



MANKATO SCHOOL OF MUSIC

May 2022

Director's Note

Happy May Everyone!

It was so glorious to hear all the progress at spring recitals, many of you performing for the first time!

As summer is just around the corner, don't forget to register for those summer lessons and keep that momentum going! Summer is a good time to take a little extra time with our instruments and work out those problem spots we maybe didn't have time for during the school year!

Also, our summer programming is here too! You won't want to miss all the fun so take a look at that too!



Mary Flanagan
Executive Director, MSOM

More information about summer programming on our Facebook page and website! Opportunities include:

-Summer lessons

-Fiddlesticks

-Music therapy classes for all ages



Student Spotlight

Morgan Wollman

How long have you been taking lessons?
---"Nine months."

What is your favorite type of music to play?
---"I like playing famous classical pieces the most, especially ones that are slow and expressive."

What is your favorite part of lessons?
---"Playing through a piece of music after learning it well, especially if the teacher adds a nice harmony line."

"Where words fail, music speaks."

~Hans Christian Andersen

SAM Graduates

We want to acknowledge in a special way all this year's SAM (Suzuki Association of Minnesota) graduates who worked so hard to submit memorized recordings of their completed levels, performed LIVE and received trophies and feedback comments for their accomplishments!

Mankato & Blue Earth Students:

Lexi Armstrong: Twinkle Level
Amanda Autore: Twinkle Level
Sylvia Bentler: Level 1
Piper Greenwood: Twinkle Level, Level 1
Oliver Haekenkamp: Twinkle Level
Madeline Hamburg: Twinkle Level
Jonathan Makela: Level 2 & Level 3
Jessica Moore: Twinkle Level, Level 1
Coltin Olmanson: Level 2
Ally Peterson: Twinkle Level
Charlotte Reichel: Twinkle Level
Elena Ruyter: Twinkle Level
Sophia Schimek: Twinkle Level
Vera Sullivan: Level 1
Grace: Twinkle Level, Level 1

Mountain Lake Students:

Kaylee: Twinkle Level
Caleb: Twinkle Level
Victoria: Twinkle Level, Level 1
Ailene: Twinkle Level, Level 1
Lashunda: Twinkle Level

Henderson/Altona Students:

Sarah: Twinkle Level
Hannah: Twinkle Level, Level 1
Aliya: Twinkle Level, Level 1
Tiara: Twinkle Level
Renaë: Twinkle Level, Level 1
Serene: Twinkle Level, Level 1
Davina: Twinkle Level



Teacher Feature

Noah Wilson

Hometown

---"I was born in St. Paul, but grew up in Eagan, Mexico, and eventually St. Peter!"

Most rewarding part of teaching

---"One of the most rewarding parts of teaching is seeing that moment of realization on my students' faces when there's a particularly tricky technique or piece and they've finally figured it out and mastered it!"

Favorite type of music to play

---"One of my favorite types of music to play is baroque music, as well as playing in pits for musicals since it's such a rewarding massive collaborative effort!"

Fun fact about yourself

---"When I'm not teaching or playing, I enjoy building Lego sets (as some of my students may have already discovered)."

April Recital Photos

Thank you to everyone who participated in the recitals!

