

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

2023

Upcoming:

Tune in for our **Online Recital** starting **this week**!

Get inspired by our amazing students' hard work as we share their performances over social media.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO **ALL OUR MUSIC FUNTIME PERFORMERS!**

These young musicians performed during their very own showcase, led by our wonderful teachers Chelsea and Danielle.











Welcome 51 **New Students!**

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Quinn A. Noah B. Tamush B. Lance B. Mason B. Emma B. Devon B. Allison C. Patti C. Carvinta C. Sylvia C. Mike D. John E. Celestina F. Ellie G. Zoe H. Asher H. Owen H. Spencer H. Collin J. Jayson J. Tina J. Uijin L. Uiroe L. Samantha L. Trey M. Alexander M.

We are extremely excited to welcome new amazing teachers to our Forté Family!

Jacob - Drums



Originally from Jefferson, Ohio, Jacob has spent most of his life surrounded by music. Jacob first discovered his love of music through Guitar Hero. In high school, he was involved extensively with music and was head chair in its marching, concert, and jazz bands. He then went to Ohio University to further expend his music training, including music theory and music history. Jacob received his B.A. in

Music Business/Marketing in 2018. While in Athens, he played for several projects in the area and worked on mastering his skills.

Moving to Toledo in 2019, he has since become a part of the local music scene, playing in his band, Nobody Wins. Jacob has experience in all types of drumming, including latin, rock, funk, hip-hop, punk, jazz, hardcore, and country. Some favorite performers include José Passilas and Travis Barker. He is very excited to help new students find their voice behind the kit, and become an overall more rounded instrumentalist.

Some of Jacob's hobbies outside of music include video games, cooking, Legos, and watching the Cleveland Cavs and Cleveland Guardians.



Edward - Guitar

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Born and raised in the Baltimore-Washington area, Edward formally began his study of music at the age of 8, playing violin in his elementary school orchestra, and would begin teaching himself to play the guitar around the age of 12. As a teenager, he learned to busk in Annapolis and Washington, DC with his teacher Vasili Frankos, and played occasional weddings and events. His first brush with professional-level music came when he played for the Baltimore Youth Summer Orchestra camp, playing the original scores of pieces like Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings and Stravinsky's Firebird.

After graduating high school, Edward shifted his primary focus to the guitar, studying first under the tutelage of Baltimore-based jazz-guitarist Michael Raitzik, and then with Toledo's own Jay Weik. This period of study widened his appreciation for the value of musicianship, as his passion and joy for making music translated into a newfound sense of discipline and self-improvement which he had previously struggled to find in traditional studies. In 2019, Edward began teaching privately, with a focus on creative musicianship and improvisation, hoping to impart that same ethos of creatively induced discipline to his students, both young and old. In January of 2020, he toured the northeast as a substitute bassist for Maryland pop-punk outfit Kings of the Wild Things, and in 2023 he was hired to play in the pit band for a local production of the musical Be More Chill. You can find him playing at jazz jam sessions around the Toledo area.

Edward is currently pursuing a degree in Music Education at the University of Toledo, where he is a recipient of a merit scholarship for performance in the Jazz Ensemble, as well as playing viola in the UT Orchestra under Norm Damschroder.



Forté is filling up! Here are the remaining teacher openings:

Monday: Amy L. (flute) - SOLD OUT Chavar (guitar) – SOLD OUT Chelsea (voice/piano)- 2 Openings Chloe (voice/guitar) - 1 Opening Conner (guitar) - 2 Openings Dana (violin) - 1 Opening David (guitar/voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Evelyn (violin/viola) - 1 Opening Jim A (cello) - 2 Openings Jim S. (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT Jordan (drums) - SOLD OUT Julia (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Katherine (piano/brass) - 1 Opening Kevin L. (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Tuesday:

Kevin S. (winds/piano) - SOLD OUT Melissa (violin/viola) - SOLD OUT Ron (guitar/banjo) – 2 Openings Scott (drums) – 2 Openings

Wesley (piano) - 2 Openings

Wednesday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) - 2 Openings Brian (flute/clarinet/sax) - 2 Openings Cam (guitar/piano) - SOLD OUT Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT David (guitar/voice/piano) - 1 Opening **Evelyn (violin) - SOLD OUT** Greg (guitar) - SOLD OUT Jim A. (cello) - 1 Opening Jim S. (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Julia (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Katherine (brass, piano) - 1 Opening Kevin P. (piano) - 1 Opening Kevin S. (winds) - SOLD OUT Melanie (piano) - SOLD OUT Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT Randy (violin) - 1 Opening Ron (guitar/banjo) - 2 Openings Sam (drums) - SOLD OUT Sy (piano) - 1 Opening Tajj (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Wesley (piano) - 1 Opening Sam (drums) - SOLD OUT Sy (piano) - 1 Opening Tajj (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Friday:

Bogdan (violin) - 1 Opening Brian (trumpet) - 3 Openings Corey (trumpet/online) - 2 Openings Dan (guitar) - 2 Openings Daniel (voice) - 1 Opening Greg (guitar) - 2 Openings Jordan (drums) - SOLD OUT Julia (voice/piano) - 2 Openings Karli (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Melissa (violin) - SOLD OUT Nolan (piano) - 1 Opening Orlando (piano) - 2 Openings Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT Randy (violin) - SOLD OUT

Sunday:

Ayanna (violin) - 2 Openings Cam (guitar/piano) - 2 Openings Chavar (guitar) - SOLD OUT Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Daniel (guitar) - 2 Openings Edward (guitar) **NEW!** - 4 Openings Jim A. (cello) - SOLD OUT Joslynn (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Karli (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Bogdan (violin/viola) – 1 Opening Chelsea (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT Chloe (voice/guitar) - SOLD OUT Connor (guitar) - SOLD OUT Danielle (piano) - SOLD OUT Evelyn (violin) - SOLD OUT Gracie (violin) - 1 Opening Jacob (drums) **NEW!** - 4 Openings Jane (trumpet) - SOLD OUT Jim A. (cello) - 2 Openings Jim S. (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT Jordan (drums) - SOLD OUT Julia (voice/piano) - 2 Openings Katherine (brass, piano) - 1 Opening Melanie (piano) - SOLD OUT Melissa (violin) - SOLD OUT Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT Randy (violin) - 1 Opening Ron (guitar/banjo) - 1 Opening

Thursday:

Sy (piano) - 2 Openings

Taylor (piano) - SOLD OUT

Cam (guitar/piano) - 1 Opening Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Dana (violin) - 3 Openings Daniel (voice) - 1 Opening Danielle (piano) - 2 Openings David (guitar/voice/piano) - 3 Openings Jim A. (cello) - 2 Openings Jim S. (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Jordan (drums) - SOLD OUT Katherine (piano) - SOLD OUT Kevin L. (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Kevin S. (winds) - SOLD OUT Lucas (voice/guitar/uke) - SOLD OUT Orlando (piano) - 2 Openings Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT Randy (violin) - SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar/banjo) - 3 Openings Scott (drums) - 1 Opening Sy (piano) - 1 Opening

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Saturday:

Chelsea (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Corey (trumpet/online) - 1 Opening Daniel (guitar) - 2 Openings Danielle (piano) - 1 Opening David (guitar/voice/piano) - SOLD OUT Deja (voice/piano) - 2 Openings Grace (sax, clarinet) - 3 Openings Jim A. (cello) - 2 Openings

Jordan (drums) - SOLD OUT

Joslynn (voice/piano) - 2 Openings Kevin (voice) - 3 Openings Kurt (piano) - 3 Openings Nolan (piano) - 2 Openings Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT Ron (guitar/banjo) - 1 Opening Ryan (drums) - 1 Opening

Sy (piano) - 1 Opening Yana (violin/viola) - 3 Openings

Sunday Continued:

Kevin P. (piano) - 1 Opening Orlando (piano) - 1 Opening Sara (voice/piano) - 1 Opening Scott (drums) - SOLD OUT