

SPOTLIGHT ON CMS



Jillian Calkins Performing at the Merc

Jillian Calkins, vocal student of CMS instructor **Jason B.**, is enjoying great musical success. She is the winner of the 2009 Elsinore Idol competition, was recently a guest judge for the 2010 Elsinore Idol competition, and was a featured performer at the Country at the Merc Festival in Temecula on April 24th.

CMS voice, piano, and guitar teacher **Danielle P.** recently won first place at the

New Century Singers Whittier Vocal Competition, and was accepted into the Amalfi Music Festival. In July, she will perform as First Lady in Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, to be performed in Amalfi, Italy.

On the recommendation of her instructor, **Ryan R.**, CMS vocal student **Lesleigh-Alexes Arratia** was recently accepted to OperaWorks Emerging Artists, a highly acclaimed opera training program.

Joseph K., CMS violin instructor and his band Riddle the Roar recently headlined a very successful show at one of San Diego's finest music venues, the Belly-Up Tavern, on April 6th.

CMS guitar and bass guitar instructor **Bart B.** recently performed on the bass for up-and-coming musical act Samantha Smith at the Coach House in San Juan Capistrano on April 3rd, where she was the opening act for music legend Al Stewart. From there Bart traveled with Mark Wood and the Parrot Head Band to Okinawa as one of very few U.S. acts chosen to entertain thousands of troops at several festivals.

Larry W., CMS voice and piano teacher, Grammy-nominated artist and highly respected conductor, recently conducted a Tribute to Glenn Miller, featuring Peter Marshall, The Four Lads, The Ink Spots, The De-Marche Sisters, and String of Pearls at the Center of the Arts, Escondido, on April 18th.

Piano instructor **Miho G.** and the Pegasus Trio will perform a celebration of Chopin and Schumann as a fundraiser for the Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library's concert program at 3:00pm on May 16th. If you would like to support the arts and attend what promises to be a very enjoyable program, the address is 9005 Aero Drive, San Diego, 92123.



Miho G. and the Pegasus Trio

RAVE REVIEW FROM A CMS PARENT

A LETTER FROM STEPHEN FRAILEY, FATHER OF CMS STUDENT ZACK FRAILEY

My Son Zack is a new student of California Music Studios. He is a ninth grader at Francis Parker School in San Diego. Zack has played alto saxophone in the school band since fourth grade. Music has not been a passion for him and his grades and teacher comments have reflected his less than enthusiastic approach to practice and performance. Not long ago, your instructor **Joe M.** began a weekly session at our home with Zack. Joe talked about music history, theory and styles with Zack. Joe focused on little details like finger position, tongue use and timing as well as other aspects I do not even understand. Then when they played, Joe pushed Zack outside his usual comfort zone into exciting new areas. For the first time we heard our house filled with Zack's music in a way he had never played before. Sometimes Zack and Joe play a blues duet with Joe on our piano. It's fun for all of us and I see the connection between Zack and his music growing and becoming personal. Recently I was on campus and Zack's band teacher stopped to tell me about Zack's major shift in attitude and ability. He said Zack has improved tremendously and noticeably. Zack also got an "A" in band this grading period. To us, it's not about the grade, it's about the experience of being a musician. Now music is a real part of Zack's life, that no matter what his future holds for him, he will always be able to feel, understand and enjoy music more. Thank you California Music Studios and thank you Joe M. for this gift. We would recommend you to anyone who wants to see their child develop a love of music.

CMS STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

California Music Studios is often seen in the community, featuring students of all ages and talents at local events. We regularly feature students at the Encinitas Street Fair and the San Diego Sandcastle Competition, and have been featured in the past at theme parks including Legoland and the San Diego Wild Animal Park. Our most recent events were at the Encinitas Street Fair on April 24th. Our featured performers were **Michelle Veinbergs**, student of **Ean C.**, **Ann Perkins**, student of **Allison A.**, **Hannah Kent** and **Cora Morton**, students of **Judy M.**, **Thalia Johnston**, **Assa Westbrook**, and **Samantha Benline**, students of **Brianne M.**, and CMS' own **Nikki McDonald**. Because of the success of our Street Fair performers, we were invited back to perform a short feature at the Ladybug Festival at Weidner's Gardens on May 1st, where **Samantha Benline** and **Nikki McDonald** were featured again. Our next community appearance will be at the 2010 San Diego Sandcastle Competition in Imperial Beach on August 7th from 10:00am until 12:00pm. This event is always a big hit with our students and guests, so we hope to see you there!



Ann Perkins



Hannah Kent

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Ean C. and Michelle Veinbergs

CMS SUMMER GLEE WORKSHOP

This summer, CMS is hosting a **fun vocal camp** at our Encinitas studios for students ages 8-18. If you love the TV show Glee and have always wanted to be in a "show choir" or sing in a group environment, this is the camp for you! Students will learn songs from the TV show, routines, audition techniques, and will give a special performance when the camp ends.

The camp will be hosted by CMS vocal coach **Judy M.**. It will be held at CMS headquarters in Encinitas **July 26th–30th** from 9:30–12:00 daily, with a performance on July 31st (time TBA) at the Ruby Schulman Auditorium in Carlsbad. Tuition for the week is \$150 per child. For more information or to register, please call our office at 800-227-6222, or email our support staff at Support@CaliforniaMusicStudios.com. Hurry, as space is limited!

CMS STUDENTS GIVE CONCERT

We would like to invite you to "Around the World with the Le Van Family" with California Music Studios' own Le Van Family Musicians! **Eric Le Van**, CMS piano and violin instructor, is a world-renowned concert pianist. His children and CMS vocal students of CMS owner **Jennifer Paterson**, **Sarah**, **Solene**, and **Sean**, have performed worldwide on violin, piano, and as vocalists, and were chosen as a family act on "America's Got Talent" 2007. **They recently returned from their debut performance at Carnegie Hall**. Solene is the 1st place winner of the Las Vegas USA World Showcase 2004, 1st place winner of America's Most Talents Kids 2005, and gold medal winner of the American Association for the Development of the Gifted and Talented (AADGT) "Passion of Music" 2010 competition. Sean is the silver medal winner of AADGT "Passion of Music" 2010.

The concert will be held May 21st and 22nd at the Curtis Theatre in Brea, and will be recorded live for Resonance Records. Ticket prices range from \$25-\$50 each. For more information, please visit the following link: <http://www.resonancerecords.org/rjsevents/levan.php>.

CMS RECITAL CALENDAR

Look here every month for a list of our scheduled concerts and events. If you would like to participate, please ask your teacher for details.

Orange County Honors Concert 2010

June 12, 2010
6:00pm
Temple Bat Yahm
1011 Camelback Street
Newport Beach, CA 92660

San Diego Music Clubs 2010
May 22, 2010—Go Wild!
October 9, 2010—Luau!
November 20, 2010—Storybook Day!
NAMM Museum
5790 Armada Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92008

Orange County Music Clubs 2010

June 12, 2010—Wild Wild West!
September 25, 2010—Crazy Hair Day!
Temple Bat Yahm
1011 Camelback Street
Newport Beach, CA 92660

San Diego Formal Recitals 2010

July 31, 2010—Teachers A-M
August 21, 2010—Teachers N-Z
Ruby Schulman Auditorium
1775 Dove Lane
Carlsbad, CA 92009

Orange County Formal Recitals 2010

August 14, 2010—Teachers A-M
August 28, 2010—Teachers N-Z
Temple Bat Yahm
1011 Camelback Street
Newport Beach, CA 92660