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HAVING PATIENCE IN YOURSELF TO GROW AS A MUSICIAN

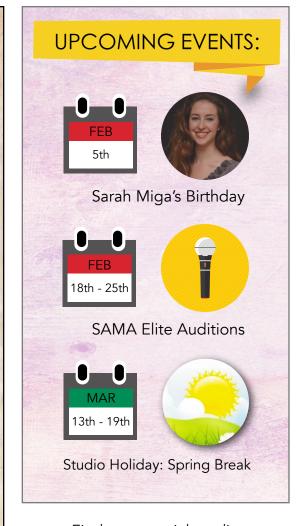
Patience is one of the most important things to have as an aspiring musician. Often we focus on technique and practice and neglect the idea of patience. The fact that you have already taken the time to pursue music lessons demonstrates desire to grow as a musician. The next step is to understand that becoming a well rounded musician takes time. More often than not you might get frustrated with yourself because you are not seeing immediate results in your musicianship improving.

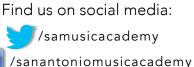
One of the best ways to learn patience is to set short-term and/or long-term goals for what you want to achieve musically. A long term goal

can be a piece of music you would love to be able to play, but your technique is not at the level required to play the piece. Now that you have a goal in mind to play that piece, you can focus on the technique you will need to eventually play the music. A short term goal can be to play at the next SAMA recital, but you may still feel hesitant performing for an audience. You will need patience to overcome that hesitancy. You can practice performing for your parents and friends and over time your confidence will rise. Understanding that it takes time to improve and reach your goals musically is just as important as working on your instrument skills.

So have fun and enjoy the journey of becoming a good musician.

> ~John Fernandez Percussion Instructor





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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

"Christian demonstrates a great enthusiasm in every lesson. He is ready to work on pieces of any style and isn't afraid of difficulties. He has had superior progress, especially in the interpretation of musical pieces and technique."

- Natalia Skovorodina, piano instructor