



CMS Musical Notes

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Music Changes Lives

Making music is a very important part of our lives. Not only does it help improve learning, focus, stress, and health, it shapes our lives in many ways. To show you the positive effect music lessons can have for both students and teachers, we have included a letter from a former student, James Kim, to his Clarinet instructor, Karen R..

"Dear Mrs. R.,

Thank you for teaching me clarinet for a year. I think... I'm sure that I improved a lot from your lessons. Also, I really thank you because you let me play at the recital. That was a really special event for me. Also, I thank you for just being my clarinet teacher. It's December, the year went so fast. Now, it's time to say goodbye. I'm going to miss you. Even though I go back to Korea I'll never forget you.

Sincerely,
James Kim"



Special Alumni Edition

Here at CMS we decided to kick off the New Year by recognizing some of the major scholastic achievements of our students and teachers. Every year, more and more California Music Studios musicians are accomplishing extraordinary scholastic achievements, and we couldn't be more proud.

Nick Hogrefe, piano student of **Alan Z.**, was accepted to California State University Santa Barbara starting Fall 2008 Semester.

CMS vocal instructor **Nicole F.** completed her Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from Biola University on December 19th.

Former CMS student **Catherine Addo** graduated with honors from NYU this year with a degree in Music and Music Business. Catherine was a student of **Dodie S.**, and left her instruction with a full scholarship to the prestigious school.

Several of piano teacher **Ruth C.**'s students have chosen to continue their music education beyond traditional schooling. **Jeremy Van Patten** is now attending the Orange County High School of the Arts with focus on both guitar and piano, and four of her students, including CMS student **Justin Le**, have applied to Chapman University as music majors.

CMS piano and clarinet instructor **Casey C.** is now attending George Washington University, and guitar teacher **Matt R.**, guitar teacher **Erik G.**, and drum teacher **David E.** are all currently attending Berklee School of Music.

Zach O'Brien, ten-year CMS student and former piano pupil of **Chuck S.**, is now attending the highly respected Belmont University on full scholarship as a composition major.

Richard W., guitar instructor and Ithaca College alumni, recently received a letter of thanks from Thomas Kline, the director of Music Admissions at Ithaca. The letter expressed gratitude for referring the students to the college, and also stated: "Because of your teaching, the students who auditioned last year were among the most talented and best prepared we have ever auditioned."

Congratulations to all of our California Music Studios students and teachers for your achievements! We look forward to seeing our musicians continue to grow and prosper in all of their endeavors, and hope for nothing but health, happiness, and success in the coming year.





Spotlight on CMS

CMS Voice and Guitar teacher **Jeffrey D.** performed with the Long Beach Chorale on December 13th and 14th at the Los Altos United Methodist Church and St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The program was titled A California Christmas and featured both traditional and unique Christmas music.

Emmy Kim, piano student of **Violetta T.**, both pictured right with sister **Maile Kim**, performed with her Junior Theatre Group in Carlsbad on December 6th. The group performed scenes from a variety of shows, including "Wicked," "Les Miserables," and "Sound of Music."



The Le Van Family Musicians (CMS piano and violin instructor **Eric L.** and children **Sarah**, **Solene**, and **Sean**) performed a variety of holiday performances throughout Orange County for the season. They were seen in many different venues, from the Willows Foundation to the Nutcracker Ballet.

Jason B., voice, guitar, and drum instructor, has many students who have achieved wonderful success with their music. **Eileen Lloyd** wrote a song titled "Dreamcrusher," which is being produced by Harpo Productions, Oprah Winfrey's company. The song will be performed by Brianna Thomas on the Oprah Winfrey Show. **Ashley Terraforte** is currently working for Univision at Poilin Radio, the top rated Spanish radio station in the country, and **Jansen Salas** recently signed a deal with Fluid Media Networks. His song "The Space Between Our Eyes" from his album "Perfect Proposals" debuted on the Billboard Chart at #16 for Top Downloads.

CMS drum instructor **Brian J.** and his band Swirl were recently signed by ESP Entertainment and is working with Grammy award-winning and multi-platinum album producer Beau Hill. The band is currently on tour, and can be seen at www.myspace.com/swirl.

Renee C., CMS voice, piano, guitar, and clarinet instructor, will be performing as La Duquesa Carolina in the zarzuela "Luisa Fernanda." The show will be performed in Spanish with English supertitles, and will be held at the Ricardo Montalban Theater in Hollywood from February 19th through the 21st. For more information, please call 323-960-1057 or go to www.LuisaFernanda.org.

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CMS Recital Dates

Formal Winter Recital 2009:
San Diego County
January 31: Teachers A-L
March 21: Teachers M-Z
Ruby Schulman Auditorium
1775 Dove Lane
Carlsbad, CA 92009

Formal Winter Recital 2009:
Orange County
February 7: Teachers A-L
February 28: Teachers M-Z
St. Joseph Center Auditorium
480 South Batavia Street
Orange, CA 92868

Music Club 2009—Themes TBA:
San Diego County
April 11, 2009
May 16, 2009
October 10, 2009
November 21, 2009
NAMM Museum
5790 Armada Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

* If you would like to participate, please ask your teacher for details.