## SAMA MONTHL

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## Instructor Corner



 $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$ someone once said, "The show must go on." This could not be more

correct. Many times I have found myself playing with a broken string or my signal completely cutting off during a performance. It is definitely an unpleasant experience to go through as a performer, especially when it is something out of your control like feedback or the culprit is a faulty mic stand. So to help you, here are some things that I find myself doing before a performance.

- Always have your music well learned (Have you heard the word *practice*?)
- Memorize, memorize, memorize!
  - o It is not the solution to all problems but definitely will not hurt.

- · Check all your equipment **before** performing with it
  - Instrument
  - o Pedals
  - Cables
  - o Mics
  - Anything and everything you plan to use
- Don't forget Routine Maintenance
  - Change your strings regularly
  - Properly intonate your instrument
- Practice performing your repertoire
  - Perform your music for
    - Family
    - Friends
    - Pets
    - Imaginary audience

Remember as Murphy's Law states, "Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong" and as Denis Waitley said, "Expect the best, plan for the worst, and prepare to be surprised."

> -Jacob Vallejo guitar instructor

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**





Last Minute performs at Helotes Market Place @ 1:30pm





Jake Ramirez's bday





SAMA Elite performs at Fiesta Nueva





Last Minute performs at Northwest Vista @ 6pm





LOL Recital Studio Wide Recital





**RBC** Recital Piano & Acoustic Guitar



## STUDENT of MONTH

Walter's dedication to practicing shows in his weekly lessons and performances. In addition to private lessons, Walter is a member of SAMA ensemble Last Minute and has been taking lessons with his guitar instructor, Jacob Vallejo, for over 7yrs. Walter is, in a word, awesome! Keep up the great work!





