



# ALBUQUERQUE INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

October 2021

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH!

Congratulations to Kailey! Dr. Zach nominated Kailey for learning a new piece by ear all on her own! Kailey is working on the following pieces: Long Long Ago & Song of the Wind. Way to go, Kailey!



## HALLOWEEN RECITAL

Our Halloween Recital was a great success! Watch, share, and enjoy our first ever Halloween Virtual Recital at:

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeEueqq1YDM8-oyLhUrb7gqqW0Qy2ZH8r>

or scan the QR code below:



## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **SCHOOL CLOSURES:** We will be closed 11/24 [Wed] - 11/26 [Fri] for Thanksgiving Break! *Lessons will resume on 11/27 [Sat]*
- **TRINITY PRACTICAL EXAM DATE:** 11/6/21 @ 9 AM [Sat]
- **THE 2022 VIRTUAL WINTER RECITAL DATE HAS BEEN SET!** The videos will debut on our YouTube on 12/11/21 [Sat].
  - **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT:** 12/4/21 *more details will be available soon!*



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## CONGRATULATIONS!!

We are so proud of our students and their dedication to music! Please enjoy all of these wonderful recent achievements!

*Kate Shao*



Kate won representative at the MNTA Composition Competition and is advancing to Nationals!

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

Kate composed her piece with our wonderful instructor Colin at his Composition Camp over the summer?

*Sean + Daniel Phoi*



Sean & Daniel were awarded Grand Prize at the 21st Century Talents Ensemble Competition in their category! Additionally, Daniel participated in a Master Class with the world renowned Dr. Yi-Yang!

*Anna Kalugin*



Anna won Second Place at the 21st Century Talents Keyboard Competition in her category!

## **Additionally, many students placed in the 2021 District Honors Auditions!**

### **Level 1**

Anna Kalugin - 2nd Place

### **Level 2**

Daniel Choi & Jennifer Si - Tied for 1st Place

### **Level 3**

Kate Shao - 1st Place

James Si - Honorable Mention

### **Level 4**

Jack Yu - 1st Place



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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST INSTRUCTOR!

*Petra Soltis*



Petra is a piano teacher who recently moved from Austin, TX to Rio Rancho. She has been playing piano since the age of 5 and earned her bachelor's in classical piano and audio engineering at the Robert Schumann University in Duesseldorf, Germany. She later added two master's degrees in business and management but realized that music education is her real passion. Petra is an experienced Music Together licensee and has been teaching early childhood music, Montessori classroom music, and piano since 2003. As a singer/songwriter and children's performer she has participated in several Family Festivals in Texas but finds the greatest joy in witnessing her students' musical growth, as they demonstrate their skills in recitals and performances.

## PUPDATE!

*Lily*



This month we have sweet Lily making an appearance in the newsletter! Rumor has it, she is a fantastic singer.

October was an eventful month! From the Halloween Recital, to new instructors, to competition winners! We are so proud of all of our staff and students! We look forward to what November will bring!



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