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January Newsletter

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Forté Music School Expands & Adds Music FunTime Classes

The image shows the cover of the Toledo Area Parent magazine for January/February 2022. The cover features a group of six people: a man in a dark suit playing a trumpet, a woman in a blue top, a man in a grey blazer playing a violin, a young boy in a plaid shirt playing a saxophone, a young girl in a pink coat, and a young girl in an orange floral dress playing a purple acoustic guitar. The background is a bright green and yellow geometric pattern. The magazine title 'Toledo AREA PARENT' is prominently displayed at the top. There are several callouts: 'SPONSORED COVER' at the top, 'Toledo MOMPREENEURS: Doing it all From Home' in a blue circle, and '2022 Wellness Guide Start the New Year with Healthy Habits' in a yellow circle. The Forté Music School logo is in the bottom right corner. A green banner at the bottom left reads 'Forté Music School Expands & Adds Music FunTime Classes'.

Forté Music School Expands Facility and Adds Toddler Programming



Fortei Music School student Maxellee O'Nan is having violin lesson with her amazing instructor Haleigh Willingham.



Fortei Music School teacher Ryan Tequia is having voice lesson with school's guitar & piano teacher Taylor Wilson in one of the Fortei's newly renovated studios.

When the pandemic hit, Forté music school had many families pulling their kids from music lessons after devastating job losses. It wasn't easy to weather the storm, but Forté has persevered and adapted to the "new normal" by adding air purifiers, a top-notch HVAC system complete with UV lights, while adhering to all recommended safety precautions.

"Thankfully, most of our wonderful students understood and were there for us!" says the school's director, Virgil Lupu. "We were able to keep going through online lessons, and slowly we were able to rebuild back to where we were two years ago."

Forté has now expanded to create studios on the second floor of their building, including eight new studio spaces to accommodate more than 700 students and 43 professionally trained music instructors. This expansion was an incredible feat during the pandemic, when contractors were not easy to come by.

To add to this accomplishment, Forté has also incorporated Music FunTime classes into their programming, which are ideal for children aged two through five. Though it is designed to last two years, kids can take their time, learning at their own pace. A curriculum derived from research at Johns-Hopkins, Music FunTime enables kids to get a head start on their foundational knowledge of music.

"Kids absolutely love these classes!" says Lupu. "Seeing their smiles every time they come to class and every time they get a new instrument is priceless. It pays off for all the struggles we had to overcome during the expansion and during the launch of this new program."

Luma A.

Tricia B.

Joanna B.

David C.

Danny D.

Caitlyn E.

Carolyn E.

Brandon E.

Bryan E.

Demetri F.

Katie G.

Yvonne J.

Eric J.

Presley K.

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Julia – Piano & Voice

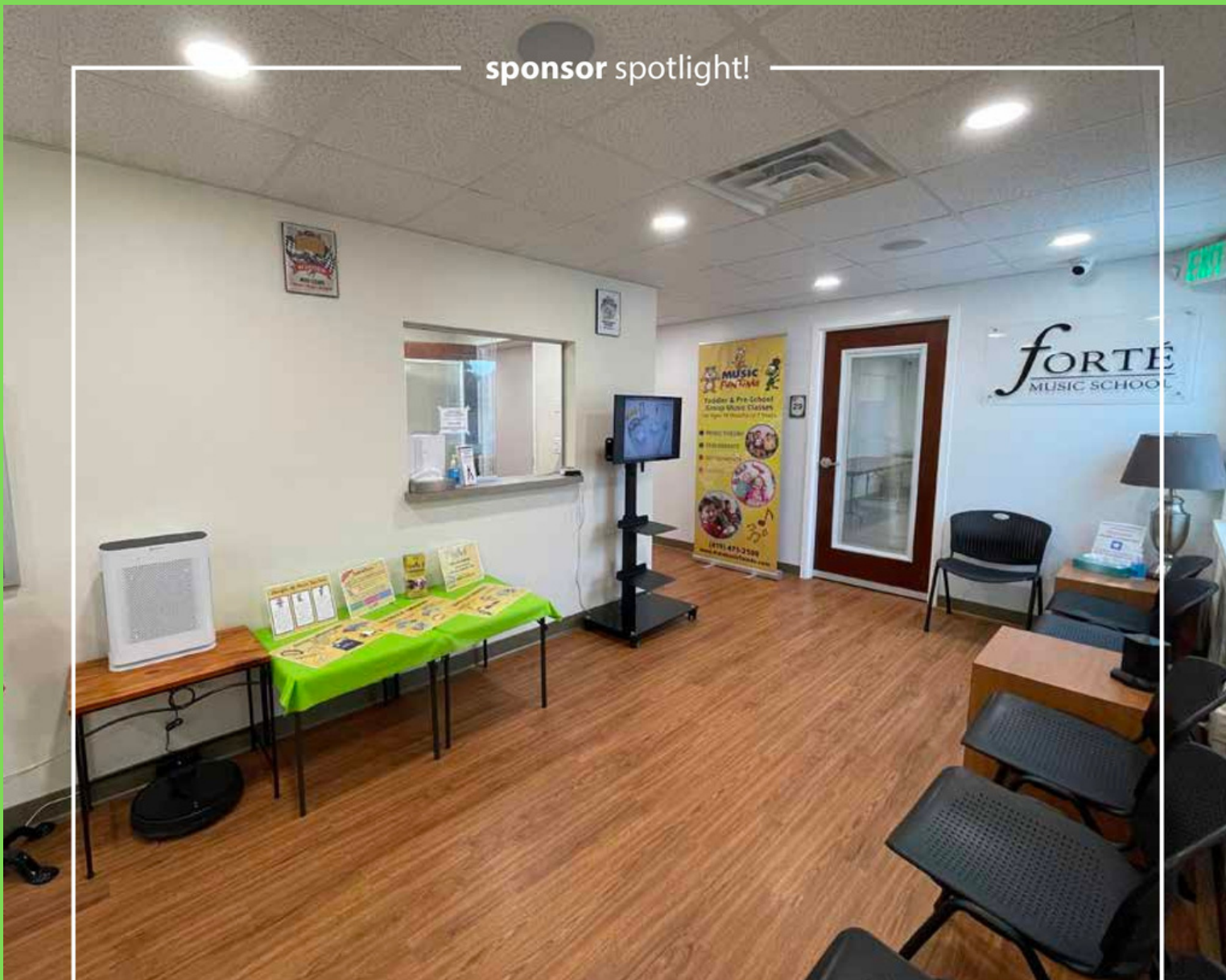


Julia graduated from Bowling Green State University in 2020 with a Master's of Music in Voice. She holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Butler University in Indianapolis, IN, where she studied Voice Performance. During her time at Butler, Julia taught voice and piano lessons

at the Butler Community Arts School. At Bowling Green, Julia performed the roles of Athamas in Semele and Fidalma in Il Matrimonio Segreto. She was a finalist in the Marjorie Conrad Art Song competition as well as the BGSU Concerto Competition.

She currently performs as a part of the Toledo Opera Chorus. She also is a section leader at First Presbyterian Church in Maumee. Julia is excited to join the Forté family!

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FORTÉ MUSIC SCHOOL'S EXPANSION!

Forté Music School in Toledo, the largest private music school in the area, serving the community for over 15 years, is now proud to announce the opening of their second-floor location by adding eight more spacious studios. Forté Music School is now the happy home of over 700 students and families and 43 teachers in a beautiful space of over 6,000 square feet and 22 spacious studios.

Many music schools around the country have been forced to close their doors or suspend classes altogether until further notice, but Forté Music School fights to go in the opposite direction. Over the past two years, Forté Music School director Virgil Lupu has been working tirelessly to expand the school to the second floor and add eight more spacious studios.

"I never thought it would take us this long. It was not easy to find contractors to get the job done

during a pandemic! Mostly everything was on backorder, overpriced, delayed, or postponed, but we somehow pulled through.

"When everything shut down, we lost over 100 students in 30 days due to several families losing their jobs. It was tragic! Luckily, we had a lot of support from the community who understood that if they do not stick

with us during this time, we might not make it out of the pandemic! Thankfully, most of our wonderful students understood and were there for us! We were able to keep going through online lessons, and slowly we were able to rebuild back to where we were two years ago. We slowly transitioned back to in-person lessons, but it was not easy. When we reopened, we went far and beyond to ensure the safety of our teachers, students, and parents. We have a lot of safety measures in place. Of course, we instituted the normal temperature checks, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, masks, social distancing, limited occupancy for the waiting area, etc., but we went a step even further, installing UV lights in our HVAC systems and placing MARV 13 air filters in the HVAC system and extra air purifiers in our waiting areas.”

Virgil Lupu is very thankful to live in an area that is surrounded by art institutions such as the wonderful Art Museum, the Symphony Orchestra, the Opera, several dance companies, art galleries, etc. Art and education in general are so important, particularly these days when children are constantly surrounded by distractions. Music education has a particularly major impact on the development of the brain, which cannot be replaced by other activities.

“Despite all our efforts to provide quality service, we could not have survived without the help of our clients, and I must say, I am very proud of our community for understanding the value of music education! This expansion is our way to give back to the community by creating extra space and breathing room, and to show appreciation for being there for us, particularly over the past two years! We promise to continue to constantly improve and provide the highest level of private music education.”

Director Virgil Lupu is an accomplished violinist who started his



musical journey at age 5 with a similar early music program and started playing the violin at age 7. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Violin Performance from BGSU and a Master’s degree in Violin Performance from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, earning both degrees while on a full talent-based scholarship.

About Forté Music School: For 15 years, Forté Music School has been helping people of all ages

discover a love for music through quality and affordable lessons for all levels of musicianship. Lessons are offered on voice, piano, percussion, strings, woodwinds, and brass instruments. The school is open seven days a week, and all faculty members are friendly and professional musicians who enjoy helping each student pursue their passion for music.

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David – Piano, Voice, Guitar & Ukulele



From a very young age through high school, David actively played drums and guitar. With continued enthusiasm for music and guitar, he went on to Berklee College of music in Boston. Starting his full

time, professional career, David played pop and jazz music in hotels and resorts, acting as an arranger and bandleader.

Eight years later, still wanting to pursue music as a career, David studied Music Therapy at Eastern Michigan University and has been a clinical music therapist in the Toledo region for over 20 years. Along with primarily using guitar and voice for his music therapy work, David has consistently used keyboard, percussion, and metallophone instruments.

Throughout his career, David has also developed skills and a passion for digital sound recording and songwriting. In 2015, this experience culminated in a CD/E book for special needs students, teachers, and families called Modern Music Learning for the School-aged Child. Wanting to share his experience with Forte Music students and families, David teaches piano, voice, guitar, and ukulele. In the future, David would love to develop Forte Music programs in digital sound recording and songwriting.

Rylee K.

Grace M.

Braylon M.

Tobias O.

Nikolas P.

Madeline P.

Micah P.

Christian P.

Sammy R.

Victor R.

Marilyn S.

Scott S.

Kamarie T.

Maura T.

Marguerite T.

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Douglas - Trumpet



Douglas Amos is a trumpet performer and teacher based in the Toledo area. An active freelance trumpet player, Douglas plays a diverse repertoire ranging from classical music to jazz, rock, and funk music. He can be seen performing often with

the Toledo Symphony, Fort Wayne Philharmonic, Adrian Symphony, and the Bluewater Kings Band. Along with playing in orchestras and bands, Douglas performs with his wife Megan (principal horn of the Toledo Symphony) in their group, the Amos Duo.

Outside of performing, Douglas is a teacher and clinician, teaching private students as well as group lessons and masterclasses. In addition to teaching trumpet, Douglas is a solfege and theory teacher and teaches students online from all over the country.

Kaelyn V.

Mattie V.

Elizabeth W.

Richard W.

Vivian Y.



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**TODDLER & PRE-SCHOOL
GROUP MUSIC CLASSES**
For Ages 18 Months to 7 Years

More Classes - New Schedule

MONDAY TUESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY

9:30 - 10:00 AM
Music FunTime for *Toddlers*:
Age: 18 months to 3 y.o.
Class Length: 30 minutes

4:30 - 5:00 PM
Music FunTime for *Toddlers*:
Age: 18 months to 3 y.o.
Class Length: 30 minutes

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9:00 - 9:30 AM
9:30 - 10:00 AM
Music FunTime for *Toddlers*:
Age: 18 months to 3 y.o.
Class Length: 30 minutes

10:00 - 10:30 AM
Music FunTime for *Pre-Schoolers*:
Age: 3 to 5 y.o.
Class Length: 30 minutes

5:00 - 5:30 PM
Music FunTime for *Pre-Schoolers*:
Age: 3 to 5 y.o.
Class Length: 30 minutes

5:00 - 5:30 PM
5:30 - 6:00 PM
Music FunTime for *Pre-Schoolers*:
Age: 3 to 5 y.o.
Class Length: 30 minutes

10:00 - 10:30 AM
10:30 - 11:00 AM
Music FunTime for *Pre-Schoolers*:
Age: 3 to 5 y.o.
Class Length: 30 minutes

10:30 - 11:00 AM
Music FunTime for *School-Age*:
Age: 5 to 7 y.o.
Class Length: 30 minutes

5:30 - 6:00 PM
Music FunTime for *School-Age*:
Age: 5 to 7 y.o.
Class Length: 30 minutes

6:00 - 6:30 PM
Music FunTime for *School-Age*:
Age: 5 to 7 y.o.
Class Length: 30 minutes

11:00 - 11:30 AM
Music FunTime for *School-Age*:
Age: 5 to 7 y.o.
Class Length: 30 minutes



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Benefits Of Music FunTime



We teach your child to read music in the same manner they are taught letters, numbers, colors, shapes, etc. We have created an array of colorful music teaching tools and worksheets that teach rhythm, pitch, notation, symbols and key signatures.



Your children will become more confident, communicative and develop an increased attention span, in addition to a growing appetite and appreciation for various types of music and musical instruments.



Students are given a backpack of rhythm instruments at registration to use in class and at home. Throughout the course, additional instruments are provided adding variety, diversity and fun. All students are introduced to piano, guitar, percussion, violin, bells, kazoos, flutophones, and recorders.



Music FunTime is an innovative, structured, and progressive curriculum derived from Johns-Hopkins Research exploring the magical connection between math & science through music for children newborn through 7 years of age. Small groups of 4-6 kids per classroom focus on singing, movement, instrument play, nursery rhymes, games, crafts, worksheets, stories, and ear training activities. It is a fun and exciting way to explore and nurture a strong music foundation that becomes a way of life, thus gaining all the benefits of uniting both hemispheres of the brain. Not only will your child be exposed to musical concepts such as rhythm, melody, and beat, but they will also have a great time!



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Forté is Filling up! Here are the remaining teacher openings!

Monday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) - SOLD OUT

Chavar (guitar) - 3 Openings

Chelsea (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Dana (violin) - SOLD OUT

Daniel (piano) - 1 Opening

David (guitar) - 3 Openings

Jim A. (cello) - 4 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Jordan (drums) - 2 Openings

Julia (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Justin (piano) - 1 Opening

Kevin S.(winds/brass) - SOLD OUT

Lucas (voice/guitar) - SOLD OUT

Melissa (violin) - SOLD OUT

Michael (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar/bass/mandolin/banjo) - SOLD OUT

Scott (drums) - 2 Openings

Seth (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Sy (piano) - 1 Opening

Tuesday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) - SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Chloe (voice/guitar) - SOLD OUT

Dianne (voice/guitar/ukulele) - SOLD OUT

Douglas (trumpet) - 2 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Jordan (drums) - SOLD OUT

Julia (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Kevin S. (woodwind/brass) - 1 Opening

Melanie (piano) - 1 Opening

Nolan (piano) - 2 Openings

Tuesday (continued):

Peter (guitar) - 1 Opening

Randy (violin/viola) - 1 Opening

Ron (guitar/bass/mandolin/banjo) - SOLD OUT

Sam (drums) - Online Only

Seth (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Sy (piano) - SOLD OUT

Taylor (guitar/piano) - SOLD OUT

Wednesday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) - SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

David (guitar) - 2 Openings

Haleigh (violin) - SOLD OUT

Jim A. (cello) - 2 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Julia (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Kevin P. (piano) - SOLD OUT

Kevin S. (woodwind/brass) - SOLD OUT

Melanie (piano) - SOLD OUT

Michael (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Nicole (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Peter (guitar) - SOLD OUT

Randy (violin/viola) - SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar/bass/mandolin/banjo)- SOLD OUT

Sam (drums) - SOLD OUT

Sy (piano) -SOLD OUT

Thomas (guitar/bass/ukulele) - 3 Openings

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Thursday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Dana (violin) – SOLD OUT

Dianne (voice/guitar/ukulele) – SOLD OUT

Jim A. (cello) - 3 Openings

Jim S. (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Jordan (drums) - 3 Openings

Kevin S. (winds/brass) – SOLD OUT

Lucas (voice/guitar) – SOLD OUT

Marjorie (piano) – 1 Opening

Nicole (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Randy (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar/bass/mandolin/banjo) – SOLD OUT

Scott (drums) – 2 Openings

Seth (voice/piano) - 1 Opening

Sy (piano) – SOLD OUT

Taylor (guitar/piano/ukulele) – SOLD OUT

Friday:

Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Brandon (piano) - 2 Openings

Corey (trumpet) – Online Only

Dan (guitar) - 1 Opening

Diego (brass/piano/guitar) – Online Only

Jordan (drums) – 3 Openings

Joslynn (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Justin (piano) – 2 Openings

Melissa (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Peter (guitar/bass/oud) – Online Only

Randy (violin/viola) – 1 Opening

Ron (guitar/bass/mandolin/banjo) – SOLD OUT

Seth (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Saturday:

Amy (flute) – 3 Openings

Bogdan (violin/viola) – SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano) - SOLD OUT

Corey (trumpet) – Online Only

Darius (voice/piano) - 3 Openings

David (guitar/piano) - SOLD OUT

Emily (clarinet/saxophone) - 4

Openings

Jim A. (cello) – 3 Openings

Jordan (drums) – 1 Opening

Nicole (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Peter (guitar/bass/oud)– SOLD OUT

Ron (guitar/bass/mandolin/banjo) – SOLD OUT

Sunday:

Alyssa (piano/voice) - 2 Openings

Cam (guitar/piano) - SOLD OUT

Chavar (guitar/bass) – SOLD OUT

Chelsea (voice/piano) – SOLD OUT

Daniel (piano) - SOLD OUT

Haleigh (violin) - SOLD OUT

Jim A. (cello) - 2 Openings

Joslynn (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Kevin P. (piano) – SOLD OUT

Nicole (voice/piano) - 2 Openings

Scott (drums) – 3 Openings

Thomas W. (guitar/bass/ukulele) – 3 Openings