



ALBUQUERQUE INSTITUTE OF MUSIC

MARCH NEWSLETTER



Spring Break March 25-31
SCHOOL CLOSED

Upcoming Important Dates

March 3 Jennifer Studio Recital

March 3 Janice Studio Recital

Mar 16-17 Federation Festival

Mar 18-24 International Teach Music Week

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March 28 World Piano Day



Star Student

Amanda got invited to play at the RCM Celebration of Excellence in Salt Lake City for her fabulous work on her RCM Exam. You go girl!!!



Carnival of Animals

Pablo and Nathan gave a delightful performance last month of Camille Saint-Saëns's Carnival of the animals! Pablo also featured some of his solo work!



Meet Kaitlynd Ruesch

With 13 years of dedicated study, Kaitlynd is a seasoned pianist, and recently earned her Bachelor's Degree in Piano Performance from BYU-Idaho in December 2023. Passionate about sharing the joy of music, she finds fulfillment in instructing pianists of all ages. Kaitlynd also extends her expertise to ukulele, and beginner guitar. She eagerly looks forward to pursuing her Master's degree in August 2024.



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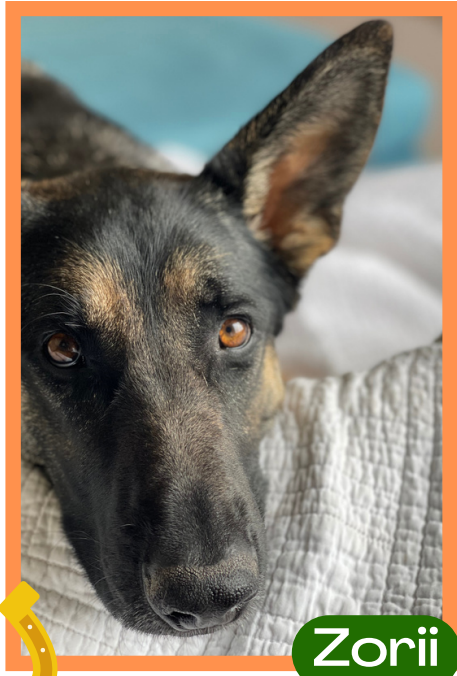
Meet Lewis Byrd

Lewis is a German-American pianist from Albuquerque. He has studied classical piano performance at UNM under Falko Steinbach, and is currently studying jazz piano under James Balagurchik. He is dedicated to both teaching and performing piano music, and has explored many different genres and composers. He has experience working with various ensembles, including church choirs, classical quartets, and the UNM symphony orchestra. He has participated in the Klavierfestival Lindlar in Germany twice, which included masterclasses and concerts. Outside of music, Lewis enjoys swimming and playing chess.



Pet of the Month

Zorii, is 2 year old German Shepherd. She loves her family so much that she can't stand to be away from them. She even will go down the slide with the kids! Zorii will bark at Lando, her dog brother, to be quiet and calm down so that the family can practice piano in peace and quiet.



Zorii



Competition Success!

Congratulations to Kate Shao who took 1st place at the Jackie McGehee Young artist's competition! She won \$2500 and will get to play with a live orchestra. Big shout out to Jack Yu who placed 3rd winning \$1000 and Sophia Zhang who was awarded the Rising Star and \$500!

Jennifer's Theory Class

Interested in music theory? This class is open to all students who have the knowledge on this link. The class will be held Saturdays at 8:45am starting April 6 for 7 weeks. Cost is \$182 +tax for the entire series. Students must purchase their own RCM theory book.



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