



# CMS Musical Notes

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## Practice Tips: November

### ♪♪ Warm Up:

It's not just singers who need to warm up their instrument before using it. If you dive into a difficult piece without warming up first, you won't be playing to the best of your ability. Start with your scales and easy pieces, and work your way into the more difficult repertoire. Your fingers will be more limber and your mind will be more sharp a few minutes into your practice session, making your work much more productive.

### ♪♪ Cool Down:

Working on challenging, difficult, or new pieces of music can be tough! If you feel yourself start to get frustrated or tense, take a step back. Try playing the piece through more slowly, or work on something else for a while and come back to the difficult passage. Keeping your practice sessions enjoyable helps you keep a positive attitude about practicing, and remaining calm throughout your practice session helps you focus on the music.



## Spotlight on CMS



California Music Studios piano instructor **Joanna Q.** has had great success with her students' progress. All are required to participate in MTAC testing and Royal School of Music testing, and many participate in SYMF competitions. Joanna's students regularly win awards, and she is very happy with their dedication and success.

**Miho G.**, CMS piano teacher, will be giving a concert at the Carmel Valley Library. It is a piano and viola duo with violist Janet Matthew, and will feature the works of Schumann, Mendelssohn, and other great composers. The concert is free, and will be at 7:00 pm on November 12th. The Carmel Valley Library address is 3919 Townsgate Drive, San Diego, CA 92130.

CMS guitar, voice, and drum instructor **Jason B.** also does independent record production. One of the bands he produces, Karmina, has a single called "The Kiss" in the top 20 of the Billboard AC Hot 100, and can also be seen on VH1's top 20 Countdown. The album, titled "Backwards into Beauty" is available at music retailers Nationwide. Jason will also be lecturing at the "Taxi Road Rally," the largest single music conference in the country. The conference takes place November 6th through November 8th at the Westin Hotel in Los Angeles. For more information, please go to [www.taxi.com](http://www.taxi.com).



**Renee C.**, CMS voice, piano, and guitar teacher, was recently cast in the Pacific Lyric Association's production of Luisa Fernanda. The show is a traditional Zarzuela,

and will be performed in Spanish with English subtitles. Renee was awarded the role of La Duquesa Carolina, the female antagonist. The opera will run from February 19th through February 21st at the Ricardo Montalban Theatre. For more information, please go to [www.luisafernanda.org](http://www.luisafernanda.org).

CMS vocal instructor **Allison T.**, who recently released her solo album "Come With Me," has a track featured as Download of the Day at All About Jazz. The song is titled "World on a String," and can be found at [www.allaboutjazz.com](http://www.allaboutjazz.com).

## CMS Recital Dates

Music Club/Rock Show: November 15th  
Formal Winter Recital: San Diego County:  
January 31st  
March 21st  
Formal Winter Recital: Orange County:  
February 7th  
February 28th

Please ask your teacher for more details. We hope all of our students can participate.

## CMS Music Clubs



California Music Studios' last music club, "60's Day," was a rockin' blast from the past! At one performance, almost every single student participated in the theme contest. The performances were wonderful, and so were the costumes! Our next music club is on November 15th at 11:00 and 12:30, and the theme is "Backwards Day." Students should arrive wearing all of their clothes as backwards as possible for a lot of silly fun. We are also having a Rock Show (this is **not** a themed event) on November 15th as well at 3:00. Even if you do not plan to participate, please come to support your fellow musicians. This is a great way to prepare yourself for the next recital you want to play in!



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### How Are We Doing?

Please Take a few moments to answer a few questions for us! You 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

Teacher Name

Phone