Go to lessons:

All parents should try to attend their child's first few lessons. This way you can discuss goals with the teacher, understand the lesson plan, and be prepared to help your child at home.

Keep practice fun:

Don't turn practice into a chore for the new musician in your family. Offer encouragement and praise, and show that you are interested. Having your child perform a "mini-concert" for the family, or calling practice time "play time" or "rehearsals" will help reinforce good practice habits.

Stay connected:

Stay in touch with your child's instructor. Checking in before or after the lesson, or via phone and email, can help answer your questions, highlight progress, or address any concerns you may have in your artist's development.

CMS at the SD Indie Music Fest

On March 29th, CMS was at the fourth annual San Diego Indie Music Fest held in North Park. CMS' **Dawn Jehue**, **Rochelle Howes**, and **Madeline Orey** ran a booth sponsored by California Music. They held free drawings, had musical games, and helped spread the word to the musical community to get actively involved in music, no matter what your age or musical preference.

Several CMS teachers helped to support the booth as well, including piano, voice, and guitar instructor **Francesca V.** and saxophone and piano teacher **Tyler R.** Francesca performed at the festival as well, along with guitar instructor **Nate D.** and his band, the Nate

CMS voice, guitar, and piano instructor Francesca V. performing with her band, Frankie and the Ntelegents



Donnis Trio. The event was a blast, and we hope to do more soon!



Spotlight on CMS

Alexsandr A., CMS vocal instructor, recently performed at the Tierrasanta Seventh-Day Adventist church as a guest of the esteemed St Petersburg Russian Folk Orchestra. The "From Russia With Love and Music" concert was a well-reviewed success.

Vocal student **Emily Hoolihan**, who studies with California Music Studios' owner **Jennifer Pater-son**, performed with the San Elijo Jazz Band on April 9th at the Grand Plaza Shopping Center in San Marcos. The outstanding group of young musicians was participating in a fundraiser for the San Elijo Middle School Band.

Voice and piano instructor **Caralee H.** recently won the second place award in the Carlsbad-to-Karlovy Vary Vocal Competition. Caralee is a soprano and a senior in the CSULB Vocal Music program, and will be performing in a Winners Concert later this year.

Alex Lam and **Allyson Chu**, piano students of **Shen L.**, recently passed their Certificate of

Merit tests with high theory grades, and both received many positive comments from the evaluators on their performances. Congratulations, Alex and Allyson!

CMS piano teacher **Ruth C.** performed with the 500 member Pacific Chorale Festival Choir on April 23rd at the Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall in Costa Mesa. The concert was free and open to the public, and all of the works were conducted by the original composers.

Danny Tran, guitar student of **Krissy W.**, and **Katie Gerdts**, voice student of **Francesca V.**, were both accepted to the prestigious Orange County High School of the Arts for the upcoming scholastic year. We wish the best of luck to you both!

Vocal student **Makena Jones**, also a student of **Krissy W.**, recently hit the studio in collaboration with Krissy and CMS instructor **Dan W.** to record her first demo.

Spring Music Clubs



CMS Music Clubs are fast approaching at the NAMM Museum in Carlsbad. These are informal recitals where students may dress casually and use their music. Music Clubs give students who may not yet be ready for a formal recital, or students who want to perform more often, chances to play. The 9 foot Steinway at the NAMM headquarters is beautiful and a treat to play, and the setting is wonderful. Students may also take the opportunity to tour the Museum of Making Music at the NAMM Headquarters as well. We look forward to seeing you all again very soon. Please ask your teacher or call us for details.

May 31st: 80's Day

Tease your hair, dust off that vest, and dig in the back of your closet for a fun blast from the past as your favorite 80's musician!

Remember, the Music Clubs have limited availability and fill up very quickly, so if you or your child want to participate, please ask your teacher right away.



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CMS Summer Recitals

The dates for the California Music Studios' Formal Summer Recitals have been set. As usual, in San Diego, the recitals will be held at the Ruby Schulman Auditorium and the Orange County recitals will be at the St Joseph Center. The scheduled dates are as follows:

San Diego County:

Teachers with last name beginning A-M: June 28th
Teachers with last name beginning L-Z: July 19th

Orange County:

There will be one date for all teachers: September 27th

If you or your child plan on participating, please let your teacher know as soon as you can. Now is the time to pick your performance piece and get practicing! Our winter recitals this year were full of talented performers, and we hope to see even more of you on the stage this year.

How Are We Doing?

Please Take a few moments to answer a few questions for us! Your answers help us serve you better. We appreciate your feedback.

How important is making music to your family?

- Extremely important
- Moderately important
- Unimportant

How would you rate the service you receive from us?

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair

How well does your teacher fit your needs?

- Extremely well
- Moderately Well
- Needs discussion with CMS

Would you recommend CMS to your family and friends?

- Absolutely
- Maybe
- No

Comments:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____