



# MANKATO SCHOOL OF MUSIC

March 2022

## Director's Note

*Hey everybody!*

*Can you believe it's already March?*

*You've almost made it through another long school year of practicing and attending lessons!*

*March can tend to be a blah month for me. Maybe it is for you too. Winter isn't really over. Spring isn't really started yet. We are caught in the middle of two seasons, and it can get exhausting waiting for that sun to come out.*

*Especially in months like March it can help to remind ourselves WHY we are taking lessons.*

*What inspires you to get to your instrument and practice even on those grey, long winter days that are just "blah!" Is it the LOVE of your instrument? The LOVE of playing? The LOVE you have for your family who are paying for your lessons?*

*When we find our WHY (the reason we are taking lessons) everything becomes easier.*

*This month think about your WHY!*

*Email Emily or myself and let us know! We'd love to pin each of your reasons on our bulletin board to help motivate ALL of us!*



Mary Flanagan  
Executive Director, MSOM



## Student Spotlight

*Natalia Sanchez*

How long have you been taking lessons?

---Five months

What is your favorite part of lessons?

--Learning new songs and skills

What is your favorite type of music to play?

---Songs from movies

*"Natalia always shows up to her lessons with a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard. She is a very dedicated student and is always striving to be the best that she can be."*

~Emily Parkins  
Natalia's teacher

*"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."*

-Billy Joel

# Spring Recitals

All **Mankato** recitals will be held at Belgrade Methodist Church in North Mankato on:

*Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30*

*Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30, 4:30, and 7:30*

*Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30, 4:30, and 7:30*

The **Madelia** recital will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on:

*Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm*

The **Blue Earth** recital will be held at The Ten Talents Center for the Arts on:

*Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm*

The **Henderson** recital will be held on:

*Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm*

The **Mountain Lake** recital will be held on:

*Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm*



## Special Book Reading and Instrument Petting Zoo

Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30-3:30pm

Blue Earth County Library

100 E Main St Mankato

## Teacher Feature

### *Brent Ekstrom*

Hometown

---Bemidji, MN

Most rewarding part of teaching

---"For me, the most rewarding part of teaching is seeing students get over that bump where they finally start to understand something and become passionate about it."

Favorite type of music to play

---"My favorite music to play is any sort of New Orleans brass band music or Jazz

Fun fact about yourself

---"In my past time, I like to watch movies, play games, and hang outside with my friends."



## Violin Group Classes!

All classes held at MSM Mankato Location

### Beginner violin group class:

*Tuesdays 4:30-5:15pm*

### Fiddle group class:

*first two Thursdays a month 6:30-7:20*

### Intermediate violin group class:

*Saturdays 9:30-10:15am*

### Advanced violin group class:

*Saturdays 10:15-11:00am*

