

January NEWS
2026



As we welcome 2026, we want to take a moment to thank our incredible students, families, instructors, and community for being such an important part of Anthem School of Music. The past year was filled with meaningful performances, personal milestones, and continued musical growth, and we are truly grateful for the trust you place in us. We're excited to step into 2026 with renewed energy, inspiration, and a shared commitment to learning, creativity, and excellence. Here's to another amazing year of music ahead! 🎵

FROM THE OWNERS DESK



As we reflect on 2025, we are incredibly grateful for what has been one of our most meaningful years at Anthem School of Music. Our students have achieved so much; earning competition wins, improving their seating in middle and high school music programs, and celebrating milestones like high school graduations and college departures. Watching students grow through music, discipline, and confidence is at the heart of why Anthem exists, and it continues to inspire us every day.

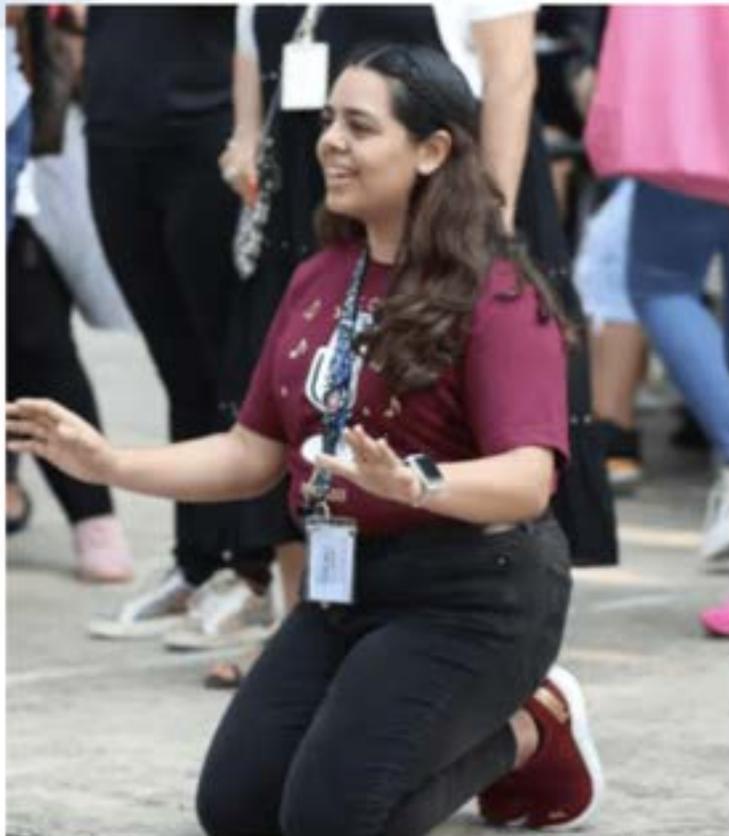
On a personal note, I've had the privilege of watching my own son grow through music, and I've seen firsthand how deeply it supports not only artistic development, but academic focus and athletic performance as well. Music truly impacts every aspect of life, and we are proud to serve students of all ages, all genres, and our entire community. In 2025, we also hosted three incredible student concerts across the city—moments that reminded us just how powerful live performance and shared celebration can be. We're already looking forward to bringing those experiences back in 2026.

As we move into the new year, you'll notice continued growth and evolution at Anthem. We'll be introducing Anthem TV in our lobby, featuring family-friendly programming along with important studio information, guidelines, and updates for our families. In 2026, we plan to host at least three community events—if not more—and we're excited to welcome our patrons back for another year of music, connection, and creativity. Thank you for being part of the Anthem family. We wish you a New Year filled with joy, growth, and prosperity. Cheers - Nathaniel Villarreal

MEET OUR INSTRUCTORS

Nathaniel Villarreal

Nathaniel is the owner and founder of Anthem School of Music. Nathaniel is a master guitarist, having toured overseas in the UK and Germany. He teaches a versatile array of genres and multiple instruments. With decades of experience, Nathaniel has released multiple singles, and worked with top musicians. He brings expertise in performance, production, artist management, and his students are among the best musicians in San Antonio. He holds a MPA and is a doctoral candidate.



Alyssa Castaneda

Alyssa Castaneda is a dedicated vocalist, choir director, and music educator. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and has four years of experience teaching elementary music and choir. Her teaching style blends solid pedagogy with a passion for performance, creating engaging and supportive learning experiences.

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John Knox

John Knox spent 40 years as a healthcare executive before transitioning into teaching. A lifelong pianist, John enjoys performing and favors classical composers like Beethoven and Chopin, as well as popular music. He holds an MS and MBA and also teaches college courses in the San Antonio area. He's married with two children and four grandchildren.



Alexis Dyson

Alexis Dyson is an accomplished musical theatre actress and vocalist with international experience. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Musical Theatre Performance from San Diego State University and trained at New York's Open Jar Institute, performing at the Sydney Opera House and Carnegie Hall. Specializing in genres from classical and musical theatre to pop, rock, and jazz, Alexis focuses on healthy vocal technique and confident performance.

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Damien Swan

Damien has been playing drums for 20 years and started teaching privately after high school. Drumming has been a lifelong passion, and he's played in various genres, from jazz to alt-rock and festivals. Damien is a graduate of Berklee College of Music in Music Performance. He specializes in building musical creativity, improvisation, and customized lesson plans for all skill levels.



Brian Farley

Brian Farley is a seasoned music professional with over 20 years of experience as a performer and instructor. Proficient in guitar, bass, saxophone, voice, percussion, and piano, he brings a well rounded approach that blends music theory, performance, and audio production. Having experience across the U.S. and abroad, Brian has worked with students of all ages in private, group, and band settings. He is passionate about building confident, stage-ready musicians through personalized and engaging instruction.



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Christina Quick

Christina Quick is a seasoned musician and performer with over 27 years of professional experience. She has performed as a cellist with the Corpus Christi Symphony and served as a featured soloist with the Corpus Christi Chorale. Proficient across multiple instruments including strings, piano, guitar, drums, and voice. She is passionate about building strong foundations while nurturing creativity, confidence, and artistic expression in every student.



Reminder

17 Schedule Changes

If you need to make a schedule adjustment, please *contact our admin staff directly (text or email work best)*. Instructors cannot make schedule adjustments nor have access to family information.

⊘ Attendance, Make up lessons & No-Show policies

- Missed lessons (no-shows) are not eligible for makeup lessons.
- If you cannot attend a class, only Anthem staff can bank a lesson and this must be done 24-hours in advance. Eligible "banked" lessons must be scheduled within 7 days.
- If an instructor cannot attend a lesson, a substitute will be assigned (if available). If a sub cannot be secured, Anthem will work with the family to find a makeup time within the 7 day period. If a sub is provided and the student does not want to attend, it is considered a no-show unless other arrangements have been made with admin staff.





Anthem Choir Program

We're proud to offer a choir program, led by Alyssa Castaneda. The choir is open by audition to grades 4-6. Practice is Thursday and Friday from 5-6pm. Tuition is \$60 per month and group performance opportunities will be available soon. Contact us to learn more.

Spring Lesson Schedule

Anthem operates year round, and does not close for spring break, summer or the winter break. We're excited to get back into our weekly routines! If you need to look at schedule adjustments, please reach out to the studio for availability.



Other News



Our referral program is back! When a new enrollment mentions your name upon signing up, a \$30 credit is applied to your next billing cycle.



Office hours are M-F 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-1pm. Anthem staff will respond to emails and texts within 24-hours.

Communications received after business hours will be answered the next business day.



Anthem School of Music is proud to be a NAMM-accredited music school (National Association of Music Merchants)! This accreditation highlights our ongoing commitment to providing high-quality music education for students of all ages and skill levels. We're honored to be recognized and look forward to continuing our mission of inspiring the next generation of musicians! 🎵🌟



Beginning with your next tuition cycle, monthly tuition will increase by \$10 (sibling discounts still apply). This adjustment supports our instructors, studio instruments, and continued improvements that allow us to provide a high-quality, consistent learning experience for our students.

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