

# The Quarterly Note

*Tahoe Conservatory of Music*

## Holiday Recital at Cal Neva Resort:

Date Line: Crystal Bay, Nevada December 12, 2006 The Spirit of Frank Sinatra was on his feet cheering during the holiday recital at Cal/Neve in the room built for him. 80 TCM rising stars performed solos and duets creating a magical evening for everyone in attendance. Very evident was the hard work that the students and teachers invested to make this a wonderful performance. Your talented students were so excited to perform for you.

Of many notable performances

Rachel Pober performed on the piano the classic island song *Pearly Shells*, written by Leon Pober her grandfather.

Project Mana: TCM families demonstrated their generosity by donating 130 lbs of canned goods to families in need during the holidays.

Picture: Nicholas Hooker performing



## Student News

Randy Rocket Butler a young piano student from Truckee, has qualified in two events for the USASA Snow Board championships to be held at North Star in April. Congratulations to Randy and good luck!

Not bad for a six year old!



*Parents: Let us know about your student: awards, recognition, we will include them in this space*

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### Calendar

*Reminder: we are open on all Monday Holidays.*

*TCM is closed April 16-20 for Spring Break*

*May 1— Summer and early Fall Registration begins*

*June 12, 2007—Recital at the Conference Center in Kings Beach.*

*June 18-22—Bring a Friend Week*

*June 28th— last day of class*

*Summer School Begins Monday July 9*

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## Learning Tip: Jennifer Frecon, Practice Piano

It's difficult to find time in our busy lives to practice, especially in a place like Tahoe, when you have so many things to do and on your mind. It can also be overwhelming if you haven't touched the piano in a few days and you are trying to remember how your teacher explained the piece to you in your lesson. A practice tip I find useful are music drills (repetition).

Many times in a piece of music you have those stubborn parts. It is easy to become frustrated trying to play those parts, however it can be very rewarding when you finally get it dialed in. It's like learning a new trick on the slopes or finally making

it down that black diamond without falling. Try This;

1. Line up seven jelly beans or a favorite candy across the piano, where you place your music
2. Zone in on one fragment of that stubborn area and practice. The harder the better
3. If you play the part perfectly reward yourself with a jelly bean.
4. Try playing the part at least 7 time correctly.
5. Move on to the next tricky spot and repeat the game

Instead of attempting the entire piece every time you practice,  
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**Jennifer Frecon: BA, The Pennsylvania State University, Piano**

## Teacher Story: Marissa Campbell

A truly amazing teacher, Marissa is a credentialed with 15 years of teaching experience. A resident of Truckee, Marissa teaches voice, piano, guitar, song-writing and recording. When she is not teaching she is working on recording her own music and performing with local groups in Truckee. Marissa earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Emerson College. She attended the Belgium National Conservatory, and Beridee College of Music in Boston.

"I have always loved to sing and playing music keeps me in such a good mood!"

Marissa brings to TCM enthusiasm for music teaching, experience teaching, performing and song-writing.



## Teacher Story: Stan Charles

Stan a resident of Truckee, teaches classic guitar, electric guitar, bass some piano and we learned this year that he also teaches Ukulele. He is lead guitar and lead singer for the local band *The Truckee Tribe*. Many of you have seen the band perform around Tahoe. Band members include Stan's Dad on base, his Sister on violin and fiddle, and our own Brian Hess on keyboard.

Stan is a graduate of California State University Long Beach with a Bachelor of Science in Music and Communication. "Living in Long Beach sparked a love of dub reggae." He performed throughout the Long Beach area until he moved to Truckee.

Stan is a great teacher (his students really like his outgoing personality) and he is an excellent musician, a perfect fit for TCM. Picture: Stan, Kevin & Erik Mohr of Truckee



## Kings Beach/Truckee: Amy Delius, Office Manager

We have had lots of new students enroll since the beginning of 2007 and we would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of you. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you need any assistance with scheduling, billing or have any questions or concerns at all. We are here to help

**Contact Information:** Have you recently moved? Changed your cell phone number or email address? Please update your contact information with us.

**Spring Recital:** Experience the excitement of performance! Tahoe Conservatory of Music's Spring Recital is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12.

If you would like to participate and don't yet have a song, please talk to your teacher.

**TCM T-shirts and Tote Bags**  
We have a great selection with our logo. The T-shirts are available in a variety of colors, sizes and styles. They're fun mementos of a student's time spent with us and they also make great gifts. T-Shirts and Tote Bags are just \$10.00. Call the Kings Beach office and place your order.

**Bring a Friend Week:** share your joy of music with a friend by bringing someone with you to your lesson. June 18-22



Amy

## Directors Notes:

**Spread the Word Announcing: A New Student Referral Program:** Each new student that you refer and signs up for classes in our Fall/Winter 2007-2008 school year, we will credit you for one free lesson. A referral form will be available in both Truckee and Kings Beach studios with necessary information.

**Give the Gift of Music:** Do you know someone who might like to take music lessons? We have gift certificates available through our school office. They can be purchased for as little as a single lesson up to a full school year of weekly lessons, for that someone special who loves music.

**Summer and Fall Registration:** Packets will be sent out in May. Summer classes will begin July 9th-August 31st.



## TCM TEACHERS PERFORM AROUND TAHOE

**Marissa Campbell and Jennifer Frecon II DEVINE** can be heard performing light jazz, at Trio on Friday evenings in Truckee.

**Brian Hess, Stan Charles Quartet Minus One,** can be heard performing on Wednesday nights at Trio in Truckee.



**Just For Fun:** from Yahoo! Kids

How do you make a bandstand?

Take the chairs away!

Where can you play an elastic guitar?

In a rubber band!



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*Imagine your world filled with music*

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Tahoe Conservatory of Music, headquartered in Kings Beach with a second location in Truckee, was established in 1996 and is a place filled with the enthusiasm of an incredibly talented staff sharing their love of music and inspiring a new generation of artists.

Our diverse staff of professional musicians has come to the Tahoe Conservatory of Music from around the country and world. Born musicians making a life of music we have earned bachelors and masters degrees from top schools, worked with renowned artists and have decades of performance and teaching experience. Beyond teaching budding musicians to read and play music, we serve as musical mentors by sharing our real world experience.



### **Lessons Currently Offered:**

**Voice, Piano, Jazz Piano, flute, Recorder, Sax, Alto Sax, Drums, Clarinet, Percussion, Classic Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar, Ukulele, Banjo.**

### **Practice Continued from page 2, Jennifer Frecon**

Try zoning in on the difficult parts and focus on improving these areas while having fun. If you find time every day to work at least on of these stubborn areas in your piece you will be surprised with how fast you will learn the music! Jennifer Frecon

