

ISSUE 8 - AUGUST 2016

# ANTHEM MUSIC MONTHLY

## BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Mark your calendars! Anthem's 4th Annual Back to School Concert is scheduled for Saturday, August 20th at the school. Food will be ready to serve at 5:00pm and the music will now officially start at 6:00pm. Bring a lawn chair, sit back, and enjoy an awesome show by our talented students!



Anthem will be accepting school supplies and monetary donations, which will be given to the PTA Committees of our local schools.

## FALL REGISTRATION

With the 2016-2017 school year just a few weeks away, we know that many families will need to make scheduling adjustments around school and other activities. Please email Samantha or call her at the school to get your fall schedule locked-in as soon possible.

## ANTHEM APP & NEW WEBSITE



We are excited to announce that Anthem School of Music will have an app that all families will be able to download and check music schedules. Anthem has also revamped our website for a more exciting and engaging web browsing experience. Make sure to keep checking your emails - we will be updating everyone as soon as the app is ready for download!

## SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 23RD, ARNESON RIVER THEATRE SHOW

The Anthem Autumn Concert is scheduled for Sunday, October 23rd at the Arneson River Theatre on the beautiful San Antonio River Walk. This will be our big showcase for the fall 2016 semester and we invite all of our students to participate in this event. Parents will be able to bring food and beverages (no glass bottles) and enjoy a Sunday afternoon concert. The school had its first River Walk show in March and it was so well-received we have decided to make this a semesterly event. Email or call the school to confirm your child's participation - early registration is always great!

## RECOGNITION FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE



Our School recently receive recognition from Texas Governor Greg Abbott's office as one of the best schools in Texas - Anthem is in the Top 5%, to be exact. We could not be more proud of this achievement and we are committed to keeping the bar high for our standard of musical education and community involvement.

## INTRODUCING ANTHEM'S NEWEST INSTRUCTORS



Piano Instructor Sharon Abney began piano lessons at age nine, under the direction of Dr. Veronica Mimosa, a well-respected concert virtuoso. During that time, Sharon placed in several regional and national competitions. Sharon attended University of Texas at Austin where she received her Bachelor's degree and Minor in Music. With more than thirty years of teaching experience, she is also a well-known local performer in the greater San Antonio and Austin area. Although classically trained, Sharon teaches all genres and styles of music as well as studies in improvisation, score arranging, composition and performance. She is capable of teaching beginners through intermediate advance.

Voice Instructor Chris Engstrom has taught music in the public school 23 years. He presently serves as Elementary Music Specialist at Fisher Elementary School in Northside Independent School District where he has taught for 10 years and has been in the district for fifteen years. He also serves as Worship Leader at Calvary Hills Baptist Church in the Sea World area. He received his Bachelor's degree in Music Studies at UTSA in 1993 and his Masters in Music Education at UTSA in 2007. He is married and the father of three, a daughter 24 and two teenage sons, 15 and 16. His hobbies include fishing and kayaking.



Voice Instructor Denise Wathen has been teaching private voice for students young and old for 7 years, and focuses on a steady grounding in fundamental technique—healthy singing is beautiful singing—and having each student find their own voice instead of trying to emulate others. While specializing in Bel Canto and Broadway styles, she has also coached pop and folk singing, and strives to have students sing the best they can within their style. Ms. Wathen is a recent graduate of UTSA, with a Master of Music in Vocal Pedagogy and Performance, and is a dedicated church musician, currently serving as Alto Section Leader for St. Paul's Episcopal in San Antonio, TX.

## ★ MUSICIANS OF THE MONTH! ★

### COLIN HUBBARD



Colin Hubbard is a prime example of a student facing new challenges with unwavering will. He has currently been pushing forward in his understanding of rhythmic and syncopated structures by fully applying himself to the exercises presented to him. Many of these new exercises allow him to view music through not only in auditory form but also as a visual, mechanical and abstract form. He consistently comes prepared to every lesson and ready to learn more. It will be wonderful to see him and his twin brother, Logan, perform together as a duo at the Back to School Bash, this month!

### MARISABEL JIMENEZ



Marisabel has been a voice student since December; however, she recently began learning the guitar, too. Her instructor has seen her blossom into a young budding musician and performer. She has dramatically improved how she connects with her songs through the use of several vocal techniques that she has acquired over the last year. In guitar, she has improved how well she transitions chords while maintaining a steady tempo. Marisabel has seen how well and how quickly she improves her musical abilities when she maintains a steady practice routine at home. Practicing on a regular basis has contributed to her musical development week in and week out. Although she already has several vocal performances with Anthem under her belt, we are looking forward to seeing and hearing her sing and play this month!