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Introducing...

HANNAH CARNETT - PIANO

Hannah is in pursuit of her Bachelor of Arts at UTSA where she is studying under the direction of Dr. Kasandra Keeling.

ALFREDO GUZMAN - PERCUSSION

Alfredo holds a Master of Music degree in Percussion Performance from the University of Tennessee and a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from West Texas A&M University.

FELISHA GRANADO - ADMIN

Felisha attended San Antonio College for business administration. Felisha has over 5 years of administrative assistant experience.

We are pleased to welcome these three new members to our staff here at San Antonio Music Academy. For their complete bios, log onto our website. Just click the "Instructors" tab.

Instructor's Corner



Where words fail, music speaks.
~Hans Christian Anderson

When training to become proficient at a musical instrument we tend to overlook the importance of listening. Instead we focus solely on practicing the instrument and fail to assess the importance of becoming a better listener. Many professional authors state that they became successful writers through reading lots of books. This does not mean that a developing author who doesn't read books will not be successful, but it does mean they are not exposed to the trends and systematically developed structures imbedded in a typical book.

Can you become a great musician without listening? Probably not. As a developing pianist, I make a point to attend almost every piano concert available in San Antonio. A great benefit of this is hearing pieces you have never heard that you really enjoy.

You can broaden your musical taste, knowledge, and library of pieces just from attending concerts!

Over the course of the year, most students go through the practice blues and become unmotivated. Students then become interested in other activities and spend less time with their musical interests. I am confident that when students experience the rush of seeing a live professional performance, they will say, "I want to be able to do that!" and regain their motivation.

-Derek Adam.



WINTER RECITAL - Sign up sheets for the annual winter recital will be available at the front desk November 1st. The recital is scheduled for December 11, 2011. *Picture packages will be available.



Congratulations to piano instructor, Mark Campbell, and his wife Ashely on the birth of their beautiful baby girl Sophie!



STUDIO HOLIDAYS - SAMA will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 22 - Saturday, Nov. 26th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Lessons will resume Monday, November 28th.

SYMPHONY TRIP - There is still time to be of the symphony trip. You have until November 12th to sign up.