

Spring 2023



Watch us grow!

When we started in 2017, we were not sure how things would go. But by 2019, we had almost 30 students, four teachers, and a vision for growth.

The pandemic put a dent in our growth, but this last year, we have been moving forward: We are preparing for our second percussion camp, thanks in part to the Pierce County Arts Commission. We have a second location in NE Tacoma. We'd like to take a few moments to introduce you to new teachers, and new opportunities for students to expand their musical horizons:



Josh Hansel, Percussion Instruction. Josh is a drummer, percussionist, and private music instructor. Josh received his degree in Percussion Performance from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA. At PLU, he performed with the jazz ensemble, wind ensemble, symphony orchestra, percussion ensemble, and steelband, while also playing drums for the musical Love's Labour's Lost, percussion with choirs, and percussion for a production of Die Fledermaus. In 2019, he had the privilege to study music in Trinidad and Tobago, playing in a Carnival rhythm section and an Indian music ensemble.

Eli Lockhart, Flute. Eli is a student at Pacific Lutheran University, studying Music Education with a focus in Secondary Band. Primarily a Flute player, Eli is a member of The Seattle Flute Society, The Wind Ensemble at PLU, the PLU Sølrvinden Flute Choir, and has studied the instrument for eleven years with legendary players such as Cassie Lear and Dr. Jennifer Rhyne. He has also been studying the Guitar for seven years, playing at church and occasionally in coffee shops, and has become comfortable with all genres and styles. Eli received both an Associate's Degree in Music and a General Associate's Degree in 2022 from Pierce College, and is truly excited to Jump Into Music with students from all levels and backgrounds!



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Tad Gaulke, Guitar. Mr. Gaulke has been guitarist for 50 years, starting at the age of 10. He is a capable guitarist in rock, blues, jazz, country, funk, and pop. He has spent the last 30 years teaching elementary general music to K-6 aged students in public schools emphasizing the Orff-Schulwerk approach. He is particularly interested in getting beginning players started.



Brandon Liukkonen, Trumpet: Brandon is a student at Pacific Lutheran University studying Music Education with a focus in Secondary Band. He has played trumpet for ten years and has been in many ensembles and played many musical genres. He played in the highest orchestra at Student Orchestras of Greater Olympia (SOGO), his high school's musical pit orchestra, and was his scout troop's bugler. He is currently in the University Jazz Ensemble and is the trumpet section leader for the University Concert Band at Pacific Lutheran University. In the past he studied trumpet with the principal trumpeter of the Olympia Symphony Orchestra, John Wells, and is currently studying with PLU's trumpet professor Zachary Lyman. He is excited to work with Jump Into Music and share his love of music with current and future students.



Yoon Kim, Piano (NE Tacoma Location). Yoon Kim graduated from the University of Washington with a major in music education, and ever since has been teaching general music at Wildwood Elementary in the Federal Way School District, now in her 26th year. She has played the piano since 1987. She enjoys teaching students as they learn and experience the beauty of music in their lives. It's challenging and tough at times, but Yoon recognizes how fulfilling an experience music is. Music is her passion, and she is eager to reach out and share her knowledge and to teach kids in her community.

Jump Into Music Offers:

Piano (Spanaway and NE Tacoma), Guitar (Spanaway), Flute (Spanaway), Percussion (Spanaway) and Trumpet (Spanaway). Thanks to our great instructors who give so much time and energy to their students. **For information on lessons, email us at info@jumpintomusic.org**

Percussion Camp Returns

Up to eighteen youth, 6th through 12th grade, will have the opportunity to participate in our second Percussion Camp. Last year's camp was a wonderful camp, where we watched the kids grow in musicianship and confidence as they did a deep dive into the world of percussion.

This year we are partnering with Seattle Percussion Works. While that group may sound new, there will be some familiar faces teaching, including Storm Benjamin, who was key to running our first successful percussion camp last year. This year, students will once again have the opportunity to learn new techniques, as well as learn to practice and perform on orchestral, jazz, and ethnic instruments including marimba, xylophone, drum set, djembe, and numerous auxiliary instruments.

We are deeply grateful for your support, for it is with your generous donations that we were able to offer such a meaningful program. Last year's students came as campers, and after three days of enthusiastic music mentoring in community, they created new friendships.

Viviane attended last year, and has already signed up for this summer's camp. "I had a blast! I love playing percussion. I play in a marimba band during the school year, and I had a lot of fun to learn new percussion instruments and techniques."

Thanks to Pierce County Arts Commission, ArtsWA and our fantastic donors who enable us to make this camp FREE to all students. To register, check out our website.

Percussion Camp will be August 3—5 at Spanaway Lutheran Church. Space is limited.





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