



Newsletter

The Monthly Newsletter of *Hunterdon Academy of the Arts*

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What Happens When You Get a New Music Teacher?

You may have joined HAA many years ago, or maybe you started lessons or classes recently. Either way, you and your instructor very likely have great rapport by now. You have developed a certain level of trust - which is key to making progress. One of our main priorities is to find the best possible teacher match for your needs, and we go through many steps to ensure that our students are heard, understood and guided properly.

When I interview new instructors eager to join the HAA community, I always say: "We don't hire people who are only planning to be here for 6 months." Teachers with great credentials are often not hired at HAA because they are unable to commit to being here for their students consistently and on an ongoing basis. However, sometimes even the most dedicated instructors have to miss a lesson. They may have a performance, deliver a baby and be away for a few months, or move to another state altogether. Life happens. Things change. And many changes in our teachers' lives are out of our control.

How does this affect you? When your teacher misses a lesson or two, we look for the best possible substitute teacher. Although you may not always enjoy having a sub, here's what's good about it: you don't have to skip a lesson and what's more, the substitute teacher can actually give you some cool new tips on how to play a song. So take advantage of the situation and be open to new ideas. We always keep your well-being in mind and want you to have a good experience.

When your teacher needs to be away for a while, your teacher leaves notes and lesson plans so that your interim instructor can get to know you ahead of time. Our teachers also talk and exchange notes on your progress. That is, for example, what Ms. Lynda and Ms. Naoko did when baby Elina was born and Naoko went on maternity leave. Know that your teachers care - even when they are not here. They don't forget about you.

When your teacher is going back to school, moving to another state, changing careers altogether, or leaving HAA for other reasons, it's an end of an era. You may be nervous about meeting your new instructor and wonder if you will get along. We understand, so we do EVERYTHING in our power to find you an even better teacher. To ensure the smoothest possible transition, we help the incoming teacher learn as much about you as possible ahead of time.

Over the years, I've heard many parents say, "Where do you find all these wonderful teachers?" or "We will miss our instructor, but we know you always find somebody great, so we are not worried." That makes me so happy, because that means I'm doing my job and you trust me and HAA. Thank you for that. Please know that my team and I look long and hard for those wonderful teachers and we will continue to do so. So, next time you have a new teacher, we hope you will welcome him or her with an open heart and open mind. It's a new person, a new adventure, and maybe a new approach, but you are always in good hands at HAA!

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Valentina Jiboi

Flemington & Lebanon

Thank You for Your Referrals!

A BIG THANK YOU to several individuals, for referring their friends to *Hunterdon Academy of the Arts*! It's wonderful to have such strong supporters who spread the word about HAA in the Hunterdon community! We'd like to give a special shout out to the **Caitlin Botelho, Neha Gohil, Veronica Fetzer, Sandra Millward, Sarah Tainow, Myra Panthri, Bob Kenny, Addyson Orr, THANK YOU!!!**

July Student Birthdays

Graham Becker, Sophia Kafarski, Sarah Wardzinski, Caleb Loenser, Keith Steidle, Letzi Reyes, Eesha Shankar, Jessica Fielo, Nicky Berardi, Katelyn Correia, Connor Symons, Scott Harchar, Luke Phillips, Arienne Villa San-Pedro, Nicolas Swartwood, Stephanie Fazio, Elina Ghosh, Ananda Marquardt, Marcus Zachariah, Marlena Gnap, Luke Mortensen, Joseph Ricciardi, Alex Weller, Daniel Babbert, Joshua Wilk, Molly Domurat, Ethan Becker, Sofia Lopez, Jillian Korn, Charlotte Houghton, Viviana Vargas, Zack Furman, Kate Wenstrom, and Dylan Wysocky, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Pet of the Month: Liv Elcheikhali

Congrats to Liv for winning the July Pet of the Month Award! Liv is 11 months old and her mom Jasmin tells us, "Liv makes me and my sister happy and she is so much fun to play with and she makes cute faces! Liv is a great puppy and she loves to chew her toys and run around."

Don't despair if your pet isn't featured in this issue. We will keep all materials on file for future issues! Do you love your pet and can't wait to tell us all about him/her? Just visit www.HunterdonAcademyOfTheArts.com/MyPet and fill out the form on that page! If we choose your pet as the next *Pet of the Month*, we will feature him in the upcoming issue of the *HAA Newsletter* and send you a \$25 Gift Card!

Save the Date!

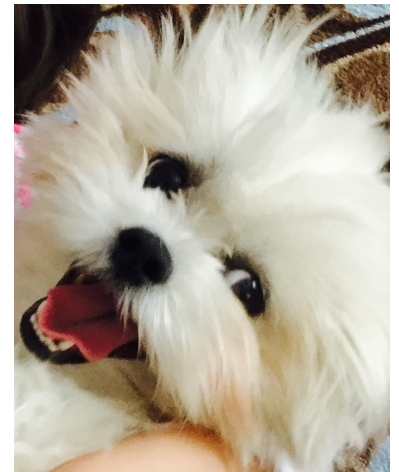
**Tuesday 7/4, Closed for
The 4th of July!**

**Friday 7/7 Jam Session
7:15-8:15pm**

**Saturday 7/8 ROCK+ at the
Flemington Car Show**

**Friday 7/14 Acting Out!
7:15-8:15pm**

**Tuesday 7/18 Acting Class
Red Carpet Event**



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HAA Rocking Out in the Community

Our students and teachers were busy in late May and early June, performing in some cool new venues. They were excited to share what they've learned this school year, and support local charities.

On May 26, HAA's True Voice Project and Rock+ performed at Beneduce Vineyards. It was a beautiful evening and a true community day for HAA. The weather was perfect, so younger siblings had a chance to run, play games and make bubbles, while our performers rocked out on a cool wooden outdoor stage.

As a special treat, our amazing instructor- and singer-songwriter - Juliette Reilly sang several original songs and a few covers.



On June 2, HAA was part of **The Red Shoe™** charity event. It was organized by the BW Nice group to support SAFE in Hunterdon. Our teacher David Beck had the honor of playing some piano tunes for the participants. As the special guest of the event, Ms. Juliette Reilly was invited to sing her original song "I am," which has become the official song of this organization! As explained on the BW Nice website: "These events help raise public awareness and needed funds regarding the devastating effects of domestic violence, something that impacts all of our communities. Proceeds from **The Red Shoe™** support the

immediate needs of women and children in local safe and transition housing to help them regain dignity and hope for a new and better life".

On June 3, HAA was part of Hunterdon Community Day at the Flemington Fairgrounds. Check out the photo of our Location Manager, Mr. Jacob, at our booth, proudly offering air guitar lessons. :-)

Last, but not least, about 300 HAA students participated in our semi-annual recitals at Stanton Reformed Church on June 10 and 17. Witnessing all the progress you are making from recital to recital is amazingly rewarding. We are so proud of our students and grateful for the support of their families and friends. To see the full album of our recital photos (and find your own), please go to HAA's facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/hunterdonacademyofhearts/>



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Award-winning Hunterdon Academy of the Arts has campus locations in Flemington (NJ) and Lebanon (NJ). Founded in 1981, we are the largest performing arts school in Hunterdon, serving students of all ages and levels of ability. The school is particularly well known for its high-quality Music lessons and classes, but has more recently added Acting instruction to its services.



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