



instructor corner

Andi Tupponce, B.M., Piano Instructor

Memorizing Your Music

As a performer, teacher, and student, it took me a while to understand the benefits of memorizing music and trusting oneself. I don't mean to imply that musicians who perform with sheet music are less than those who play without it. Just like most things in life, there are pros and cons.

Pros: Not relying on sheet music allows you to fully immerse yourself in the music as an artist and performer. It opens the door to a higher level of self-trust and confidence, helping you gradually step out of your comfort zone. It's a testament to the hard work and dedication you've put into learning a new skill. Whether it's "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" or an advanced-level piece, your audience is invited to enter a world of your own creation and perception.

Cons: Memorizing music requires more effort and sometimes more time to embed it in your muscle and mental memory. In a way, it offers less security because if you make a mistake, you have to keep going as best as you can. Playing from memory can add to our anxiety and demands perseverance and grace to continue.

Regardless of the approach you choose, remember one thing: we are proud of you. Your teacher, family, fellow musicians, and the rest of the audience are in awe of your decision to stick with it, work through it, and prove to yourself that you can overcome challenges. Well done!

upcoming events



AUG
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Instructor Recital - Thomas Fedorchik
2:00-2:45pm
Fort Bend Music Center
Free to the public



AUG
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Eric Young's Birthday

student of the month

Braelyn B.

is one of those students that you look forward to teaching; very punctual, polite, and passionate about her craft. She has recently been auditioning for shows around San Antonio hoping to showcase her talent and hard work. It has been such an adventure and an honor being her teacher. I am very excited about what the future holds for her. Keep up the hard work Braelyn!"

Sarah Miga, M.M., Voice Instructor



SAMA student accomplishments

Congratulations to Noelle B., Wei L., and Patrick B. for placing top 3 in instructor Isai's Violin Practice Contest called "String Off!". The 1st place winner, Noelle B. practiced on average almost 7 days every week!



Congratulations to Madison Aikens, student of Sarah, for being cast as Matilda at the Zilker Theatre in Austin, TX.



Congratulations to dedicated SAMA students, brothers Spencer and Thad Humphrey, on their mini-tour through various Texas cities with their reggae-rock-ska band, KAINOA.

