TRUE SONG STUDIO  Info Packet – 2019/2020

You have a true story to be told... a new song... a True Song...

Join our Joyful Excellence in Music.
Experience creativity. Understand theory. Be empowered in technique.
Sing your True Song.
Located at Ustick/Locust Grove in Meridian, True Song Studio is in a private home setting with approximately 500 square feet devoted to instruments, recording, music library, and classrooms.

True Song Studio provides:

(SUMMERTIME)  Outdoor Family Music Nights – Choir & Symphony – Camps

(FALL/WINTER/SPRING)  Group Classes for Babies, Tots, Kids, Teens, and Adults in: Piano, Guitar, Ukulele, Strumstick/Dulcimer, Violin, Songwriting/Recording, and Vocal Chorus

(YEAR ROUND)  Open Mics & Recitals – Private lessons in: Flute, Oboe, Trumpet, French Horn, Piano, Voice, Guitar, Ukulele, Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass, Marimba, and Composition

True Song Studio owner/instructor Danika Starrhart has conducted symphony, directed camps, and taught music lessons since 2004. As a singer-songwriter she has produced over a dozen solo albums, and as a player of over 20 instruments she’s performed concertos on piano, flute, oboe, French horn, and violin. She is also the founder of Song Bugs (www.songbugs.com), a national community and curriculum resource for early music education. Known for her patience, humor, and unflagging encouragement to excellence, she fosters the joy of making music in an accessible family environment.

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Keep up with all our events at Facebook.com/truesongstudio

www.TrueSongStudio.com
Fall classes run September 1 through December 18. There are 16 classes in the Fall season. Each class is 40 minutes per week.

**Tuition for a single group class is $50/month.** Second class taken by a member of your family is $45/month. (Third is $40/month, etc.)

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Class sizes are 5-10 students. Instrument classes are designed for beginning and intermediate level players. Generally, it’s recommended that advanced students with more than 3 years of serious study enroll in private lessons instead of group classes. See following page for class descriptions and private lesson info.

**Spread the good news about True Song Studio!**

**Attend group classes with your friends.**

For every new family you refer, you get a $25 credit applied to your next month of tuition.
Group Class Descriptions

**Piano Alive (ages 1-12, divided)** The Piano Alive classes teach beginning-intermediate piano “wholistically,” through color, movement, and fun group drills. Theory and note reading are taught in the context of songs and games, and there is also emphasis on improvisational skills. In the younger age groups, parents or caregivers attend with their children. All group piano classes utilize our unique setup where multiple electronic pianos face the instructor / whiteboard / screen with live video of instructor’s hands projected.

**Piano Power (teens) / (adults)** Comprehensive and inspiring, this class teaches piano to older students through creativity, performance, and group drills. Theory, note reading, and pattern recognition are taught in the context of songs, and there is also emphasis on improvisation, chord navigation, and songwriting skills. All group piano classes utilize our unique setup where multiple electronic pianos face the instructor / whiteboard / screen with live video of instructor’s hands projected.

**Strum Kids (ages 4-7)** Kids can learn to play melodies & chords *right away* in this class! Using a strumstick, dulcimer, or dulcimer guitar, younger students can get the thrill of strumming and picking easily, minimizing the physical frustrations that are present when guitar and ukulele are attempted “too soon.” This class includes movement, songwriting, treble note reading, ear training, and chord accompaniment for singing.

**Guitar & Ukulele (ages 8-13)** This class teaches fun techniques as well as scales, chords, and basic note reading from the fretboard. Students learn to follow as well as create chord progressions and strum patterns. Applied repertoire ranges from traditional and folk to inspirational and popular. Students can bring song requests for the class to learn and perform. Bring your own guitar, ukulele, or both.

**Kids Vocal Training & Chorus (ages 4-12)** Experience the joy of ensemble singing while ALSO learning the musical theory behind the songs you learn. Here, warmups are a FUN highlight of class as voices are strengthened, smoothed, expanded, and tuned. Simple harmonies are taught with the kid-friendly repertoire.

**Mini Violinies (ages 4-7) / Violin Ninjas (ages 8-12)** An energetic learning ensemble especially for beginning-intermediate violinists. Each class is spent learning string techniques and practicing songs with the thrill of harmonizing as a small ensemble. Scales/intervals/arpeggios are practiced fluidly in context of improvisation.

**Teen Songwriting & Recording** Learn how to write “hit” and heartfull songs while collaborating with other teen musicians! Class covers: Song form and delivery — Creating lyrics for music — Structuring music for lyrics — Developing hooks — Melodizing — Chord patterns — Arranging — and more. Each semester culminates with recording sessions where students get to experience what it’s like to be studio musicians and recording artists, mixing and editing and producing their own songs. **This class accommodates intermediate and advanced level musicians.**

**Private Lessons** are available year round.

Flute, Oboe, Trumpet, French Horn, Piano, Voice, Guitar, Ukulele, Violin, Viola, Bass, Marimba, & Composition.

Private lessons can accommodate any level and any age. Danika has experience working with a variety of learners, including students competing at the national level and gifted/special needs students.

**Private Lesson Rates**
- 20 min weekly = $25/lesson
- 40 min weekly = $45/lesson
- 40 min every other week = $50/lesson

(Payments are made monthly.)
TRUE SONG STUDIO Registration 2019-2020

Student's Name (first & last) ____________________________________________________

Mailing Address ________________________________________________________________

What lesson(s)/class(es) are you enrolling in at this time?

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What are some goals you have for improving musically at True Song Studio this year?

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NEW STUDENTS ONLY

(OR - returning students, supply any info again if it has changed since last year)

Email address ________________________________________________________________

Student's DOB (or specify adult) __________________________

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names [if student is under 18] ________________________________

Cell Phone _________________________________________________________________

List any instruments you play and respective years of study. __________________________

List any previous (or current) music lessons, classes, or ensembles you've participated in.

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OK to publish photos that show you here, online?  Yes / No

How did you hear about us? ____________________________________________________

I'll pay the one-time $35 single student registration or $55 family registration fee with:

Venmo / Cash / Check / PayPal

I have read and agree to the studio policies:

Practice: Students who take classes or lessons on an ongoing basis are expected to practice at home 5 or more days per week. Recommended minimum daily practice lengths per instrument are 15 minutes for ages 2-5, 30 minutes for ages 6-9 and 45 minutes for ages 10 and up.

Payment: Each month’s tuition must be paid in full BEFORE the 1st of the calendar month. Payments can be made with cash, check, PayPal (trueongstudio@gmail.com), or Venmo (@DanikaStarrhart). For private lessons, student and instructor arrange an ongoing schedule, and it is assumed that the schedule will continue unless other arrangements are made with ample notice.

Credit for missed lessons: In the event of a private lesson schedule conflict, rescheduling arrangements must be made 48 hours in advance in order to have a credit for a makeup lesson. If a student has to miss a GROUP CLASS, notice is appreciated, but no credit can be given for a missed group class. (Your spot means a lot - thank you for your understanding!)

Refunds: A full refund or credit is only given if the instructor cancels a class or lesson and the student and instructor are not able to schedule a make up lesson.

Discontinuing Enrollment: Students must give a 30-day notice if they are going to discontinue lessons/classes or take any break from the billing cycle.

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Adult Student or Parent/Guardian Signature __________________________ Date __________