

A LOOK AT THE PERFORMERS...



MAX AYALA

Learning my music early for the recital is the best! Max is 13, in 7th grade, and has completed 7 years of

piano study. Max has had a great year, completing his AIM exam with a top score! Max brings his best to piano every week and LOVES his successes! He has learned to prepare early instead of late!! He has especially enjoyed his recital music and looks forward to the fun music of summer. We have reached that time where he is passing me in stature and this milestone means a lot to him!! His smile when he succeeds is blinding! Thanks for a great year Max!



GRAHAM BLASI

I am pretty proud of myself for my piano and drum accomplishments.

Graham is 17, a junior, and has completed 8 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. We have had a great year of online lessons due to living in Kansas!! I am amazed at his musical growth, maturity, and continual perseverance. He has particularly grown in his ability to memorize music which has been very exciting! Way to go Graham!



JOSIE BRYSON

I love getting really good at my songs! Josie is 10, in 4th grade, and is completing her 1st year in

our studio. Josie is not brand new to piano and has spent the year bringing all her skills back to life and adding more along the way. She has many musical interests including singing and taking voice lessons, so she is balancing a lot in her busy life. I am very proud of how hard she has worked this year and her motivation to learn her music. Congratulations on a great first year Josie!



ANAIIAH INCH

I LOVE learning fun songs. Anaiiah is 10, in 5th grade, and has completed 5 years of piano study. She

is extremely talented and works very hard at her pieces. She has learned music she thought was going to be too hard and found out she could do it! Anaiiah really enjoys playing beautiful music and she plays with true artistry! She is playing her first student duet and put it together with her partner in one day! I am so proud of you Anaiiah and love your amazing expression of music!



HAYDEN INCH

I don't hate piano anymore. I actually like it now! Hayden is 8, in 2nd

grade, and is completing her second year of piano study. She has learned some harder music this year and learned to practice the "tricky spots" with great success! She doesn't like it when she doesn't understand something new, but really works to grasp what we are learning and always comes out accomplishing each new thing. She is enthusiastic about her successes and is proud of herself when she plays well which is very often. Great job Hayden!!



NATALIE INCH

It's my turn to have a lesson! Natalie is 5, in preschool, and is completing her 1st year of piano

study! She has waited for her "turn" to be a piano student and this year was the year! I am so proud of this little 5 year old who really began when she was 4!!! She is talented and works hard at her songs and homework. She has her own style, and in a house with 3 other sisters, is her own shining star!! I am so proud of you Natalie!



HANNAH LOGAN

When is the next piano store? Hannah is 10, in 4th grade, and has completed 5 years of piano study. She

completed her AIM exam with a top score! She likes the learning to be easy and the playing to be easier! Working at it is the challenge for her. She is a free spirited, witty little girl with a sparkle in her eye and a quick reply to any issue! Her goal at all times is the piano dollars to spend! Despite her wishes to get through it fast, she has persevered to the last lesson! Good for you Hannah!



TIMOTHY LOGAN

I like to move forward and keep improving my piano skills! Timothy is 15 and has completed 8 years of piano

study. He constantly challenges me to find him music he will connect with, really preferring ones he where he can utilize his strong hands and sound. This year he has enjoyed some jazzy songs with a nice strong swing beat. He completed a level 5 AIM exam this year! He loves to play harder versions of songs he is familiar with, rising to the challenge. He really gets excited finishing each piece and going on to the next one! Good work this year Timo!



ASHER MCNIEL

Piano brings me a lot of mental peace and relaxation. Asher is 15, a freshman, and has completed 7

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 discussions, clarifying the definitions of life moments and music. He takes his musical goals seriously and does his part to accomplish them. His piano time this year has added to his balance in life and brought him a lot of happiness! Asher, I am truly proud of you. Congratulations!



BENJAMIN MCNIEL

I can't promise I will do it, but I will try as long as there are no emergencies.

Benjamin is 13, in 7th grade, and has completed 4 years in our studio. He comes to his lesson each week ready to show me his progress! He has set goals this year that he had to work very hard to attain! His wit is vastly understated as he has a sly reply to just about everything! He springs into lessons every week with a big hello, is ready to count his piano dollars, and get to the playing! You have accomplished so much this year Benj!



SELAH MCNIEL

I promise you I did it! Selah is 11, in 5th grade and has completed three years of piano study. She has perse-

vered through this year and continued to grow musically and meet all her goals. We enjoy a lively commentary through her lessons with her interacting with every detail of the music. She has even surprised herself at her accomplishments at times this year. She has loved her recital music this year and has been super motivated by it. I love her smile when she accomplishes her music! Way to go Selah!!



JOEY MIKSON

WAIT, When is the recital? Joey is 17, a senior, and has completed 6 years of piano study. He is a talented musi-

cian and has grown in every aspect of his music. This year he has loved his music and has worked hard at his piano goals. His commitment to practicing and being serious about his accomplishments has had a huge impact on his growth. I couldn't be prouder of this young man! I enjoy his love of music, the smile in his eyes, and the joy he really gets from playing the piano! We ALL will miss him in the studio next year! Joey, I am beyond impressed with you and wish you the absolute best!



MICHAEL MLOT

It doesn't seem like I have got this, but I have got this! Michael is 14, a freshman, and has

completed 5 years of piano study. He has been a whirlwind of learning, growing, and persevering 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. His smiles of success and thumbs up have been a huge joy this year for me. He constantly is learning how to fit everything in 😊 Michael, you have accomplished a lot in piano and I am so proud of you.



ESTHER RAKOW

When do I get new songs? Esther is 10, in 5th grade, has completed 6 years of piano

study in our studio. She works hard to accomplish her music and it shows! Being a night owl, afternoon lessons have had their yawning challenges, but she works hard! She is very determined to earn the maximum piano dollars she possibly can every week and spend it when I open the Piano Store. We have enjoyed preparing her duet this year! Esther, your talents are boundless! I love watching all you can do!

ALEX RAMIREZ



I LOVE VIOLIN and playing piano well! Alex is 11, in 5th grade and has completed his 3rd year of piano study in our studio. We have had a challenging year, but I am amazed at his perseverance!

His love for music is so very evident and he comes to his lessons ready to learn and play his music. Life can make dedication difficult, but Alex is growing and becoming quite the musician! Great job this year Alex!

NORAH RAMIREZ



Let me show you what I can do! Norah is 9, in 4th grade, and has completed her 3rd year of piano study in our studio. She

has worked hard this year accomplishing her goals. She has a joy in her music making and loves her successes. Christmas music was a highlight this year as we played beautiful duets! She has done an amazing job on her recital pieces this year. I am so proud of your piano accomplishments this year Norah!



FRANCIS ROLDAN

How much money do I have? MORE than Gabby? Francis is 9, in 3rd grade, and is completing

his first year of piano study in our studio. He is a bundle of energy and bursts through the door ready to collect his piano dollars and get to work playing his pieces. He loved earning his beginner medal this year and did a fantastic job on his recital pieces. He enjoys playing his music well and being able to show off! His smile lights up the room! Francis, thank you for a great first year. Well Done!



GABBY ROLDAN

I LOVE playing duets and hearing the full sound on the piano! Gabby is 11, in 5th grade, and is complet-

ing her first year of piano study in our studio. She is very busy with sports, plays, and extra activities, so it is a huge accomplishment for her to make time for piano practice, lessons, and recitals! She was so excited about her recital pieces that she memorized them and played them constantly! She brings an enthusiasm to her learning and absolutely delights in her successes. Her smiles when she does well are the best reward ever. Gabby, thank you for bringing your BEST to piano this year! Congratulations!



MATTHEW SILETZKY



What if I practice 10 times this week? What will I get? Matthew is 11, in 5th grade, and has completed 5 years of piano study! I have loved having the opportunity to teach my grandson. He

loves earning his piano dollars and being the first to see what he can buy. He is always excited when he has memorized a song he likes. His smile when he plays well is the biggest ever! Matthew, you always amaze me with how talented you are and what you are able to do. Good job this year meeting your goals!

LORA VODICKA



Piano is a wonderful hobby/art that gives balance to my busy life.

Lora is completing her 2nd year of returning to piano after many years of pursuing college and career. She was in our studio until

2006 and we are so excited to have her back and playing the piano for her sheer enjoyment. She is the model of what we all hope piano lessons will be for our children. She is the CEO and owner of Innovation Arts Connection which is a community-based dance program with a "studio feel." Lora has spent the year fitting piano into a busy life and it has been such a joy to spend time with her. Wonderful work this year Lora!

JIMMY WADOWIARZ



I have a new idea of how to play this song! Jimmy is 9, in 3rd grade, and has completed 5 years of piano study. He has made great strides in his commitment to practice this year. He

loves to express his music his own way, showing me how well he can play his songs! He has done a great job memorizing music, completing his AIM exam, and enjoying Star Wars music. We have had fun playing our duet and putting together a small ensemble!! Jimmy, I am very proud of your accomplishments this year!



JESSICA INCH SILETZKY

I loved taking the portraits again this year and seeing all the growth in everyone! It is a joy for me to take videos in the studio and produce a lifelong memory! As a professional musician and music teacher, participating with my mom's piano studio has been very natural. Outside of the

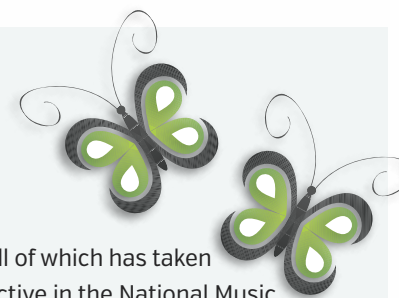
studio, I am an adjunct Professor of Music Theory at Wheaton College, I perform as a flutist in the Wheaton Bible Church Orchestra, am the media coordinator and play with the Wheaton Municipal Band. Mainly, however, I am a digital filmmaker, screenwriter, director and photographer through my production company, Love and Legacy Films. I am the mom of a lively 11 year old who is taking lessons with his Grandma [Mrs. Inch] for the fifth 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.



DEBI INCH

I have been teaching piano for 36 years, all of which has taken place here in West Chicago. I have been active in the National Music

Teachers Association for 28 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 conferences, constantly bringing the newest ideas to our studio. Our recital photo brochure has been featured in national pedagogy workshops on "how to make a recital sparkle"! I am a musician who also finds an incredible outlet in health and fitness, mixing artistry in the afternoon teaching with working out in the morning! I have recently added Norwex Independent Consultant to my life passions. 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.



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