



Pittsburgh Music House

# Music House Monthly

SEPTEMBER 2024



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Early Booking Window**  
(October Group Classes) 9/23-9/30

**Schedule changes to October private lessons due** by 9/30.

**RSVP for Recital due** by 9/30

### Winter Studio Recital

(Ruckus Cafe)  
11/22, time TBD

### Jorbi's October Play Date

10/5, 2:00-3:00pm  
Pre-registration required



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

**Thank you so much for trusting us with your child's (or your own) music education.**

Since we opened in July of 2022, we could have never dreamed of the community that we are lucky enough to have today. Our students and families are sweet, supportive, enthusiastic, and passionate about making music (and having fun while doing it). Here's to more musical joy this month!

### August Stats:

- Taught 230 private lessons
- Taught 22 group classes
- Hosted 11 free trial lessons/classes
- Hosted 2 families at Jorbi's play date

# PRACTICING UP A STORM

Mini Jorbi visits musicians, and is amazed by their hard work.

Recently, our studio stuffy (inspired by our therapy dog), Jorbi, has been visiting students in our studio to see how they make music at home. During his August vacation, he practiced his treble clef note reading, played his first piano piece with two hands, and supervised his music friends' practice sessions. He is very excited to make more music this month on his next few vacations.

# REWARDING DEDICATION

## Fall Practicing Incentives

Students may track their practicing to earn music dollars, which they can spend on prizes. Ask your teacher for more details to start earning music money today!



Cost  (music money)	Prize
Up to  25	Purchase other students' original compositions
 50	Your teacher will perform for you OR 2 minute Jorbi break during your lesson
 100	Prize Box OR be featured on our Instagram story
 250	Visit another student's lesson, have your lesson in a different classroom, Jorbi sits with you during your lesson, OR take Jorbi through a 5-minute training session
 500	Your picture goes in the Practicing Hall of Fame (if your picture is already in the hall of fame, we'll frame your picture in gold as a distinguished member), OR take Jorbi for a walk (with parent permission)

**PLEASE CONGRATULATE OUR FIRST DISTINGUISHED HALL OF FAME MEMBER!**

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO SAM HUMPHREY, who completed 1,000 repetitions of his practice goals.



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## COMMUNITY UPDATES

### **Making Our Mark**

In October, November, and December, students will have the opportunity to **paint their handprints** on our basement waiting room wall. Keep an eye out for a message letting you know when it is your child's turn to leave their mark!

### **Welcome Our New Instrument!**

We are super excited to welcome our beautiful new drum kit to the Pittsburgh Music House space. Miss Noelle is our percussion teacher. Please reach out if you would like to register for lessons. P.S. Adults who sign up for Jam Sessions will also have the opportunity to use the drum kit!

### **Fall Performance Master Classes**

Private lesson families - look out for our Fall Performance Master Class dates in October and November. In these hour-long classes (\$20), students will have the opportunity to practice performing for each other. They'll also receive tips on practicing, stage presence, and managing performance anxiety before our recital on November 22nd.

### **Bring-A-Friend Month in Group Class**

Group class families who bring a new friend to class in September or October will be entered to win a free month of unlimited group classes in November. Please let Miss Brooke know when you plan to bring a friend so that we can make sure there is enough room for everyone.

### **Coming Soon - Private Lesson Memberships (even more perks)**

We already have unlimited membership options for group class. However, starting in January, you'll have the opportunity to sign up for a private lesson membership.

30-minute weekly lesson membership: \$145/month (memberships available for all lesson durations and frequencies - call or text 412-646-0157 or ask your teacher for rates).

### Benefits of being a Private Lesson Member:

Automated payments each month

K-3 students may attend unlimited After School Music Club Sessions

Free workshops and master classes, and 50% discount on birthday parties and jam sessions

Access to private practice sessions - practice in the studio when rooms are open

## NOTES FROM OUR TEACHERS

### Miss Temmy

This month, I am proud of our students' enthusiasm, preparedness, and commitment to practice at home.

As the new school year begins, I would like to encourage all our musicians to participate in musical activities in school, and listen to lots of music at home so they can identify songs they would enjoy learning in lessons. I love when my students are "in charge" of their lessons by suggesting and playing their favorite songs.

### Miss Noelle

This month, I am so proud of how our students have embraced new challenges and explored new/different techniques on their instruments. As we start the new school year, my foremost advice is for students to thoughtfully plan their practice sessions and set small, achievable goals each day to make steady progress.

In the coming month, students can look forward to exciting music matching and listening games, along with fun, original compositions added to our wall by our very own talented composers. Here's to another fantastic month of making music and enjoying the journey together!

### Miss Brooke

This month, I am proud of our students for their perseverance. I hope that both our private lesson and group class students are starting to believe in their ability to learn new and difficult things. Music is such an incredible tool for developing critical thinking and inferencing skills, and it's fun to watch our students apply their existing knowledge of musical concepts to new, more challenging contexts.

In the coming month, students can look forward to gaining practice techniques for working on long-term projects (like their recital pieces), and learning without realizing they're learning (that's the sneaky power of play-based music lessons). Thank you for being part of our community, and stay tuned for a fall of musical growth and joy!

## DID YOU KNOW...

**Pittsburgh Music House families ALWAYS** get discounts on birthday parties and adult jam sessions. Let us know if you want to know more about planning an event, party, or night out with us!

