



instructor corner

Thad Humphrey, Drum Instructor

How Do You Start a Band?

Playing in a band can be an incredibly rewarding experience. It forces you to think creatively, and you get to work alongside amazing people who will challenge you to make the best art you can create. So, how do you go about finding the right people and starting one?

The most important part of finding fellow musicians is to get involved in your local music scene! Find a show that's part of the genre you're interested in, go see the bands, and say hi to them! You're obviously not going to instantly meet a musician who's ready to join your band, but as you continue going to shows, you'll make friends and meet a lot of really cool people.

Once you find people who are ready to play, start writing and jamming until you build up a setlist. From there, practice as much as you can, and keep going to local shows and open mic nights. You might be surprised at the number of people looking for bands to play a show with them.

Ultimately, there's a lot of luck involved when it comes to making connections with musicians. Sometimes you just have to be in the right place at the right time. But there's a lot you can do to increase your odds! So if you go out there, make friends, find bands you love, and become a part of your community, you will absolutely find the people you want to start a band with.

upcoming events



JUNE
20

Matias Garcia's Birthday



JUNE
30 - JULY
5

SAMA will be closed
for 4th of July Break

student of the month

“Joshua C.

has been doing a wonderful job preparing for lessons and recitals. He is always prepared for lessons and willing to take on challenges. I'm extremely proud of him for his hard work and dedication. Congratulations, Joshua!

Leslie Vela, B.M., Piano Instructor



student accomplishments



Congratulations to Natalie D. for earning superior ratings on her Solo and Ensemble performances on both violin and viola at Garcia Middle School!



Congratulations to Pia A., student of Matt Perez, for being cast as Anne of Cleves in the musical, Six - Teen Edition!

Instructor Performance



Dr. Eric Young, B.A., Pharm. D,
SAMA Piano Instructor

Variations and Fugue in E-flat major. Op. 35 – Beethoven
Piano Sonata No. 4 in F-sharp major. Op. 30 – Scriabin
Piano Sonata No. 3 in B minor. Op. 58 – Chopin

Eric Young
July 26, 2025
1:15 PM
Seddon Recital Hall