

# March Musical Beat



## March Open House and Your Complimentary Trials through 3/22!

We are offering a free complimentary trial from March 13th-22nd in  
**Piano (Classical/Jazz/Pop), Voice (Classical/Opera/Pop), Early  
childhood music (Music FunTime), Choir, Guitar(Acoustic/Electric),  
Drums, Violin, Viola, Cello, Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone,  
Clarinet, Flute, Songwriting, Composition**

Music has been such an important part of our lives that we want to share it with you. If you are new to ISM we would love to sign you up for a complimentary 30min. trial lesson or in any of our group classes - and if you are already an ISM family or friend it is a great opportunity to try out an additional program. Call 949.385.2034 to sign up for yours!



# Look out for our Special Events and Closure Dates

We are so excited about our upcoming concerts! Please note the dates of our Segerstrom Concert and Summer Concert.

Segerstrom Concert- June 29, 2019  
Summer Concert- June 9, 16 & 23, 2019

Please note the following dates in which the school will be no classes.

April 21, 2019  
May 27, 2019



# Sign Up for Masterclass Online

Students can sign up for masterclasses online now! Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B4AADAF2AA6FD0-masterclass> to sign up for class, view or change your sign up. If you have already signed up in the binder, we have input your classes online with the email on file.

Reminders will be sent to you via email 3 days before your class. If you

have any questions, please contact our Front Desk staff.



# Winner of the Junior Bach Festival of Southern California



*Angela (Age 11 and enrolled at ISM since 2016)*

Congrats to Angela (Age 11) for winning the first place in the Irvine branch of the Southern California Junior Bach Festival! ☐☐

We are excited to see her move on to the regional in May and the state final in August!!! Angela has been learning the piano with us since she was 4. “It’s an absolute pleasure working with Angela. She is an incredibly fast learner and above all, a diligent practicer who gets wonderful support at home from mom and dad. We know in music lessons that it takes the teacher-parent-student triangle to work together. This is a great example when they work so well together, we get the student not only excels but is truly passionate about each step of



learning.” says Angela’s piano teacher, Director Cameron.



# Segerstrom Spotlight



## **What does performing at Segerstrom mean for you?**

I am happy for the chance to perform at Segerstrom. It makes me feel accomplished to play my music there! This is it! I am so excited!

## **What do you like most about your music lessons?**

I like that my teacher takes a lot of interest in how I am performing. She always encourages me to get to perfection. Her passion for music makes me like playing piano even more!

## What do you like most about being at ISM taking music lessons?

I love being a student at Irvine School of Music. Everyone at ISM is very supportive. Especially in helping me to learn music. My brother and friends also come here! The teachers are very good and kid friendly. They teach, motivate and inspire the children to do better.

His mom said, in addition to the above, the school is very proactive in organizing events and platforms for students to present their work. As I parent, I feel this is an important part of the students overall development and a great opportunity for them to receive appreciation for all their hard work.

## How do you stay motivated in practicing between classes?

I understand that every new song takes some time to get better. More practice will make me better. Sometimes I learn really fast and sometimes it takes too long...My teacher gives me details on what I need to work on so I have clear things to do to get better. Most days I enjoy my practice, on days that I don't practice my brother and parents encourage and support me to make it happen :)

## What does music mean for you?

“ Music is my passion”. It means a lot to me. I like that I can share my music with my family and friends. Sometimes I like to sing along. They tell me how good I am. With practice I am getting better with each year.



# New Teacher Spotlight



## Ms. Vanessa - Voice, Piano, Early Childhood Music (Music Fun Time)

Vanessa is a conservatory-trained teacher and singer. She holds a master of music degree in vocal performance and pedagogy from the renowned Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University, and bachelor of music degree in vocal performance from California State University Stanislaus.

Vanessa has performed with opera, choral, and musical theater companies across the country, including Baltimore Choral Arts Society and Pacific Chorale. She has spent years as a private voice and piano instructor,



crafting her skill and natural versatility across a wide range of musical styles, from classical to contemporary. Her teaching focuses on the form, musicianship, and overall healthy production that can be applied to any age or genre of music performance practice. Vanessa's mission is to help her students find and strengthen the natural and unique beauty of their sound and musicality, and ISM students who have worked with her love their lessons!



### **Ms. Anna - Voice, Violin, Piano**

Ms. Anna graduate from Chapman University with a Bachelor of Music. She continued to pursue her music education at Cal State Fullerton, graduating with a Master of Music. Ms. Anna has been teaching violin, voice and piano, from beginner to intermediate level. Besides teaching her students music from books, she also likes to have them do some improvisation to inspire their musicality and creativity.

Ms. Anna has experience in teaching young children from 5 years old to adult students who have not play the instrument for years. In her class, you will feel very special because she tailors the lessons toward the need of individual students, and she will build a strong rapport with her students. Her ultimate goal is to inspire her students to feel the love of music that she feels, and the students will continue on the musical path in their lives, whether it is recreational or professional.

Ms. Anna loves performing, especially opera. Besides teaching, she is also the singer and violinist at her church. In her free time, she likes to read, play video games, and do small ensembles with her friends.



# 2019 Winter Remodel



Have you seen our new sign and beautifully painted classroom walls? We have gotten so much done already to make our school a beautiful and inviting space. Our Achievement Medals will be going up on the walls soon that we use for musical inspiration, as well as showcase our amazing students' success and hard work. This remodel has been a great opportunity for us to design a space where our students can really engage in their lessons. We are excited for you to see our schools new look, and we will be finishing up soon!



## Medal level Recipients

We are so proud of our students for completing the recording, technique, sight-reading, theory, and composition requirements for each ISM Medal level - this is our core curriculum that will lay a lifetime of musical success and enjoyment for students of all ages and levels! Each level takes about 6 months to complete and there are 24 levels for each instrument - yes.. representing the 12 years from beginning to mastery of an instrument! For more about mastery timelines, check out the 10,000 hour rule as Malcolm Gladwell lays out in his book about mastery, "Outliers!"



Congratulations to Piano Lesson Student Ellie on achieving her ISM Level 5 Piano medal. She studies with instructor Pat.

Congratulations to Piano Lesson Student Dhyaan on achieving his ISM Level 7 Piano medal. He studies with instructor Carol.



Congratulations to Guitar Lesson Student Om on achieving his ISM Level 3 Guitar medal. He studies with instructor Brandon.

## More Medal Level Recipients

DHARMA L.  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 8

GAVYN Y  
ISM DRUM  
LEVEL 1

GRACE WANG  
ISM DRUM  
LEVEL 1

KYLIE Q  
ISM PIANO

SAMANTHA B  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 1

MATHEW B  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 1

ROHAN R  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 1

TANVI O  
ISM CHOIR



LEVEL 2

ELLIE X  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 5

KAYLA C  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 2

MIA C  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 2

NOAH B  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 1

GABRIELLA C  
ISM CHOIR  
LEVEL 2

CHRISTOPHER T  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 8

KAI A  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 3

OM M  
ISM GUITAR  
LEVEL 3

NELLIE M  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 5

ZARA T  
ISM DRUMS  
LEVEL 6

PRITHVI O  
ISM GUITAR  
LEVEL 1

BRIANNA L  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 4

ANNIKA P  
ISM PIANO

LEVEL 1

FRANCESCA J  
ISM CHOIR  
LEVEL 1

SOPHIA ORDUKHANI  
ISM CHOIR  
LEVEL 1

NATALIE H  
ISM CHOIR  
LEVEL 2

ALISON H  
ISM CHOIR  
LEVEL 2

LILIAN C  
ISM CHOIR  
LEVEL 2

RISHABH K  
ISM GUITAR  
LEVEL 1

AMARA R  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 7

MINH D  
ISM DRUMS  
LEVEL 1

TIMOTHY C  
ISM DRUMS  
LEVEL 8

FAITH N  
ISM DRUMS  
LEVEL 4

ARJUN G  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 5

MYRA Z  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 1

PRISCILLA C  
ISM PIANO

LEVEL 1

DHYAAN K  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 7

MAHIKA M  
ISM PIANO  
LEVEL 4

LEVEL 2

HALEY K  
ISM VOICE  
LEVEL 1

ANIKET K  
ISM VOICE  
LEVEL 5



# Lets Welcome the New Students from March & February !!!



- GAGE R
- RYAN F
- VISHNU C
- EMMA D
- CHANNELLE V
- OLIVIA P
- NASEEMAH A
- SOFIA E

- OMID F
- SHIVA C
- ANTONIA P
- LAKSHIMI C
- PRESTON L
- DANIEL A
- MOHAMMAD H
- LEYLA S

- AADARSH Y
- KAAVYA Y
- DANIELLE R
- XAVIER M
- ANNAPURNA L
- SAM M
- ABBY H
- AMBER L
- SIENNA S
- STELLA D
- NIKITHA T
- ESHWAR T

- GABRIELLA C
- NAOMI C
- PHILLIP W
- DENVER R
- PRANAV P
- JOSIAH L
- JOSEPH P
- CHANNELLE V
- AMBER L
- EZRA S
- MATEO N
- JORDYN L
- SRIPRIYA V



# RCMD BEST WISHES

We are so proud of all our students that continue to move up in their musical journey. We want to wish all the students taking the RCMD good luck! Work hard everyone and make ISM proud! Here are the list of students taking the exam in May/June.

- IMAD A.
- VIVIAN G.
- VIBHAS I.
- DANIEL C.
- ANNABELLE C.
- MAHIKA M.
- RIYA V.
- SRIYA V.
- NAZELI G.
- ANGELA C
- CLAIRE S.

## August 2019 Registration Deadline



Event	Date
Online Registration Opens	April 16, 2019
Online Registration Deadline	May 14, 2019
Theory Examinations	August 9 & 10, 2019
Practical Examinations	August 2-8, 2019 (select centers only)



# Student of the Month



**STUDENT OF THE MONTH!**

**Aaron N.**

CLICK HERE TO CHECK OUT HIS AMAZING  
PERFORMANCE OF THE "FLUTTERING LEAVES" BY  
HELLER.

Congratulations to Aaron for achieving "Student of the Month"! He is 14 years old and has been enrolled at ISM since 2015! His piano teacher Daniel says that "Aaron has improved and achieved so much this year. He explored his interest in jazz music, at the same time developing his sensitivity for classical music. It is such a pleasure to teach such a talented and hard working student, and I look forward to seeing him grow in his musical journey." To check out his amazing performance of "The Fluttering Leaves" by Heller as part of his Piano Medal Level 11 Album, please click on the photo above.

Best of luck to Aaron in his next RCMD exam as well and we can't wait to hear him in our June concerts!



# We Are Hiring!

We are reaching out for your referrals for our full time **customer service/operations/front desk manager!** Please see the job description at <https://www.irvineschoolofmusic.com/about-us/jobs/>

