



Music Lessons on Piano, Voice & Guitar

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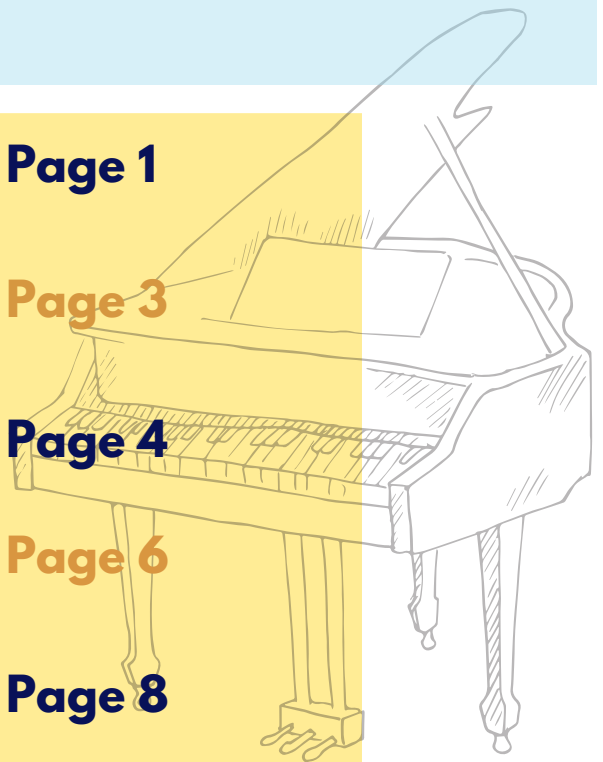
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2024 Student of the Year: Camille Wilson

Piano Student of Hayley Mullins



Camille Wilson, Pianist

Triad Music Academy is proud to announce Camille Wilson, pianist, as our 2024 Student of the Year. Camille started piano lessons with TMA in 2022 as a student of Founder & Lead Piano Instructor, Alek Wasserman. She now takes in-home piano lessons in

Winston-Salem with Piano Instructor Hayley Mullins.

With a combination of consistent practice habits and a stellar attitude towards piano lessons, Camille has found lots of success throughout her time as a TMA student.

Camille has performed in numerous piano recitals and has completed several piano books already.

In her two years as a piano student, Camille has greatly improved her music reading skills and found joy in learning how to use the sustain pedal.

Camille is surely on track to be a lifelong pianist and a great contributor to our school for years to come!

"Camille is always ready to play and eager to learn new pieces.

She works hard at both learning the music quickly and integrating the details of musicality into her playing. She doesn't give up, even when she doesn't understand or a piece takes longer than she'd hoped. She even sometimes asks to work longer on a piece to get it just right. I enjoy her enthusiasm and diligence!" - Hayley Mullins, TMA Piano Instructor



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Q: How long have you been playing the piano, and what is something you've learned that really stands out to you?

A: I started playing when I was 7 years old, so have been playing for 2 years. The biggest thing I have learned is getting better at piano is a lot of hard work and takes a lot of practice.

Q: What is your favorite aspect of playing the piano, and why?

A: I love that you can play so many different types of piano music for different occasions or moods. It's fun to make music that is soft, loud, happy, or even silly.

Q: What is the biggest challenge you've overcome on your piano journey so far?

A: I would say learning to read music has been the biggest challenge, but feel proud that I have gotten better at it.

Q: What are your other interests and activities aside from playing the piano? Do you know what you want to do when you grow up?

A: I love art, dancing and playing tennis. I also really love animals, especially dogs. I want to be a dance teacher when I grow up.

Q: What does it mean to you to be named Triad Music Academy's Student of the Year?

A: I feel really proud of myself for working so hard to be named Student of the Year.

"Camille was an excellent student for me, and I am not surprised that she has continued her improvement with Hayley. Camille's greatest strength is her determination. No matter how hard a piece of music is, she always finds the best practice strategies and pursues them readily. Here's to her continued success!" - Alek Wasserman, TMA Founder & Lead Piano Instructor



2024: TMA Year in Review



**By Alek Wasserman,
Triad Music Academy
Instructor/Founder**

2024 was a huge year for Triad Music Academy! It's hard to account for everything we accomplished in just one page, but here are some of our top highlights:

Location: In March, we opened our Main Studio at 895 Peters Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem. We expanded our studio with lessons next door at 897 Peters Creek Parkway in November. Raleigh in-home lessons began in June.

Lesson Offerings: We taught our first voice lesson in April and our first guitar lesson in August. Our piano lesson program continues to be among North Carolina's finest.

Student Body: TMA started off 2024 with a total student body of 86 students. As of the time of writing, our student body stands at an all-time peak of 138 musicians!

Performances: TMA students performed in six child recitals, one adult recital, and three piano masterclasses featuring faculty from UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Greensboro,

and the UNC School of the Arts.

Instructors: TMA's teaching roster more than doubled from six piano instructors, to 14 total instructors across piano, voice, and guitar.

Instruments: In line with growing our programs and facilities, TMA acquired four pianos and four guitars.

With all of our successes, I would like to personally thank the Winston-Salem, Lexington, and Raleigh communities for your support of our music lessons. Every family that's been involved in our operations has played an important part, and we certainly could not do it all without these great people.

If you or your child are interested in music lessons with TMA, please text me at (336) 497-1136 to get started.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alek Wasserman'.

**-Alek Wasserman
Founder & Lead Piano Instructor**

Fall Masterclass and Recitals Recap



Masterclass

On November 2nd, six TMA piano students performed duets in a masterclass under UNC School of the Arts Professor of Collaborative Piano, Dr. Allison Gagnon. The masterclass was held at Triad Music Academy.

Recitals

On November 24th, 72 TMA piano students and one TMA voice student performed in three recitals across various teachers' studios. Two recitals were held at Temple Emanuel, and one was held at Triad Music Academy.



Studios of Natalie Barela, Austin Caldie, PG Hazard & Shannon Lindegren



Studios of Eric Schwartz, Han Vu, Alek Wasserman & Peyton Wheeler



Studio of Hayley Mullins

Lesson Openings

Teacher	Location	Instrument	Day	Time
<u>Natalie Barela</u>	Main Studio	Piano	Monday	3:00-4:00 PM
<u>Daniel Bukin</u>	Raleigh In-Home	Piano	Sunday	12:00-2:00 PM
<u>Mark Fields</u>	Main Studio	Guitar	Wednesday	4:00-4:30 PM & 5:30-6:30 PM
<u>Hayley Mullins</u>	Main Studio	Piano	Tuesday	7:30-8:00 PM

Fully Booked Instructors:

Austin Caldie,
Laura Carisa Gardea, PG Hazard,
Shannon Lindegren, Eric Schwartz,
Han Vu, Alek Wasserman
& Peyton Wheeler

Upcoming Events!

Spring Recitals

Date(s) TBD

Temple Emanuel Winston-Salem

Recitals open to all Triad Music Academy students. Email alek@triadmusicacademy.com with any questions!