

SAMA Monthly

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Instructor Corner



How do you know if music lessons are right for you or your student? This question doesn't answer itself quickly. How did *my* parents know that music was right for me? Well...they didn't. They really couldn't have. But why then did I end up dedicating so much time to it while my brothers dropped out and pursued other interests? Simple - because I like music. At what point in time did I know for sure? This is also a tough question, especially considering that there was actually a point early on where I really didn't like piano lessons. Or so I thought. As it turns out (looking back years later) I actually really loved music, but I hated practicing! Other people have this epiphany as well, but sometimes a little too late to do much about it. "I sure wish I hadn't quit piano!" they tell me as adults.

The time it takes to find out whether or not music is right for someone is really the time it takes for the student to prepare and perform a piece that they really like. If after this first great achievement the student still has little or no drive for music (they'd rather do sports or dance or something else), it is highly likely that music is not right for him or her. Remember that practicing is not fun for anyone. Push past it for now! Don't give up until you know for sure whether music is right for you. Happy Thanksgiving!

-Mark Campbell



LISA LAMB
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Lisa, a student at SAMA for over 2 years, has evolved into one of instructor Derek Adam's most promising students. Never one to show up to a lesson unprepared, Lisa goes above and beyond her instructor's expectations and learns new songs without being assigned. We congratulate her on a job well done. Keep up the great work, Lisa!

CONGRATULATIONS

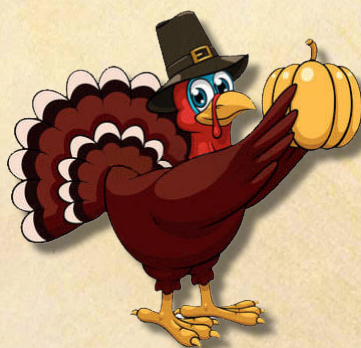


Ava U. - Diane House's voice student awarded 4th chair Region Choir.



Autumn G. - Diane House's voice student awarded 6th chair Region Choir.

STUDIO HOLIDAY



San Antonio Music Academy will be closed Tuesday, November 20th - Sunday, November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Lessons will resume Monday, November 26th. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!