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# The Groove

Learn. Play. Perform.



Mason V.



Mason G.



Blake M.



Preston H.



Logan H.



Tahrohon S.

On February 3, students performed at our monthly showcases. Once again students blew us away with their talents.



Dorian L. and Ayden W.



Audrey S.



Josten D.



Isla L.



Showcase Performers



## Upcoming Events

- **Closed for Spring Break** – Saturday, March 17-Friday, March 23
  - NMI students will sing the national anthem at **the OKC Thunder game** – March 25 – discount tickets available (\$16)
    - **Closed for Easter** – Sunday, April 1
  - **Student Showcases** – Saturday, April 7: Noon and 2pm
- **Willis Alan Ramsey Concert** – Saturday, April 7 – 7:30pm – tickets available (\$30)
  - **Adult Student Showcase** – Friday, April 13: 7:00pm
- **A Clinic with Terry “Buffalo” Ware and Gregg Standridge** –
  - April 14 – 11am-2pm

Learn the secrets of successfully supporting singer/songwriters from Terry “Buffalo” Ware, one of the most sought after guitarists in the genre, and Gregg Standridge, director of the guitar department at the Norman Music Institute. Terry and Gregg will lead this three-hour clinic on “backing up” singer/songwriters of all styles. Although the clinic is geared around guitar, all instrumentalists are welcome.

The clinic will include:

- A short explanation of how to move and use the Pentatonic scale in all Major and Minor Keys.
  - Practical application of the CAGED system.
- A detailed description and application of the Number System
  - Lots of hands on application. You will be able to play on stage with Terry and Gregg and try out the techniques described so that you can get feedback from the presenters.
  - Introduction of subtle concepts used to compliment songs that are often overlooked.
    - Open Q/A with Terry and Gregg



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## Musical Ladder

The following students achieved new levels in Musical Ladder:

**Apprentice:**

Dorian L., Blake M., Maddie E., Mason E., Courtney G., Hailey S., and Landon G.

**Song Bird:**

Ophelia C.

**Musician:**

Adaha B., Audrey S., and Mason G.

**Rockstar:**

Aaron E., Landon W., and Ayden W.

**Allegro:**

Zachary B., and Arya V.

**Vivace:**

Brooke T.

**Maestro:**

Sydney M.

**Master:**

Isabella W.

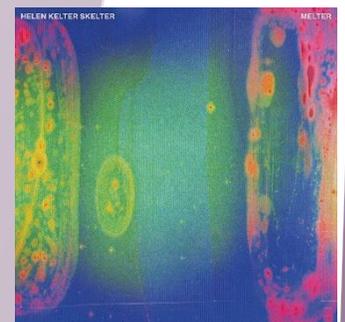
“Everyone is very nice and helpful to the students.”—Jesus R.

“I have already recommended NMI to friends and I like that everyone is helpful and friendly. My teacher is awesome. He understands exactly what I need.”—Carol R.

“Very accommodating in scheduling. My son really likes his instructor and he makes it so interesting to him that practicing is a top priority for him. (That’s very rare in a teenage boy!)”—Joe G.

## Instructor Spotlight: Tim Gregory

Tim has been teaching for 9 years and has taught guitar at NMI for the past 6 years. He has a bachelors in music from UCO. He has played lead guitar in the band Helen Kelter Skelter since it was formed 4 years ago. Their latest record was released in January. HKS will perform at the Norman Music Festival on Saturday, April 28 on the Main Stage at 5pm. Tim teaches all styles of guitar to students of all ages. Sign up to try a lesson with him today.



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New Group Class: Wednesdays 4:00-5:00

NMI MUSICAL EXPLORERS is a program for beginning students to explore music in a much more hands on and relaxed way. This program allows students to get experience in an ensemble from the beginning.

This group class is designed to give the students basic skill sets in reading rhythms and music that they immediately put to use in a band. The program uses custom designed songs for absolute beginners that become progressively more challenging. These pieces may require only a few notes in the beginning with the drummers playing only one part of the drum kit at time.

Special awards are given to students as they complete different aspects of the program. This program is an "at your own pace" program so practice is not required but is definitely encouraged.

NMI MUSICAL EXPLORERS will be available for voice, guitar, keyboards, ukulele, bass, and drums. Rental programs are available.