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EKS MUSLETTER

2026

September Issue

NEW

School Theme

MAKING MUSIC. GIVING BACK.
PLAY IT FORWARD



2026-2027



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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

WELCOME BACK TO EKS 2026–2027!

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer!

We are excited to welcome our students, families, and faculty back for another year of learning, music-making, performances, and growth at EKS Music School.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The 2026–2027 school year officially begins Saturday, September 12, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. We cannot wait to see everyone back at the school and hear music filling our studios again!



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TUITION REMINDERS – FULL PAYMENT DUE SEPTEMBER 12

For families choosing the full-payment tuition option, payment is due by Saturday, September 12.

Payments may be dropped off at the front desk between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on September 12, when front desk coverage is available. You may also place your payment in the deposit box next to the front desk anytime before 5:00 p.m. Please place payment in an envelope clearly marked with the student's name.

Payments received after September 12 will be subject to a \$10-per-week late fee.

OUR 2026-2027 SCHOOL THEME



MAKING MUSIC. GIVING BACK. PLAY IT FORWARD

*Together
We Can!*

Each year at EKS Music School, we choose a school-wide theme to bring our students and faculty together around something larger than weekly music lessons. Our annual themes give us opportunities to explore music from different perspectives and create meaningful experiences beyond the lesson room.

This year, our theme is Play It Forward:
Making Music. Giving Back.

Music is something meant to be shared. As our students develop their talents, we want to encourage them to think about how their music can bring happiness, comfort, connection, and encouragement to others.

Throughout the year, we will create opportunities for students to use their musical abilities to serve our community – whether through performances, outreach projects, or other acts of giving.

Our first Play It Forward community service project will begin in October, and we look forward to sharing more details soon.

We would also love to hear from our EKS families! If you have an idea for how our students and faculty can use music to help or give back to the community, please reach out to our Community Outreach Coordinator and Senior Faculty member, Mr. Fred Springer (FSpringer@eksmusicschool.com). We welcome ideas for organizations, programs, or community members who could benefit from a little more music in their lives.

This year, let's not only learn music. Let's use it to make a difference.



EKS FACULTY

Teaching Artists

"Pass on the Music.
Share the Joy.
Give Back"



**Ms. Ellyses
Kuan (Piano)**

DIRECTOR
TUE, WED & THUR
MON: Appointment
ONLY



**Ms. Jen
Pearl (Voice)**

SENIOR FACULTY
TUE & FRI



**Mrs. Rosemarie
Gentile (Piano)**

SENIOR FACULTY
WED, THUR & FRI



**Mr. Fred
Springer (Guitar)**

SENIOR FACULTY
MON & THUR



**Mrs. Susan
Bill (Strings)**

FACULTY
TUE, WED, FRI & SAT



**Ms. Freda
Locker (Piano)**

FACULTY
MON, THUR, FRI & SAT



**Dr. Ben Yee-
Paulson (Piano)**

FACULTY
TUE, WED & FRI



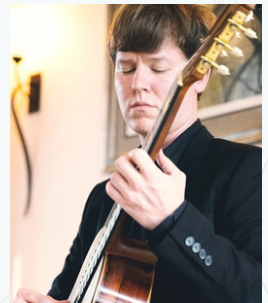
**Ms. Akshi
Viswanathan
(Piano & Voice)**

FACULTY
FRI & SAT



**Mr. Lucas Barry
(Saxophone +
Woodwinds)**

FACULTY
MON & WED



**Mr. Robby
Brown (Guitar)**

FACULTY
WED

NEW FACULTY

Welcome
TO

- We are very happy to welcome **Mr. Ian Lao** to the EKS Music School faculty for the 2026–2027 school year!
- **Mr. Ian** will be teaching on Thursday afternoons and Saturdays, offering instruction in piano, music theory, and ear training.
- We are excited to have him join our faculty and look forward to introducing him to more of our EKS families throughout the year. Please join us in giving Mr. Ian a warm EKS welcome!



[MR. IAN'S BIO](#)

RCM Achievements



Emma Sukosolvisit
Piano (Level 10)

Student of Ms. Ellyses Kuan



Cody Lin
Piano (Level 10)
First Class Honor
with Distinction

Student of Ms. Ellyses Kuan



Anya Healy
Voice (Level 8)
First Class Honor
with Distinction

Student of Ms. Jen Pearl



Douglas Truong
Piano (Level 5)
First Class Honor
with Distinction

Student of Ms. Ellyses Kuan

Celebrating Our RCM Students

Congratulations to our students who completed their Royal Conservatory of Music (RCM) examinations over the summer!

Several students completed examinations beginning in June, and some results were still pending during our Annual Recital weekend. As a result, these achievements were not included in our recital booklet, and we would especially like to recognize them now.

A very special congratulations goes to two of our piano students who successfully completed their Level 10 examinations, an outstanding milestone that represents years of dedication and musical study.

We also congratulate several EKS students who earned First Class Honours with Distinction in their examinations.

Their achievements will be permanently recognized on the EKS Music School Award Plates displayed in our lobby. We are extremely proud of the hard work and commitment shown by all of our RCM students!

FIRST CLASS HONOR

- Elowen Cassidy (Voice Preparatory Level)
- Rajveer Jindal (Piano Level 1)
- Lincoln Huynh-Nguyen (Piano Level 1)
- Evan Law (Piano Level 1)
- Aiden Siu (Piano Level 2)
- Meghana Dande (Guitar Level 3)
- Theodore Mak (Piano Level 3)
- Emily Wang (Piano Level 3)
- Eden Wong (Guitar Level 3)
- Richie Karash (Piano Level 4)
- Aiden Wu (Piano Level 4)
- Evelyn Le (Piano Level 5)

HONOR

- Max Yu (Piano Level 1)
- Destin Tang (Violin Level 4)
- Katie Chin (Violin Level 5)

WHAT A GREAT SUMMER!

Summer Music Scholarship Recipients

Earlier this year, EKS piano students, *Emily Wang* and *Max Yang* received scholarships from the South Shore Music Teachers Association to support their participation in summer music programs.

Emily attended the EKS Piano Duet Camp, while Max attended a summer music program at Berklee College of Music. Now that summer has come to an end, we are excited to share a glimpse of their experiences and hear what they enjoyed and learned along the way.

Emily Wang

I loved the Piano Duet Camp led by Mrs. Kuan. She and my peers bonded well, and we had a great experience. I am thankful for the SSMTA Scholarship, which supported my camp tuition.

When I first arrived, I was ready to dive into music. We practiced our parts, then got paired up to practice together. When we all came back together again, we would do activities as a group. I learned more about my peers and how to cooperate with them. At the end of the day, we would write down our favorite vocabulary words on colorful shapes and hang them up.

Soon, it was nearing the end of the week. The week went by quickly, but I learned a lot to strengthen my personal musical skills and also to develop essential ensemble skills. I will always remember the people I met, and I hope I will get to see my peers again.

I am very grateful that my camp tuition was fully covered by the SSMTA Summer Music Scholarship and the MMTA Herbert H. Bowker Memorial Scholarship. My teacher, Mrs. Gentile, is a member of both associations



Max Yang

Day Sessions: Berklee Summer Camp

This year I attended a summer camp at Berklee College of Music. It was a really good learning experience, because not only were the faculty great at their instruments and teaching, I also got to meet many students from around the world.

There were many genres of music to pick from; I chose the Jazz band, and the music they gave was just the right difficulty, so I could sight read it but also needed to practice. There were also clinics with instructors teaching us what makes up a song, and another was making our own music.

On the final day, I was not nervous at all because I have performed at EKS a lot, so being at such a good music school is definitely helpful. Day Sessions - Berklee was an amazing camp for me and I hope to do it again.



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EKS CALENDAR + YOUR ONLINE ACCOUNT

Our school calendar has been updated for the new academic year.

Families are encouraged to refer to the EKS Music School website throughout the year for school opening dates, vacations, holidays, scheduled school closures, and special events. For individual lesson schedules, families can also log in to their EKS online account to view their upcoming lessons.

Please note that some event dates are tentative and may be adjusted as the year progresses. The online calendar will be updated accordingly, so we encourage families to check it regularly for the most current information.

EKS Music School's calendar may also differ from your local public school calendar, so please be sure to check our school calendar when making your plans.

Need help accessing your account? Email info@eksmusicschool.com or text 781-815-2780 with your family and student name.

[VIEW CALENDAR](#)

[LOGIN TO YOUR
ACCOUNT](#)

SAVE THE DATE - FALL MINI RECITAL

**Saturday, October 31, 2026 (11a.m. & 12:45p.m.)
Braintree Public Library**

The Fall Mini Recital is a wonderful opportunity for students to begin the year with a fun performance goal and share their music with family and friends.

Registration is coming soon, however, **please speak with your instructor before signing up.** Your instructor will help determine whether you are ready to participate and select the appropriate performance piece.

For now, please save the date and let your instructor know if you are interested in participating!



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Voucher offer expires December 31, 2026

FRIDAY
SEPT 11

SATURDAY
SEPT 12

SUNDAY
SEPT 13

The official newsletter of Aldenraire Bar

**Three days. A remarkable collection. Limited private appointments.
Reserve your time at Symphony Hall today.**

EKS Music School and M. Steinert & Sons invite you to a three-day Steinway & Sons Piano Sale at Symphony Hall. Explore a distinctive selection of new and used pianos, including instruments played at Tanglewood this summer.

Throughout the event, Symphony Hall will feature grand and vertical pianos from **Steinway & Sons, Boston, and Essex**, with special event savings across the selection. It is a rare opportunity to find the right instrument in one of Boston's most celebrated musical settings.

An additional savings opportunity for the EKS Music School community

EKS Music School has received a special savings voucher from M. Steinert & Sons, and we're pleased to make it available to our community for redemption during this event. In addition to applicable event savings, the voucher provides:

- \$1,000 off a new Steinway grand piano
- \$500 off a new or used grand piano
- \$250 off a new or used upright piano



Select pianos also carry a special connection to the BSO's summer season at Tanglewood. Every piano purchased directly supports the Boston Symphony Orchestra, helping sustain world-class music in our community.

Appointments to view the pianos at Symphony Hall will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Because many of these instruments are one of a kind, we encourage you to reserve your appointment early for the best selection.

Book Your Private Appointment

If you don't see an available time - or if you have questions about this special event - please call **Patrick Elisha-Sanmiguel**, Vice President of M. Steinert & Sons, at 508-893-4605.

Tell Us About Your Business!

Do you own a local business? EKS families are welcome to share a business flyer on our Community Board in the waiting area. If you are interested in advertising your business on our school TV or in the EKS newsletter, please email info@eksmusicschool.com for advertising information and inquiries.