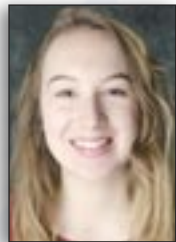


# a look at the performers!



## Max Ayala

**I look forward to playing cool songs like Super Mario Bros!** Max is 9, in 3rd grade, and is completing 3 years of piano study. Max has enjoyed his recital pieces this year with his favorite being *My Race in Space!* We have embraced the before school lesson time with enthusiasm and a few yawns here and there. Max brings his best to piano every week and LOVES his successes. He is working on getting a few of his own favorite pieces learned because it is a blast to sit down and play a cool song! He is a vibrant student and brings a lot of smiles every week. Thanks Max!



## Serena Balzer

**I look forward to being motivated with music I connect with and love.** Serena is 18, a senior, and is finishing 11 years of piano study. She enjoys music that stirs her and is rhythmically intriguing. She is always busy with academic challenges as she gets ready for college next year. She was nominated for the AIM Honors recital at level 9! She is a sensitive musician and expresses her music with beauty. She and Mrs. Hueber have had a wonderful year working together and she is involved in some great ensemble music for the recital. Serena, we will miss you so much next year! Congratulations on all your successes.



## Annia Blasi

**I look forward to exciting pieces that move my fingers and sound passionate.** Annia is 13, in 7th grade, and is completing 5 years of piano study. She is a motivated student who gets excited by more complex melodies and rhythms, but also loves any piece that moves her fingers around the keyboard. She has especially loved *Knight's Tale* for the recital and the excitement of her duet *Petite Spanish Dance* with Lisa. Although she has a full calendar of sports and activities, she manages to excel in piano. I am so proud of all you bring to piano Annia!



## Graham Blasi

**I look forward to playing cool music with a strong beat!** Graham is 13, in 7th grade, and is completing 4 years of piano study. He comes to piano every week ready to play and learn new music. He is very rhythmically strong due to his percussion background and looks forward to playing his snare drum for us at the next recital. He has grown tremendously this year and is playing a really cool duet with me at this recital. I couldn't be more proud of the amazing young man you are becoming Graham!



## Lucas Brown

**I look forward to playing my songs really well!** Lucas is 10, in 5th grade, and is completing his first year of piano study in our studio. He enjoys his piano pieces and works dutifully at accomplishing them all. He has experienced a lot of firsts in our studio this year including his first group experiences here and his first recital with us. He comes with a great attitude every week and is a very conscientious student. Congratulations on finishing the year strong Lucas!



## Claire Burgess

**I look forward to playing piano and getting a refreshing break from everything else I do.** Claire is 12, in 6th grade, and is completing 4 years of piano study. She is an organized student and has grown in her skills and artistry this year. She enjoys her successes and hard earned accomplishments. We have a lot of laughs at her lessons while working hard at it all. I have been amazed at her memorizing skills this year and am especially proud of her work on *Touch a Rainbow*. Claire, you are a gifted student who is going far in all your musical endeavors!



## Emily Burgess

**I look forward to the recital and showing my growth and improvement from the year before.** Emily is 14, a freshman, and is completing 6 years of piano study. Keeping up with Emily and all her musical events is my main focus with her every year. Her energy, her devotion to music, and her excitement about learning new music is a daunting and yet fantastic challenge to this teacher. Her artistry is continually developing as she grows! She has loved ALL her recital music and we have had a blast. Thanks for a great year Emily. You are A-mazing.



## Ella Gsedl

**I look forward to accomplishing my piano level and enjoying that success!** Ella is 21, a 3rd year student at COD, and is completing 13 years of piano study. Piano is a true love for Ella. She enjoys the routines, the weekly goals, and the break piano gives her from other parts of her life. She comes every week ready to play her scales and to play her pieces better and better. Having a student with so much love for what she is doing during her lessons is the best gift I could ever have as a teacher. Thank you Ella for a great year of piano!



## Nina Gsedl

**I look forward to playing duets with a great sound and beat!** Nina is 18, a senior, and is finishing 10 years of piano study. Seniors in my studio tug at my heart strings! Nina has been one student that has brought tremendous delight to me during these years. She has come loving to play the piano, having challenges she has had to work hard at, and has loved playing duets more than anything. We have had fun! We have laughed, experienced much joy together, and I will truly miss that joy next year. Nina, you are a sensitive and talented musician. Thank you for these special piano years!



## Mayim Guerra

**I look forward to playing fun songs for my family!** Mayim is 8, in 2nd grade, and is completing her 2nd year of piano study. She comes in to her lessons ready to play her pieces and show me how good she is at them! She has come a long way this year, taking her first AIM exam. Her memorizing is a new great skill! She always has great stories to tell, and the twinkle in her eyes is constantly glowing! I love having Mayim in our studio. Good job this year!



## Annabella Guo

**I look forward to getting my songs learned. It's hard work!** Annabella is 10, in 4th grade, and is completing her 2nd year of piano study. She has continued to grow and learn even more this year. Though she will say it is hard, she has proven to learn a lot this year and be very accomplished at her pieces. Her favorite recital piece is *Windmill Waltz!* She has a quiet demeanor that carries some very loud opinions and keeps me laughing a lot of the time! Annabella, you have done well this year and I am very proud of you!



## Ben Hueber

**I look forward to playing challenging, artistic music that I connect with deeply.** Ben is 17, a junior, and is completing 8 years of piano study. Ben is constantly on the move, being involved in many musical groups including the high school chamber choir, ALL State Choir, Wheaton Bible Church choir, the high school musical, and high school worship team. He loved being involved in National School Project with other area high school leaders. He is an incredible artist and a deeply sensitive guy. Can I say that? LOL! Congratulations on all your successes this year Ben!



## Priscilla Logan

**I look forward to playing beautiful music every year.** Priscilla is 15, a freshman, and is completing 5 years of piano study. She is very motivated and enjoys all music, but really connects with emotional, beautiful music. She works hard at her music and accomplishes a lot every year. We have enjoyed playing her duets this year as we prepared for the recital. Her favorite piece for the recital has been *Cape Cod Spring*. Priscilla, I love hearing you play and express your music. Congratulations on a great year.



## Timothy Logan

**I look forward to challenging music that is loud and exciting!** Timothy is 10, in 5th grade, and is completing 5 years of piano study. He constantly challenges me to find him music he will invest in, really preferring ones he where he can make a big sound. He has especially loved playing *The Star Spangled Banner* this year. Knowing the story behind Don Quixote was also really fun for him when his class studied it at school. Timothy has enjoyed surging ahead with harder music and has continually surprised me with his motivation to learn! Great Job this year!



## Asher McNiel

**I look forward to earning a medal and showing what I did this year!** Asher is 11, in 5th grade, and is completing 3 years of piano study. He is the first to let me know his progress along with his failures every week. We have a lot of laughs during his lessons and I am always amused at his head shaking at himself. His piano successes are very serious for him and at the same time full of fun! Tuesdays wouldn't be what they are without his dry one liners every week. Asher, you have done a great job this year. Congratulations!



## Joey Mikson

**I look forward to finishing lesson books and playing cool sounding music!** Joey is 13, in 8th grade, and is completing his 2nd year of piano study. He is a talented musician always fighting between reading music and playing by ear. He has worked hard and not a lot during this year which has been an interesting mix always. We laugh a lot and I threaten a lot, hoping to get him to do what the talent in him can accomplish! I enjoy his love of music, the smile in his eyes, and the joy he really gets from his music! Joey, I am really proud of you and the successes you have had this year!



## Michael Mlot

**I look forward to playing cool songs that are fun!** Michael is 10, in 4th grade, and is completing his 1st year of piano study. He has been a whirlwind of fast learning, growing, and accomplishing at the piano this year. He always has a witty word for me on whatever it is we are playing or whatever subject we are talking about. He completed his first AIM exam which is excellent for a first year student. We have loved our duet *An Evening in Spain* which has such a great full sound! Michael, you have done so much this year in piano and I am so proud of you.



## Gwenneth Nika

**I look forward to getting better at piano each year!** Gwenneth is 9, in 4th grade, and is completing 4 years of piano study. We have made it through another year of early morning lessons which is an accomplishment for both of us! She brings an intense desire to do well and have success with her music. This year she has enjoyed earning piano dollars to spend at the piano store. I enjoy her quiet but determined attitudes which sometimes swing positive and sometimes swing a little feisty. LOL. Gwen, thanks for a fun year. I am so proud of your successes this year!



## Leah Nika

**I look forward to playing music that challenges me!** Leah is 13, in 7th grade, and is completing 8 years of piano study. She has done a great job with her music this year. Our biggest challenge has been keeping her from breaking or jamming her fingers on the balance beam, but even then she has continued to persevere. We laugh a lot during our lessons and she constantly shows me her desire to do very well with her music. She earned a level 5 nomination to the AIM Honors recital which is a tribute to her artistry. Leah, I enjoy your energy and determination and am so very proud of you this year!



## Maura Nika

**I look forward to playing music that is deep, intricate, and difficult!** Maura is 15, a sophomore, and is completing 10 years of piano study. She is a dutiful student, with huge motivation to play her music well in her lessons with Mrs. Hueber. She has made friends with all the Hueber animals who love to come and welcome her every week! Maura achieved a perfect score on her AIM exam which is a tribute to her hard work and dedication. This year she has brought her piano talents to her church, contributing her piano skills to worship. Congratulations on an excellent year of piano, Maura!



## Connor Parkitny

**I look forward to getting my songs down!** Connor is 8, in 3rd grade, and is completing his first year of piano study. He has had a great time learning the piano this year. He brings a lot of energy and many questions to his lessons each week, keeping me on my toes! He has learned to read music which has been challenging and successful. I am so proud of him for all he has learned this year. His favorite recital piece has been *Gold Doubloons!* Connor, you have done really well and accomplished a lot this year. Congratulations!



## Esther Rakow

**I look forward to playing the piano because I love everything about it!** Esther is 6, in 1st grade, and is completing her first year of piano study in our studio. She brings a love for all the music she plays even though she does have her favorites. I listen to a lot of giggles as we go through our lessons each week! She shows a great musical aptitude and learns easily, enjoying the pieces she plays every week. We have enjoyed learning the recital pieces and gotten a big kick out of our duet *Boogie Train*. Esther, I have loved being your teacher this year. Congratulations on your successes.



## Anna Reitz

**I look forward to the different styles of music that can be discovered in piano music!** Anna is 17, a junior, and is completing 9 years of piano study. This year she learned that her fingers can actually be agile and play faster passages! She enjoys all the different styles of music she has played, especially being enthralled with her recital music. The more ensembles she can play on the happier she is this time of year. Anna is a gifted musician who brings deep love for piano every week. I am blessed to be her teacher. Congratulations!



## Tyler Ricamoto

**I look forward to getting my music right!** Tyler is 11 in 5th grade, and is completing 5 years of piano study! He is very committed to doing well and grimaces at the dedication it takes to do so! He works at it to get to the end and is always so proud of his final product. He brings a great attitude to his lessons each week, shaking his head at the challenges that keep getting him down. Tyler has grown so much this year, taking on big music challenges and I couldn't be more proud of him. Fantastic work Tyler!

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### Elise Ricamato

**I look forward to getting past learning and playing my music well!** Elise is 16, a junior, and is completing 11 years of piano study. She is dedicated to her music and all the ways she can use her music out of our studio.

She has accompanied friends, played for church, and even taught a group lesson for her special project this year. She loves accomplishing her music and through all the ups and downs of this year has managed to persevere to the end! We have laughed, we have cried, we have learned how important music is in LIFE. Elise, you are an incredible musician and I am so proud of all your musical successes.



### Sara Richert

**I look forward to playing piano for the sheer joy of it.** Sara is 17, a senior, and is finishing 11 years of piano study. Piano is very important to her as she goes through life, and completing her senior year in piano has

been a big goal this year. She is an artist in life, and loves to be motivated by unique musical expression. This year I had the joy of watching her play and sing at the piano and with her ukulele for a jazz set at The Club Arcada 1920s Speakeasy Restaurant in St. Charles. Her big goal was to be part of the Rachmaninoff trio and she did a great job working on that with Ben and Serena. Congratulations, Sara, for all your successes this year! I will miss you!



### Magdalena Schave

**I look forward to playing piano because I get to play really cool songs!** Maggie is 8, in 3rd grade, and is completing her first year of piano study in our studio. She has come to piano every week with a smile and

determination. It has been so much fun to work with a student so happy to be playing the piano. She has really enjoyed the music we have worked on and did a great job on her first AIM exam. She has loved her recital music, especially *Daydreaming*. She gets excited at the group lessons and quiet Maggie becomes a chatty enthusiast! Congratulations on a great year!



### Matthew Siletzky

**I look forward to easy music! I like it when it is easy!** Matthew is 7, in 1st grade, and is completing his first year of piano study! I have loved having the opportunity to teach my grandson. He was so ready

to be part of this studio after watching students come and go the last few years. It has been a fun year though with its challenging weeks! He did a great job on the playathon, raising money for his Uncle Billy's ship this year. He is always ready to have his lesson begin and very ready for it to end every week! He has worked hard on his recital music and done a great job learning them. Matthew, you are so much fun to teach. Congratulations on your first year of piano.



### Lisa Soppi

**I look forward to playing music I can sing along with!**

Lisa is 10, in 5th grade, and is completing 5 years of piano study. She is always excited about new and challenging music. Her perseverance through

the harder music has been a delight to witness this year. She has learned and grown a lot this year and we have had a ton of fun singing and playing her Disney music. She loves her ensemble music and just really enjoys the recital season. Lisa is conscientious and a delightful student. Congratulations on all your successes this year!



### Ema Tomasevic

**I look forward to getting my music ready and learned.**

Ema is 13, in 7th grade, and is completing 5 years of piano study. She has worked steadily at all her music this year. She also enjoys singing in the choir

at school! She has persevered through the challenges this year and achieved her goals which were not always easy to do. Ema works at her music and is always very satisfied with her achievements. It is great having you in our studio. Congratulations on your successes!



### Katelynn Tracey

**I look forward to piano every week because it's a great way for me to relax and have fun.**

Katelynn is 14, in 8th grade and is completing 8 years of piano study. She has worked hard to achieve her goals this year and

has been a student I could count on to do her part. She LOVES music and enjoys learning new songs whether from me or ones she discovers on her own. She has matured this year, working to be responsible and successful. We have a wonderful time at the piano each week and have especially enjoyed playing our duets this year. She has especially loved learning *Abigail's Dance*. Katelynn is always ready to spend 30 minutes playing and learning, learning and playing every week. Thanks for a super year!



### Kate Vallaro

**I look forward to playing music that has a great beat and is fun!**

Kate is 12, in 6th grade, and is completing 5 years of piano study. She has worked at her music and her goals all year, always knowing exactly what

she is supposed to do at home. She is sometimes surprised at how well she can do after really working hard and is always relieved at great results. She has enjoyed her recital music and being a part of another trio which is always a challenge! Kate has improved in so many ways this year and been a great success. Congratulations!



### Debi Inch

**I look forward to the surprising and exhilarating moments of my students' musical triumphs.** I have been teaching piano for 31 years, all of which has taken place here in West Chicago. I have been active in the National Music Teachers Association for over 20 years, serving in many local capacities, including president from 2013 -2015. Currently, I am on the state board serving as the foundation chairperson. I attend many state and national conferences, constantly bringing the newest ideas to our studio. I am a musician who also finds an incredible outlet in triathalons, mixing artistry in the afternoon teaching with physical training in the first part of the day! I find the creativity in music making joyous, as well as deeply personal, with those God has entrusted me with each year. In all these years, the teaching journey has been a path through the lives and hearts of students and parents that count for blessing after blessing.



### Jessica Inch Siletzky

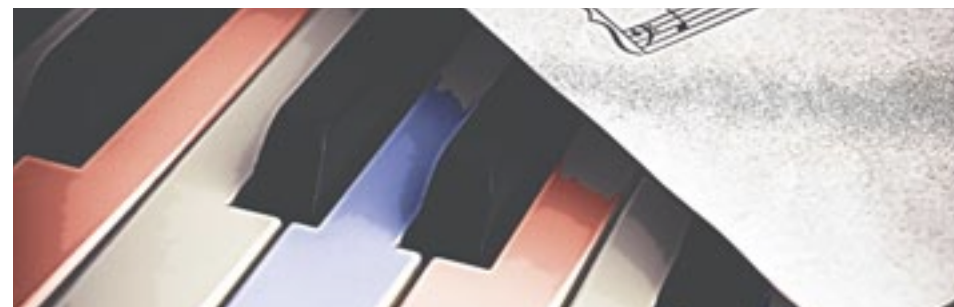
**I look forward to seeing how the kids have literally grown up when I take their portraits each year.** As a professional musician and music teacher, participating with my mom's piano studio has been very natural. Outside of the studio, I volunteer at the Shedd Aquarium in the Marine Mammal Department, I perform as a flutist in the Wheaton Bible Church Orchestra, and in the Summers I play with the Wheaton Municipal Band. This year, I have also begun to seriously study acting and voice. Mainly, however, I am a digital filmmaker and photographer through my production company, Love and Legacy Films, and I am

using the GI-bill to go to film school at Columbia College in Chicago. I am the mom of a lively 7-year old who began taking lessons with his Grandma (Mrs. Inch) this year. There is no better way to enrich a child's mind than by bringing music to them through play, experimentation, community, and instrument study. I have loved watching every student in the studio grow this year.



### Nancy Hueber

**I look forward to students coming through the door and sharing what's new, as well as sharing in the wonders of music and the many ways to express them!** My background in piano began at age 5 with my mom as teacher, followed by studies at the Juilliard Pre-College, Wheaton College Conservatory of Music, and a Master's and Specialist Degree in piano collaboration and vocal coaching at the University of Michigan. I have enjoyed a mixed career of performing as a collaborative artist and vocal coach, as well as a piano teacher. I spend much free time as a brain tumor survivor and chronic illness patient coming up with ways to rehabilitate and writing about it to help others do the same.



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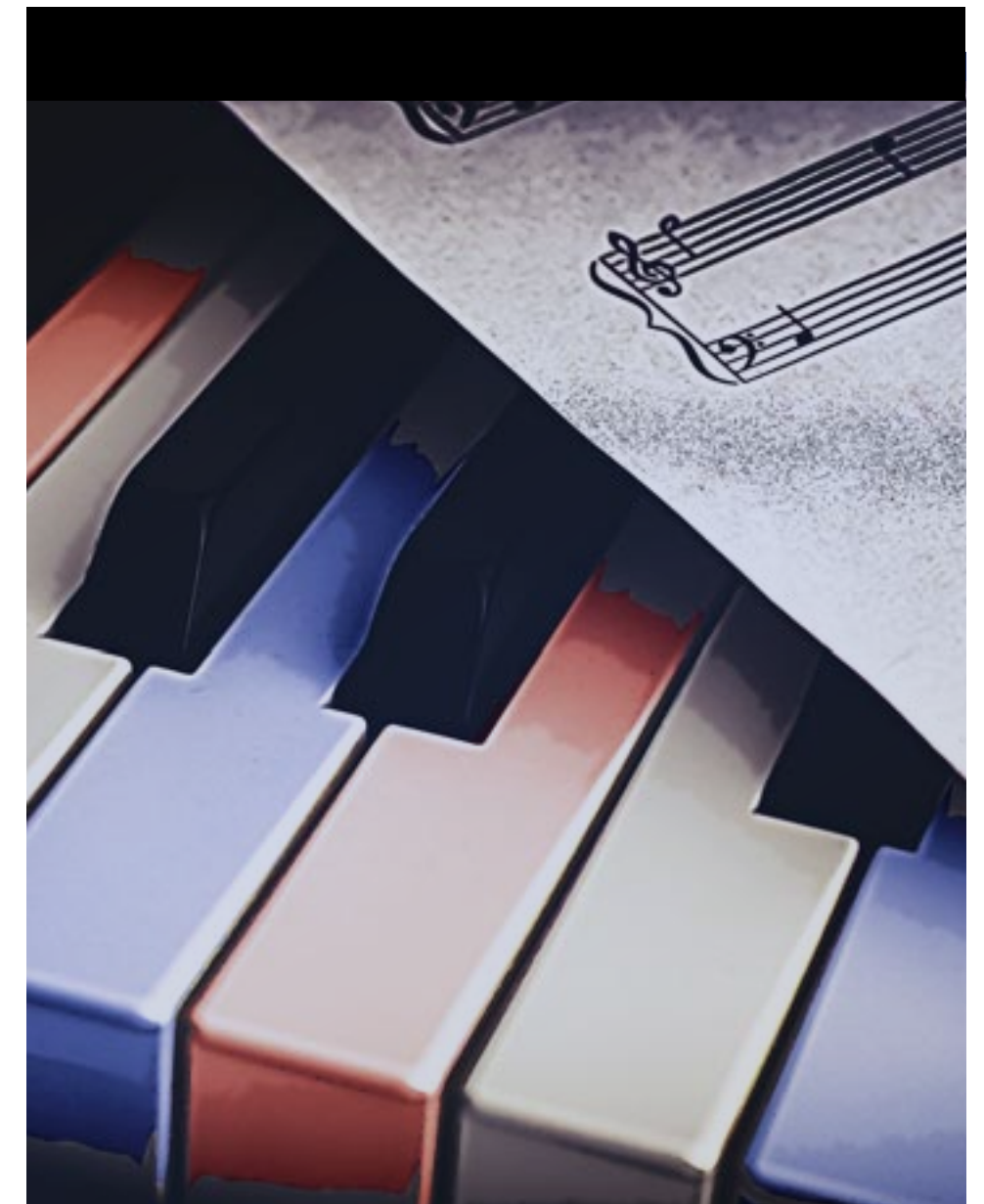
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