



instructor corner

Matias Garcia, Piano Instructor

Music Heritage

Knowing your musical roots is valuable not just as an artist, but as a human being. Whether you were born in Texas, California, New York, or another country, you inherit a musical heritage from your birthplace and your parents' background. There is value in that, and we have seen it in multiple examples in both classical and commercial music.

One of the most famous cases of how music heritage made a difference in music is Astor Piazzolla's work. Piazzolla was born in Argentina, the birthplace of tango. After succeeding and standing out from other musicians, Astor Piazzolla went to France to study music composition. Eventually, he returned to Argentina driven by a desire to reconnect to his roots. Coming back to Argentina provided him with the inspiration to transform tango, and to become a leading contemporary composer. His incredible talent

was undeniable, but it was his decision to embrace his musical heritage that truly set him apart.

In commercial music, we find Selena Quintanilla. Though she was born in Texas, her Mexican roots made her the perfect example of someone who decided to take advantage of her musical heritage. She became one of the biggest stars in Tejano music but also excelled in cumbia and baladas. In doing so, she demonstrated the versatility that can come from embracing one's heritage.

Parents, I encourage you to introduce your children to their musical heritage. Embracing it could make their musical journey more special, meaningful, and potentially more successful.

upcoming events



JUNE
20

Matias Garcia's Birthday



LIVE
MUSIC

JUNE
22

SAMA student bands performing at
1604 Cantina Food Truck Park
(8pm - 11pm)



4TH OF
JULY
BREAK

JULY
1-6

SAMA is closed for
4th of July Break

student of the month

“Matthew M.

is a phenomenal student who always displays impeccable consistency and dedication to piano lessons. He is consistent in his practice habits, has a passion for music, and has a willingness to challenge himself to learn harder pieces. His hard work is reflected in the lessons each week; he has been able to build up his repertoire with great works from Chopin, Rachmaninoff, Mozart, and many others. It is a joy to work with Matthew and to see where he goes on his musical journey.

Hannah Petersen, B.A., Piano Instructor





WE'RE MOVING



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LESSONS AT NEW
LOCATION START
AUG 5

We thank you for being a part of the growth SAMA has experienced over the years. We are honored and feel this is a testament to our high standards and quality of instructors on staff, in addition to the care and varied opportunities SAMA provides for its students. We're excited to share this new experience with you!



Learn more at
samusicacademy.com/move

SAMA student accomplishments

Congratulations to Liv R. and Penelope M, students of Khadijah, for being cast as 'Whos' and 'Jungle Citizens' in the Wonder Theatres Jr production of Seussical!



Congratulations to Rory R. and Saydee R., students of Khadijah, for landing roles in Wonder Theatre's production of Willy Wonka. They will play Mrs. Beauregaurde and an Oompa Loompa, respectively!