



## instructor corner

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## Finding and Investing in New Music

You want something new to listen to. Where do you go? For me, growing up, that meant turning on the radio or hitting up one of the local music stores. There are so many choices out there, and new music keeps coming out every day. Where do you start? Here are a few tips for growing your music library through the many platforms that are out there.

One way would be to go off an artist's playlist. Playlists on Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube, and so on will tend to throw in similar artists based on who you are listening to. Once you find a song from a new artist that you like, you can look them up and find an entire album to listen to. Either pick the album the song was off of, or look up one of their more successful ones to start with. Finding out who influenced the artist you are listening to can also turn up someone you may have never heard of.

Another fun way to discover new music is from your friends and family. Ask them what they're listening to, or about some of their favorite songs. You are bound to find one new artist to check out.

## 2022 SAMA INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR IS HANNAH PETERSEN!

Hannah eats, sleeps, and breathes education. She is someone that perfectly embodies SAMA Core Value #2 which is persistency and striving for consistent growth. A constant learner herself, she is currently taking drum lessons and guitar lessons with other SAMA instructors and is doing great at both. She is a true multi-instrumentalist.



Hannah takes on her role as an educator very earnestly, always making sure that every last detail of her lessons is taken care of for the sake of her students. Hannah is an integral part of the SAMA staff, well liked by all of her colleagues, and always willing to help out beyond her normal work duties.

Hannah spent a considerable amount of her undergraduate degree studying music therapy, something that she's translated into her piano lessons to better connect with her students. Any one of her students can attest to the unique relationship they have with Hannah and can excitedly speak of the goals she's helped them reach.

Thank you for all that you do for your students and for SAMA! Congratulations, Hannah!

## student of the month

### Madison A.

Maddie is a very hard worker, always ready to take on new challenges! She is constantly looking for auditions and performance opportunities that expand her repertoire and knowledge of music. Maddie's passion for performance and music continues to grow, and I look forward to each lesson. I am so excited to see where all of her hard work takes her. Keep up the good work Maddie!



Sarah Miga, M.M., Voice Instructor