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Summer Recap

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Lots of new students & a new teacher...plus some new looks in some old programs!

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Songwriting

City Voices students are making their voices heard - literally - thanks to our Courtney Krause and our Songwriting program!

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Music Theater Camp Group Number

The 2019 Summer Music Academy was a great success, with students from all 5 Des Moines high schools, plus a few middle schools, making amazing things happen not only in lessons but in enrichment classes in Music Theater, Music Theory, Songwriting, Hip Hop, Music Production, and A Cappella. Led by incredible musicians and experts in their fields, our students thrived, learning from the best and from each other, and culminating in some incredible performances. Read more on PAGE 2!



The 2019 Summer Music Academy Songwriting Class



Program Coordinator Daniela Ortiz with Music Production campers.

The Halls Were Alive

The 2019 City Voices Summer Music Academy was a roaring success featuring private voice, guitar and keyboard lessons, and lots of valuable enrichment classes:

• Songwriting

Local singer/songwriter Courtney Krause led students in a journey to set their ideas to music, with many recording, mixing and producing their creations.



• HipHop and Music Production

City Voices graduate Daniela Ortiz and Topeka-based rapper Dontae McKnight helped students learn to create hip-hop songs; individual groups recorded their songs and even filmed



accompanying videos. The camp culminated in an awesome Release Party.

• Music Theater

New York City-based Equity actor Napoleon Douglas returned to City Voices, where he was

one of the original Teaching Artists, to lead an intensive, well-attended Music Theater camp; students learned the basics of auditioning and performing, and learned both solo and group numbers, culminating in a feature performance.



Students were also able to take **A Cappella Singing** and **Music Theory** classes.

IN ADDITION: eastern Iowa singer Lynne Rothrock journeyed to City Voices to lead 2

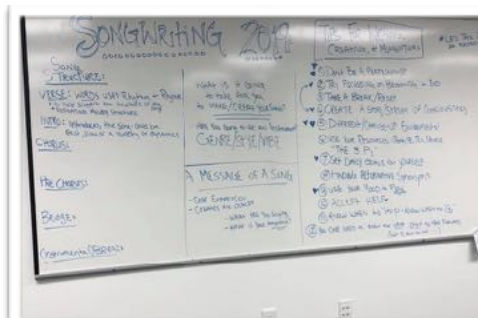


Master Classes for students seeking advanced instruction in solo performance.



MAKING YOURSELF HEARD

One of the newest programs at City Voices is our Songwriting track of classes. Led by local singer/songwriter Courtney Krause, students have been learning the basics of putting their thoughts down on paper, and then turning that into music. Since beginning in the summer of 2017, the program has grown by leaps and bounds, and now advanced students can record their compositions, and then learn components of mixing and producing by creating a solo track. It has been very successful, and several of our students had their works premiered at the Bravo Annual Gala last winter, as part of the mixtape played at the event and then distributed to all attendees. Once again this summer, numerous students signed up to learn from this amazing Teaching Artist, and once again their creations were incredible. Some of the students performed their songs at the Release Party held in June, and one of our students even completed several songs on an EP which he hopes to release. Look for more classes in 2020!



CITY VOICES BY THE NUMBERS IN 2018.....

- 65 students reached at 12 Des Moines area schools
- 144 students reached at 15 metro schools since 2013
- 16 graduates have enrolled in college music programs so far, in Music Therapy, Music Theatre, Guitar, Music Business, Music Education, Vocal Performance.
- Over 1850 private lessons taught during the 2018 fiscal year. (92 hours)
- 16 Teaching Artists employed during 2018.

WHAT'S NEW?

STUDENTS!

City Voices welcomed 10 students brand new to our program to the Summer Program....and 12 more for the Fall 2019 session! This brings our total since inception to 175 students!

GROUP KEYBOARD!

City Voices has added a group keyboard class to its curriculum. Led by City Voices alumnus Michael Xayavong (North, '15), students are learning to accompany themselves and pick out melodies.



TEACHERS!

Teaching Artists Jeremy Jorgenson and Jaime McTaggart joined us for the Summer Music Academy as voice teachers, and Shannon Seals has joined us this fall on a permanent basis! FUN FACT: Shannon just received a Master's degree in Opera Performance from the University of Kansas, where she taught City Voices alumnus and current Music Therapy student Daniela Ortiz, (North '16) in her private studio!



HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE!

City Voices students have been spotted all over the metro!



- City Voices students were incredibly honored to be asked to sing the National Anthem at the Iowa Democratic Party's **Liberty and Justice Dinner** on November 1, 2019. Nineteen current and past City Voices students and several teachers sang for an audience of 13,500 attendees, 14 Presidential candidates, and a worldwide media audience, including C-SPAN, which broadcast their performance live.

- Several City Voices students again sang patriotic songs, including the National Anthem, at the **Ft. Des Moines annual Veteran's Day Ceremony**, for an enthusiastic group of vets and their families.

- City Voices students provided holiday music in the lobby of the Civic Center before the **Iowa Dance Theater's production of "The Nutcracker."** All students who sang received a free ticket to attend the show! This is our second "gig" with The Nutcracker performance - we love collaborating with fellow arts organizations!



City Voices students are making some noise!



Bravo!

TO: Kalen Truong (North, 12) for being named to the National Council on Youth Leadership!

TO: Esther Ubadigbo (Roosevelt, 12), for earning a FULL RIDE to Northwestern University for the next four years!

TO: Caitlyn Porter (Lincoln, 12), Shaddai Johnson (Roosevelt, 12), Abbie Phelps (Roosevelt, 12) and Mary Mawi (Roosevelt, 12) for earning solos in their school choirs!

TO: Annika Baker (Hoover, 12) for earning a role in the Des Moines Playhouse's production of "Freaky Friday!"

TO: Damaris Nelson (East, 12) and Owen Yoder (Lincoln, 12) for earning leads in their school's musicals (*Sister Act*, and *Forever Plaid*) this fall!

TO: Shaddai Johnson (Roosevelt, 12) for being named student director of the Roosevelt vocal group "Forte!"

TO: Caitlyn Porter (Lincoln, 12), Shaddai Johnson (Roosevelt, 12) and Owen Yoder (Lincoln, 12) for earning a spot in the Iowa State University Honors Choir!

TO: Abbie Phelps (Roosevelt, 12) for releasing her debut EP "Liquid Truth!"

AND....TO: Alumna Hasija Terzic (Roosevelt, '18) for being cast in Central College's "Cabaret," Daniela Ortiz (North, '16) for completing her senior recital at the University of Kansas, where she is studying Music Therapy, and Mayte Gomez-Cruz (North, '16) for being offered several music therapy internship positions - she is studying Music Therapy at the University of Iowa.

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