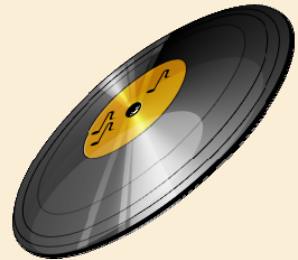


## SPOTLIGHT ON CMS

**Renee Cortez**, California Music Studios voice, piano, and guitar instructor, also works with the Orange County Children's Therapeutic Art Center in Santa Ana, where she provides opera instruction. Recently, one of her students, Stephanie Diaz, a student with autism, had a family interview and article published by the OC Register. The article generated enough interest that it is being picked up by NBC for a set of interviews within the next few weeks. Stephanie's story helps to share the message that music helps everyone with communication, education, emotion, and hope.



**Jenna Asdel**, mother of CMS piano student **Preston Asdel**, recently recorded and distributed a Christmas Album of three songs and five inspiring Christian stories. The album's theme is that everyone has a gift to the world and that God has a special way of using each of us. Congratulations on having that made, Jenna!



California Music Studios piano teacher **Miho Gary** will be performing a concert with her chamber group, the Pegasus Trio, at the Remington Club on January 28th. They will perform a concert themed "Romantic Opera of Europe," and will play the Carmen Fantasy by Georges Bizet, La Boheme Fantasy by Giacomo Puccini, Der Freischutz by Paul Taffanel, and more. Miho will perform on piano, Elena Yarritu will play the flute, and Matt Gill will round out the trio on Clarinet. The address of the Pegasus Club is 16925 Hierba Drive, San Diego, 92128, from 1:00pm to 2:30pm. Admission is \$5-10.

## RAVE REVIEW FROM A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

A LETTER FROM CMS STUDENT ROBERT RAYBURN

I love my lessons with Bart. Often I have told people at my work that my music lesson time is sacred and that it is something that I will not compromise on. Recently my lesson night fell on my birthday. Bart wondered why I did not reschedule and my response was that my music lesson with him was what I truly wanted to be doing on my birthday. Thank you so much for hooking me up with him. I love my guitars and what I have accomplished. I have loved it so much that this year I have created a magnet grade 6 program at the school I am principal at. All my grade 6 students are learning to play guitar and read music. I recently performed a piece for them... The same one I performed in my first recital. I felt that they should see that this is something to celebrate, the learning of an art, that is most important. I chose the first piece I performed so they could see the piece I struggled with the most and still accomplished. Without Bart, the idea for music at my school would never have come to me. So many schools have leaders who do not play or have forgotten the critical role music instruction has in improving our intellectual and human development. Because of CMS and **Bart Broadnax**, 36 grade 6 students in the highest poverty school in Norwalk, will all have music in their lives because CMS and Bart showed me how wonderful it is. My vision for my school is that 100% of the students that attend Chavez Elementary WILL know how to read music and play an instrument. Thank you personally and thank you for all my precious students. You probably never would have known that you have touched so many through Bart's gentle, knowledgeable way. Bart and CMS are a gift beyond words for me and for many others.

# CMS RECITALS

We are excited to welcome what should be our best year of recitals yet! As you may know, CMS has recently expanded our already substantial performance program. We are now offering even more Formal Recitals, Music Clubs, and our newest performance series, the Honors Concerts, are proving to be a great success. We also have added more venues, including the Ivey Ranch Resort in Oceanside and the Temple Bat Yahm Concert Hall in Newport Beach. Please join us in encouraging and supporting the performance arts by participating or attending our concerts. Admission is free and the public is always welcome. See you there!



# CMS RECITAL CALENDAR

**SD Formal Winter Recitals 2010:**

January 23, 2010: Teachers A-M  
 February 13, 2010: Teachers N-Z  
 Ruby Schulman Auditorium  
 1775 Dove Lane  
 Carlsbad, CA 92009

**OC Formal Winter Recitals 2010:**

February 27, 2010: Teachers A-L  
 March 27, 2010: Teachers M-Z  
 Temple Bat Yahm  
 1011 Camelback Street  
 Newport Beach, CA 92660

**San Diego Music Clubs 2010**

April 10, 2010—theme TBA  
 May 22, 2010—theme TBA  
 October 9, 2010—theme TBA  
 November 20, 2010—theme TBA  
 NAMM Museum  
 5790 Armada Drive  
 Carlsbad, CA 92008

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

**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

Teacher Name

Phone