



# SAMA MONTHLY

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## Instructor Corner

"So how was your lesson?" Parents of young music students will inevitably ask this question many times throughout the course of their child's lives, and it usually occurs during that special time period immediately following a private lesson. Parents, let's imagine what it's like to be a young music student coming out of a music lesson. Usually, the student just spent half an hour with their instructor working on such things as sight-reading, figuring out new music, working on old music, straightening out rhythms, learning new aspects of technique and musicality, and much more, all while under the watchful eyes and ears of their teacher. What an accomplishment!

Unfortunately, many students lead busy lives that don't allow them much time to digest, and therefore thoroughly learn all the musical topics they were just exposed to in their lesson.

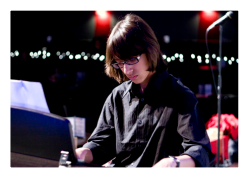
Parents, here is where you come in. After a lesson (the car ride is perfect), let your student get the most out of their time by helping them review everything they just accomplished in their lesson.

### Here are some questions to consider:

Did your student play their homework well for their teacher this week? Did their teacher think that the amount of practice time leading up to that lesson was enough? Are things that used to be difficult or out of reach becoming easier and more fun as the weeks go by? How many songs or pieces have they mastered so far?

These are a few of the many questions you can consider as a supportive parent of a young music student. Taking notes on how lessons are progressing is a great idea; the more the parent learns, the more the student will learn!

-Jake Ramirez



### WINTER RECITAL

Sunday, December 16th  
12pm, 1:30pm, 3pm, 4:30pm

LAUGH OUT LOUD COMEDY CLUB  
618 NW Loop 410, SA, TX 78216

### RECITAL TIPS:

- Arrive 20 minutes before your performance time.
- Once the recital begins, be courteous and listen quietly to your peers.
- Once it's your turn: rise quickly, walk up to the stage, introduce yourself & your piece.



**NYCHOLE K.**

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Nychole, a student of Bethany Raynes, has made great progress since she began at SAMA in 2011. She has worked her way through an entire *Suzuki* book, which contains advanced repertoire. She has also auditioned and successfully earned a seat in the Region 11 orchestra for two years in a row. Last spring she earned a top rating of "1" at her school's Solo & Ensemble contest. Great job, Nychole! Keep up the good work!



**STUDIO HOLIDAY** - Please note that SAMA will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from Monday, December 24th - Sunday, January 6th. We wish you a safe and happy holiday season with your family!



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