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## Hitting The Note With Barbara Simon

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There is no denying that the quick rise of pop songstresses and bands has created a surge of musical interest in the younger generations, especially those looking to mimic their idols' talents.

The BJ Simon Singing Studio provides classic voice training that can take anyone's talents to a new level.

Barbara J. Simon is no stranger to the music industry. She began her career as an NYU Musical Theater student and was a participant in an Educational Dance Company.

Simon is now taking her expertise and years of musical performance and using it to teach the public a talent that is ever-growing in popularity.

The BJ Simon Singing Studio, located in Hoboken, has already created stars. Allison Strong, a nine year old at the studio, is singing with the Metropolitan Opera Children's Chorus and won first place in the vocal competition at the NJN-TV Hispanic Youth Showace.

Jennifer Gonzalez, also a student at the BJ Simon Singing Studio, appeared as Anita in



Allison Strong sings her way to a win at the NJN Hispanic Youth Showcase.

"West SideStory," at the New Jersey City University's Margaret Williams Theater last spring.

For more information on lessons, please call the studio at (201) 798-5029.