

SAMA Monthly

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Back-2-School Recital

August 19th @ Laugh Out Loud Comedy Club



Student of the Month

Cody Brooks



Under the direction of Tom Sprayberry and Diane House, Cody Brooks has been climbing steadily this past year! Each lesson he is prepared and is ready to play. Cody's participation in recitals is unmatched by many others. Congratulations, Cody! Continue to strive for the best!

Instructor Corner

Growing up, we tend to gravitate toward a particular style of music. While listening and learning one style can form a great foundation & love for music, it limits our *musical library*. Listening to other styles can have a profound effect on your playing as musicians and is well worth exploring. Below are steps to help avoid this music blunder.

FIRST - Explore new music. Listen to new music by asking your parents what they use to listen to, ask your instructor for some suggestions, or flip the station on *Pandora*.

NEXT - As you listen, focus on what makes this style unique. Set time aside each day to explore the music on your instrument. Try taking a melody out of a song, listen for a chord that grabs your attention, or find a progression you like.

FINALLY - Once you have control over what you have learned, try blending it into the style you are familiar with. If you play rock, try adding in a jazz chord to your playing to spice things up.

Ultimately, learning new styles will make you a better player but most importantly, it will keep you motivated to keep practicing your instrument!

-Jacob Vallejo



"Music can change the world because it can change people." - Bono, U2