



CMS Musical Notes

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Special Summer Edition

Summer is finally here, and our students and teachers both are accomplishing many wonderful things. What better way to recognize all of your hard work than with a newsletter issue dedicated to all of the amazing things you do? Read on, and enjoy!

CMS Graduates



Now that the school year is ending, many of our students and teachers have shared with us their scholastic achievements.

CMS brass instructor **Marc C.** is graduating from California State University at Long Beach's Bob Cole Conservatory of Music with a Bachelor of Music in Composition.

Tyler Walsh., vocal student of **Hiroko Y.**, was recently accepted to the San Diego State University Music Department as a Vocal Performance Major.

Natalie A., CMS piano instructor, just received her Master of Arts in English from San Diego State University.

Multi-talented California Music Studios student **Jeremy Van**

Patten, who studies guitar with **Bart B.**, piano with **Ruth C.**, and saxophone at his school, has been accepted to study guitar at the prestigious Orange County High School of the Performing Arts.

CMS guitar instructor **Nick N.** has been accepted to study composition at L'Ecole Normale de Musique de Paris in France this summer, and was also accepted to both the King's College London and the University of Iowa to pursue composition in graduate school.

California Music Studios extends its heartfelt congratulations to all of our students and teachers. Your hard work and dedication are an inspiration to us all!

Certificates

Jolie Nguyen (right) and Alex Lam (below) displaying their certificates



Several of CMS piano instructor **Shen L.**'s students have been working very hard to pass their Certificate Exams. Last month,

you may have noticed that **Alex Lam** and **Allyson Chu** passed Certificate of Merit, Levels 3 and 2, respectively. This month, there are even more. In the Certificate of Merit examinations, **Evie Dimaggio** passed Level 2, **Elizabeth Neoman** passed Level 3, **Vivian Tran** passed Level 2, and **Daisy Trang** passed Level 2 as well. The students who passed the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians examinations were **Leila Amrani** at Level 1, **Brian Chu** at Level 2, and **Jolie Nguyen** at Level 1. Great job, everyone!



Spotlight on CMS



Students



Trevor Laplante (pictured above), vocal student of **Hiroko Y.**, performed as Mr. Toad in Theatre West's musical production of **The Wind in the Willows** at the Hearth Theatre in San Marcos from May 16-25.

Guitar student **Adam Rafiq**, who studies with **John M.**, took first place in Rock Guitar Performance in the Junior Division of the Search For Talent Competition at his school. He will be performing in Indio at the District Final in June.

Anne Marie Cavote, voice and piano student of **Virginia C.**, performed her own song, **Torn**, at the Fremont Street Experience in Las Vegas. She recently signed an artist contract with Majestik Productions, and has completed a five song album of her own original music.

Evan Watkins, guitar student of **Ean C.**, with hard work and dedication has become such a gifted guitarist that he now plays with the Bishop School Jazz Band in La Jolla.

Vocal student **Christian Rodarmel**, who studies with **Brianne M.**, performed with his band **Shadowtree** at Calvary Chapel on April 25th.

Teachers

Piano, woodwind, and brass instructor **Aaron H.** will be touring the United States and Canada with his band, **The Fabulous Rudies**, this summer, performing 46 concerts in 60 days.

CMS vocal instructor **Allison T.**'s debut album, titled **Come With Me**, a global blend of jazz favorites, is scheduled for national and international release on June 15th, and will be available on many online stores. For more information, please visit www.AllisonAdamsTucker.com.

Caralee H., voice and piano teacher, recently won 1st place in the Café 322 Vocal Competition, and will be traveling to Italy this summer to perform the soprano solo in the Mozart Vespers at the Vatican.

Guitar teacher **Ean C.** performed at the E Street Café on May 30th where he spotlighted the work of three of his CMS students: **David Hazzard**, **Evan Watkins**, and **Keane Johnson**.

Sarah S., voice and piano instructor, recently placed first in the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition's musical theatre division.

Gayle St. G., vocal coach, performed at Fountain Blue at the Westgate Hotel in San Diego on May 15th and will be seen again at the Coyote in Carlsbad on June 29th.

CMS guitar instructor **Greg W.** will be holding a recital on Thursday, June 5th at University of California at San Diego's Erickson Recital Hall, Mandeville Center.

James G., guitar instructor, will be performing with the **Blues Mythology Band** at the Sawdust festival, and will also be opening for the James Cotton Blues Band at The Coach House San Juan Capistrano on Sunday, June 22, at 7:00pm. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call **Sheri G.** at 949-551-6992 or feel free to visit www.jamesgrantguitar.com/events.html.

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California Music Studios has the San Diego Formal Summer Recitals Scheduled, and preparation is under way. If your teacher's last name begins with A-M, your scheduled recital date is June 28th. If your teacher's last name begins with N-Z, your scheduled recital date is July 19th. Now is the time to start polishing your performance pieces and get ready. We hope to see all of our students there!