



ROCKWALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

We will be closed in observance of Labor Day—Monday, September 7

**RSM tuition includes 47 weeks of lessons—no makeup needed for holiday breaks!*



4 Fun Historical Facts About

Classical Music

- 1 Classical music has existed in one form or another for over a thousand years.
- 2 The word opus and a number refers to the order in which a composer's work was published.
- 3 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was one of the most astonishing child prodigies of all time. He was composing keyboard music by age 5 and had written his first symphony by age 8.
- 4 People who play classical music are almost always taught by individual teachers, as opposed to self-taught





**Hard
work hits
the high
notes!**

Music Lessons in Piano | Voice | Guitar | Drums | Violin | Viola | Cello | Bass

Teacher SPOTLIGHT



ANALISA THIRLWALL *Voice*

FAVORITE HOBBIES:

Cooking, Kayaking,
Teaching Strength &
Balance Classes to
Seniors

MOST INSPIRING PERSON:

Her Mother Who Was
a Wonderful Singer &
Had a Fantastic
Sense of Humor



FAVORITE PART ABOUT TEACHING

Getting to See all Her
Students' Wonderful
Personalities &
Enthusiasm

FAVORITE SNACK/ TREAT:

Chocolate
Covered Caramels
& Snickers

BACKGROUND:

Ms. Annie graduated high school at age 16 and was awarded a music scholarship at the University of North Texas in Denton. In high school, she competed for voice and placed 1st as a junior & senior in All State Choir. At age 18, she toured with the jazz group *Red & The Red Hots* out of LA & Ft. Worth. She began her single/ commercial career in Dallas at age 19 and has sung for Coca Cola, Hershey's, McDonald's, Ford, & other big companies!

IN ANNIE'S SPARE TIME:

Ms. Annie sings with 3 different bands in Dallas:
Mad World: A Tears for Fears Tribute Band, *Welcome Back*:
a nostalgic 70's & 80's band, and *Naked Launch*: A Steely
Dan Tribute Band. She also performs with several jazz and
Latin groups for a variety of events.

MS. ANNIE'S CURRENT GOALS:

To continue facilitating a path for her students to
experience the thrill of singing to a "live" audience



Student Spotlight

Aila Fejza

Piano- Ms. Nine

Age 9

2 years at Rockwall
School of Music



Playing Piano,
Listening to Music,&
Singing

Sushi & Ramen

The Teachers are
Nice & Caring

**MY GOAL FOR
THIS YEAR:**

To Perform On
a Big Stage



Nart Fejza

Drums- Mr. Michael

Age 6

9 months at Rockwall
School of Music



Playing with
Cars & Riding My
Bike

Pizza, Chicken
Nuggets, &
Spaghetti

They Always Say Hi
to Me & My Teacher
is Nice

**FUN FACT
ABOUT ME:**

I Can Name Every
Type of Pull Station
on Sight



Our New August Students!

Abigail B
Abigail G
Adelyne C
Adi D
Alison M
Asher R
Anders H
Annabelle B
Anthony C
Arabella P
Ava U
Avery D
Benton W
Brandon V
Caitlyn C
Catherine S
Celeste B
Christian M
Chris L

Cove O
Eliyannah M
Emma T
Erica D
Evelyn C
Fiona A
Francis D
Grayson C
Hadissah G
Ify U
Isaac L
John S
Joshua G
Julianna R
Karter K
Kennedy C
Kensington C
Liam L

Paloma V
Remi M
Rex K
Rhett F
Riley D
Robert D
Ryker C
Sarah Y
Seraphine A
Shannon B
Suzi H
Sidney N
Susan R
Theresa H
Thomas B
Trey T
Vivian A
Victoria S

Kyla V
Lexi G
Lizabeth M
Luca D
Lucy P
Maddox H
Mathias T
Marlowe H
Meonsi M
Michael H
Mike H
Nadia L
Nebyu E
Nicholas R
Nina C
Orli H
Penelope R

PRACTICE
Champ
WINNER
JAYLA
ESPARZA



You can be a
Practice Champ,
too! Ask your
teacher or stop by
the front desk to
see how!
Winner is drawn on
the last day of
every month!

Maximize Your Make Up Credits!

Did you know that you can use your make-up lessons in several ways?

- 🎵 Schedule a regular make-up lesson for your student with their same teacher or a new teacher
- 🎵 Use a makeup lesson to schedule a trial lesson on another instrument
- 🎵 Use a makeup lesson for your student to try out a new instrument



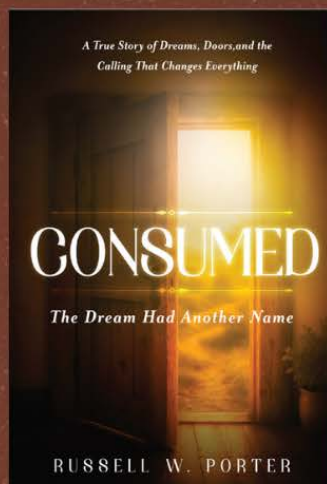
If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the office at 972-722-6874



Refer a friend and receive a **\$25 Amazon gift card** when they sign up for lessons! Tell them to mention your name at sign-up!

Sneak Peek

Release Date:
November 10th!



Read a firsthand account of the Rockwall School of Music owners, Russ and Karen Porter and how the pursuit of a dream has developed into a calling to serve people through music. For years, Russ thought he was pursuing a dream from music and ministry to entrepreneurship and leadership. Looking back, he discovered the dream had been pointing towards something deeper all along: a calling. *Consumed* is written to be an inspiring exploration of faith, purpose, perseverance, and the ordinary moments through which God prepares us to become who we were created to be.

CHECK THIS OUT



Rockwall Talent Live
20h · 🌐

🌟 **ROCKWALL TALENT LIVE!** 🎤🎸🎻

Get ready to see some incredible local talent take the stage!

Presented by ****Rockwall Noon Rotary**** in partnership with ****Rockwall ISD****, Rockwall Talent Live will feature student representatives from schools across the district competing in their age categories and representing their schools! 🏆

📅 ****Saturday, November 7****

🕒 ****4:00-7:30 p.m.****

📍 ****Rockwall-Heath Performing Arts Center (PAC)****

📖 Even better, funds raised through ****sponsorships and ticket sales go directly to the Rockwall Rotary Foundation Scholarship Fund for Rockwall ISD students.****

👉 Come cheer on our students, support our schools and help us invest in their futures!

🔗 ****Learn more at RockwallTalent.com****

#RockwallTalentLive #RockwallNoonRotary #RockwallISD #RockwallTexas #SupportLocalStudents



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