

Hello Students, Parents, Teachers and Friends of the Do Re Mi Music School

We had a very exciting and fabulous year! Our staff has very much enjoyed teaching the children about so many different kinds of music, composers, instruments and we thank you for being part of our program. Here, you will find a summary of all the themes covered and things accomplished this 2008-2009 school year.

**September 08
The Life of Beethoven**

We learned about his 5th and 9th symphonies, covered stories from his childhood, talked about what inspired his glorious music and his triumph over his loss of hearing. Other Beethoven masterpieces such as "Für Elise" and the "Pathétique Sonata" were also discussed. To top it off, we put on our disco shoes for the "Fifth of Beethoven" freeze dance!



**October 08
Families of the Orchestra**

Each week we discussed the various instruments of each section of the orchestra. We celebrated each family with an exciting musical example for each section. For example, "Also Sprach Zarathustra" showed how percussion can really take the spotlight!

**November 08
Music of Brazil**

We took a trip to Brazil to learn about the heartbeat of the Rio and bossa nova. Everyone grabbed their claves and experienced the syncopated beats of Jobim and got our samba dance moves ready for the Carnival!

**December 08
Popular Classics**

We saw how great classics such as "Sabre Dance" and the "Hall of the Mountain King" can transcend into popular culture, making their way into movies because of the obvious moods they represent.

**March 09
Scott Joplin - Ragtime**

We took a trip to the southern US to learn about Scott Joplin's new style - Ragtime. Is it classical or is it jazz? The kids debated where ragtime fits in our musical history with this fabulous, syncopated-yet-strict music of the turn of the century.



**April 09
Carnival of the Animals**

We explored the many ways an instrument can characterize movement or a setting with Camille Saint-Saens' "Carnival of the Animals". With a clarinet for a cuckoo, a xylophone becoming dinosaur fossils, and the cello as our swan, the kids easily recognized what musical traits made our animals come to life!

**January 09
Johannes Brahms**

We learned how to conduct a "waltz" and saw how an inspiring trip to Hungary resulted in the fiery, gypsy violin of the "Hungarian Dance No. 5".

**February 09
Tchaikovsky**

We introduced the graceful world of the ballet "Swan Lake," "The Nutcracker" and finished it all up with the ever popular "Sleeping Beauty." We also studied Tchaikovsky's great works of classical literature from the cannons of the "1812 Overture" to the sweeping strings of "Romeo and Juliet."

**May 09
Rhythms of Latin America**

Salsa, Merengue, Tango and More
For salsa, we learned about Celia Cruz' unique singing style and what exactly is a timbale. For the tango, we learned that if we don't change directions during the "syncopat" rhythm, someone might get stepped on! We also brought in an accordion/violin duo to show that even instruments in little numbers can create a lot of drama! Finally, for the Merengue, we learned that even a musical style with complex conga rhythms can make for a fun, easy dance!



08/09 Breaking News

Do Re Mi Musical Medleys Vol. 1 AND Vol. 2 were published!

Two fabulous books and CDs covering material from the basic structure of the keyboard ("Lion and Mouse", "Mrs. Turtle") to sixteenth note patterns using both hands ("Music Train") have been the basis for our keyboard programs this year. Now children can enjoy the lively tunes of Do Re Mi from the very first time they touch the piano until they are ready to graduate to private lessons!



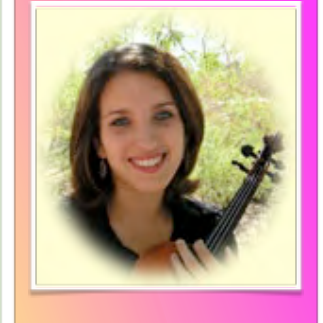
Latest updates on Do Re Mi Teachers!



Teacher Dragana is currently writing songs for Do Re Mi Toddlers Album - to be released at the end of 2009.



Teacher Kelby has been acting in various shows such as *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar*. He has officially opened the door of his brand new recording studio!



Teacher Elise has been busy recording her demo and EP album this year, due out in early July. She has been writing songs and playing gigs in the LA area.



Teacher Adam had his debut as one of the lead dancers with the LA City Ballet performing in "Peter and the Wolf Jump Cool" at the Ford Theater in Hollywood.



Teacher Rosh is working on his debut guitar album and recently had his first radio interview.

Summer Program NEWS!

We are introducing a brand new class during our summer program
The Ukulele Project!

We'll take your child on a summery musical adventure - learning Hawaii's key instrument, the ukulele! A fun, easily accessible instrument, the ukulele is a great introduction for your child into the realm of the string family - it is a naturally kid-sized, fun for summer, ready to rock real instrument!



If you are interested in other music classes besides our Ukulele Project, Do Re Mi will be offering Do Re Mi for Piano Level 1 and Level 2 and also Do Re Mi For Fun! Our summer session starts on July 13th and ends August 22nd. If you are interested in receiving information, registration is only open until June 25th, so please call 310-966-1882 today to reserve your spot!

Thank you all for being a part of this super fun, jam-packed year! We absolutely loved working with you and your children and hope that you have a safe, happy, and musical Summer.
Sincerely,
Do Re Mi Music School Team