

# MID-TERM ASSESSMENT

I enjoy assessments when they're done well. Throughout a lesson, my student & I rate progress toward a goal on a 5-point scale. A recent lesson with student "IS" sounded very bumpy with lots of stops. She evaluated her fluency as a two out of five, and set herself a goal of four out of five next time. As she played her piece again, she used recently discussed techniques of "train light shining ahead" and "hand at rest, eyes ahead" to anticipate the next notes and incorporate them into her playing with no stops or bumps. Her next score: 4.5/5!

My students thrive on quantified goals. So do I. Here are my goals for the next three months:

Communication ... improve from 1/5 to 4/5

Reliability ... improve from 2/5 to 5/5

Scheduling ... improve from 3/5 to 5/5

A quick staffing update for you: over the past eight weeks I've interviewed or screened 20 applicants for music instructors. I continue to search for the best teacher, team member, and musician for you!

## MEET MICHAEL



Michael Lucero is a guitar and oud player based in Portland, Oregon. Born and raised in Scottsdale, Arizona, he began playing guitar and bass in 2007. He performs with the Grossmont Middle East Ensemble, Encinitas Guitar Orchestra, and with the San Diego-based soul/rock band Cath. Michael joined Maestro Music Academy in 2022. He adapts the curriculum according to the taste and enjoyment of each student, balancing music literacy with favorite requested tunes. He helps students uncover the logic of the fretboard enabling them to find freedom on the instrument, through which students can discover their own voice and sense of musicality. He teaches various plucked string instruments including guitar, oud, bass, banjo, and ukulele as well as piano and percussion.

# GET INVOLVED

One of the benefits of membership at Maestro Music is participating in our ongoing events. Reply back for more details if you:

- love holiday music
- are passionate about the environment
- want to strengthen the bond between parent-child
- surf youtube for fun
- enjoy local wine
- have a favorite grandparent
- want to try something new
- give gifts as your love language

Summer Camp dates are published below! Tell me the best hours for your child's camp NOW and we'll make it part of our plan.

## REFERRAL PARTNER

This month I'd like to spotlight Lisa Komer of Fancy That! Her candle bar is a unique party space, and her custom gifts are ideal for the busy parent searching for teacher gifts or the professional building relationships with staff & clients. She's at

<https://www.shopfancythat.com/>

# Maestro Music Academy

## 2022 - 2023

### September

9/26 Open House  
4-5p @Aloha

### October

10/11 Open House  
4-5p @Progress Ridge

### November

11/28 Masterclass  
4-5p @Zoom  
*Fall Closure 11/23-27*

### December

12/4 Winter Bells  
3-4p @Community  
12/23 @Online  
*Winter Closure 12/22-1/1*

### January

1/14 Merlot 4 Musicians  
12-2p @Community

### February

2/11 Love & Loss Songs  
12-1p @Community

### March

3/11 Bach Birthday  
12-2p @Tanasbourne  
*Spring Closure 3/27-31*  
Beethoven Camp

### April

4/17 Masterclass  
7-8p @Zoom  
4/22 Earth Day  
@Online

### May

Spring Recital  
5/7 @Community  
5/10 @Online

### June

6/8 Term Ends  
6/26-30 PianoCraft  
Summer Camp

### July

7/17-21 Around the  
World Summer Camp

### August

8/7-11 Magical Motives  
Summer Camp  
*Summer Closure 8/30-9/4*