

Students and bios:

Alizé C - Alizé has worked with Erickson for several years through their association with Mrs. Olson at Sierra Vista High School (SVHS). Alizé would like to thank her teachers who have helped her improve as a performer and her parents and siblings for being her cheerleaders on and off stage.

Adriana D - Adriana is in the 12th grade at SVHS. She dedicates a lot of her time to choir at her school. She is extremely passionate about music and musical theater. She would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for supporting her.

Blaise E - Blaise is contemplating a career in singing. He takes every opportunity available to perform, learn, and grow as a musician. He was asked to sing in last year's talent show at SVHS. He is also skilled at guitar. He has worked with Erickson for three years.

Izzy H - Hi my name is Izzy Hubbard and I am six years old. I have been playing piano and having lessons taught by the talented Mr. Travis Bernau for a little over a year. I love music it lights my soul!

Clara K - Clara is 8 years old. When she grows up, she wants to be an actress, singer, and director. She is currently in the 3rd grade at Frias Elementary School where she takes part on the student council. She loves school, musical theater, singing, and soccer. Her favorite singer is Dove Cameron. Her hobbies are art, sewing, and playing with toys with her little sister.

Adrian M - Born April 2nd, 2002, I've been living in Las Vegas my whole life, with my twin brother, Dominic. We went to Ries Elementary School, then to Cashman Middle School where my interests were sparked in piano and singing; I also learned to play the alto saxophone. Now, I go to Las Vegas Academy of the Arts (LVA) as a vocal major. Some of my influences are Billy Joel, Styx, Queen, and Claude Debussy. Before taking lessons at age 11, I was self taught, teaching myself basic chords and scales. Since then, I've become better and more knowledgeable of a player, but I have still have much to learn, and I look forward to becoming the best musician I can be.

Dominic M - Dominic has been learning piano from Travis for almost 2 years, enjoys all styles of music from Classic Rock to Classical. He's a freshman at LVA majoring in choir. He says, "Music is basically my whole life and I don't know what my life would be if it wasn't". He's really talented and very expressive as a musician, he hopes some day to be at least HALF as good as some of the big names out there.

Katelyn N - Kat has been in several productions in her life. She started lessons with Erickson last year for her audition and acceptance into LVA. She wants to thank everyone who helped her to get this far in her acting career.

Hailey P - Hailey is a senior at SVHS. She is a very active member in the choral department as well as other groups on campus. She has performed as a soloist and choral soloist. She has also participated in Honor Choir.

Brandon T - Brandon's goal is to work on Broadway! He is currently acquiring the skills to become a triple threat. He is going to "kill it" on Broadway!

Max T - Max has done a lot of self study on the guitar. He eventually wants to sing and play simultaneously. He recently started piano lessons with Erickson. Though singing is just a hobby, it's something he thoroughly enjoys especially as his music techniques continue to improve.

Diana V - Diana has been surrounded by the arts her entire life. She really wants to be part of the entertainment industry as a model, singer, actor or any combination of the three. She is now on a journey to find her unique sound as you will hear in today's program.

McKenna W - McKenna is a sophomore at LVA. She has studied with Erickson for over a year. In that time, she's gained full access to her range as well as a variety of colors she can use in her singing such as sadness and happiness. She recently finished production in her first musical, *The Hunchback Of Notre Dame*. She has an upcoming audition for *The Little Mermaid*. She is very excited for what's to come.

Program

"Taylor The Latte Boy"
"My Heart Will Go On", from *Titanic*"Se tu m'ami"

Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich James Horner and Will Jennings Giovanni Battista Pergolesi

Diana V

"Left Behind", from *Spring Awakening*Blaise E

Duncan Sheik

"Breathe", from In The Heights

Lin-Manuel Miranda

Alize C

Jingle Bells
Mary Had a Little Lamb
Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
The Stars are Shining

James Pierpont Traditional W. A. Mozart

W. A. Mozart Faber

Izzy H

"Live Out Loud", from A Little Princess

Katelyn N

Andrew Lippa

Andante, from the Haffner Serenade Adagio in C Major Rondo in C Major Spanish Dance No. 2

W. A. Mozart Enrique Granados

Adrian M

Sonatina in G Major Poetic Waltz No. 1

Anton Diabelli **Enrique Granados**

Dominic M

"With You". from Ghost The Musical Dave Stewart and Glen Ballard Hailev P

"Burn", from Hamilton

Lin-Manuel Miranda

Adriana D

"What Do I Need With Love" from Thoroughly Modern Millie "Proud Of Your Boy", from Aladdin "Broadway, Here I Come!", from Smash Brandon T

Jeanine Tesori Alan Menken

Joe Iconis

"Kindergarten Bovfriend" Laurence O'Keefe and Kevin Murphy from The Heathers "All I Ask" Adele Adkins et al.

"A Summer In Ohio", from The Last Five Years Jason Robert Brown

McKenna W

"Lips Are Moving" Meghan Trainor "Ex's & Oh's" Elle King "Hollow" Tori Kelly Clara K

Teachers

Erickson Franco - Erickson has been actively studying music for 17 years. Private study includes 6 years on violin, 1 year on viola, 3 years on piano, 10 years on voice, 1 year on ear training, and 1 year music theory. The first singing book he read was *Set Your Voice Free* by Roger Love when he was 17. His most recent venture is *Complete Vocal Technique* by Catherine Sadolin. He has a growing online presence. Please visit his website ClassicalToContemporary.com. Also, he has started a singing discussion online where he can give FREE singing information. He recommends using the "Share Your Voice" section for more accurate help at TheVisionaryVocalistForum.com He also does Skype lessons, which is a tremendous benefit to those outside Las Vegas. He recently taught a student in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. For more insight to Erickson's personality and journey, please watch his documentary at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7buRNtS2RTs

Travis Bernau - Travis has been teaching piano for over 5 years, and in addition, can teach music composition, music theory, sight singing and ear training. He graduated with a bachelors of music from UNLV with a degree in music composition with an emphasis in piano. He was a piano student of Timothy Hoft, Lisa Maresch, Spencer Baker, and Anna Kijanowska. He was a composition student of Jorge Grossmann, Jason Buchanan, Nolan Stolz, and Diego Vega. He took orchestration lessons from world renown composer Virko Baley. Travis' latest composition is a set of four pieces for string quartet to which was entered in a call for scores competition for the Tesla String Quartet. He has been taking private piano lessons since he was 7 years old, improvising and composing. He taught himself to play the alto saxophone, and played in bands for 5 years, taught himself the French horn and played for 2 years, and can sing. He took voice lessons for about 2 years, and sang in UNLV chorale ensembles for 5 years. For more information, please visit TravisBernau.com.

Future recital and performances

Please join us for our spring recital in May, time and date to be announced in the near future. A teacher's composition recital and vocal recital will also be held.

Upcoming performances in the community

From the Las Vegas Master Class Series:

Las Vegas Piano Showcase Fundraising Event Solo Showcase: December 29, 2016 | 7:30 PM

Ensemble Extravaganza: December 30, 2016 | 7:30 PM

Michelle Cann Master Class and Solo Concert February 18, 2017 | 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM

Dr. Lisa Yui Master Class and Solo Concert April 29, 2017 | 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM

All events are held at Doc Rando Hall at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas with the exception of the Las Vegas Piano Showcase, which is held at the Ed W. Clark High School Auditorium.

For more information, please visit LVMCS.org

Upcoming competition

Las Vegas Music Teachers Association **Roger Bushell Competition** 2016-2017 Competition Dates: March 25-26, UNLV Beam Music Center

Piano Ensemble location: Southern Nevada Music

Registration Period: February 4-11, 2017

For more information, please visit http://www.lvmta.org/roger-bushell-competition

Recognitions

Thank you to Southern Nevada Music for use of their space. Thank you Fred RM for helping with live streaming and recording the recital. Thank you to Desyree and Gelatology for the reception. Thank you Shane for being our last minute accompanist! Most of all, thank you students and parents with whom this recital would not take place. Thank you for sharing in our musical journey! It is always a great pleasure and honor to help each of you on your musical aspirations!