

# Sam's monthly

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## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

“Tina T.

is one of my most rapidly progressing students. In the year I have had her, she has become a truly sensitive and understanding musician. She is also the concertmaster of the advanced orchestra at her school as a 6th grader. Great stuff ahead for this student!”

Florian Love,  
Violin Instructor

## INSTRUCTOR CORNER

If  
music  
be the  
food  
you  
love,  
play  
on!



ERIC YOUNG, B.A.  
Piano Instructor

With fall already upon us, many students are already feeling the fatigue of a new school year. It's definitely a difficult task to juggle music with homework, friends, and other extracurricular activities, so how can we make music an important yet enjoyable experience?

Practicing an instrument is often seen as “boring” or “not fun.” In the past week alone, how many times have you or your child complained about practicing? If the answer is “too many to count,” don't worry - you are not alone! Practicing can be seen as tedious, monotonous, and sometimes just downright tiring, especially if you don't know what you're practicing. Every piece tells a story, just like your favorite book or TV show. When you practice, listen to the music that you are producing - how does it make you feel? Does the piece sound happy, sad, angry? Does it sound like it could belong in a scary movie? How can we change the sounds of a piece to make it sound different? Even the most basic emotions can be the beginning of a great musical story. I encourage you to make up a story to the pieces you play, and I can guarantee you that practicing will become slightly more enjoyable!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Eric Young**  
**Solo Piano Recital**  
Steinway Piano Gallery  
(1-2pm)

NOV  
15



**Florian Love**  
**Senior Recital**  
UTSA Recital Hall (7:30pm)

NOV  
19



**Daniel Paquot's**  
**Birthday**

NOV  
26-30



**Thanksgiving Break**