

We moved from San Francisco Bay Area to the triangle last summer and I was trying to find a good piano teacher for the kids... I was so fortunate to get a friend's referral and have my 8- year-old daughter Keira study under Mrs. McKee's teaching since October, 2017.

She had been through a few other music teachers earlier, I did not know what to expect this time. Now about 6 months into the program, I am delighted and grateful to see how Mrs. McKee nurtures Keira through her music journey with patience, love and discipline. I'm particularly thrilled about the semi-annual music recitals that the McKee family puts together. What a great way to form a fun music loving community! And we are so grateful to be part of it...

I'm looking forward to continuing this journey...

-Gloria Chia

My daughter has been learning piano with Mrs. McKee for a little over one year now. Since she joined Mrs. McKee's studio, her motivation to practice piano gradually increased. It was difficult to have her sit on piano bench even for 10 minutes before. Now she takes care of her own schedule and practice about 30 minutes a day except for Wednesday as it is designated as a theory day. I am very happy that she not only has progressed on piano skills, but also on planning and use her time efficiently. Thank you, Mrs. McKee for your encouragement and guidance! I believe she will make even more amazing progresses in the coming year!

-Xinyan Li

My son started lesson with Mrs. McKee about 10 months ago and he absolutely loves learning with Mrs. McKee. Mrs. McKee is a very patient, thorough and knowledgeable teacher. My son has made tremendous progress not only in piano playing, but also in music composition. We are so delighted to see him growing in his skill, knowledge and the love of music. Mrs. McKee is absolutely an amazing teacher!

-Yuwei Liao

Our daughter has been learning at McKee Music Studios for 8 years now and even though there are many excellent teachers in the area, we are blessed by Renee's depth of experience as well as the depth of her love for teaching and understanding the hearts of her students. She builds well rounded musicians and knows just how to motivate and challenge them.

-Tibbie Duong

Our two daughters have been long-time students of Renee McKee, the older for nearly 8 years. Renee and Richard's Studios is nothing short of outstanding. We've been extremely pleased with their comprehensive and highly professional style. Their students get a nice balance of technique, theory, rhythm, chord progressions, and even song writing. Renee and Richard are especially passionate about instilling artistic values in music. They tailor their style to each student with the goals of both mastery and getting the child to tap deep into his or her creative potential. Lastly and most importantly, Renee and Richard are amazing human beings who deeply care for their students. Their gentle and maternal/paternal nature provide a welcoming atmosphere that makes the student feel at home and comfortable, yet they establish and stick to well-established goals each year. My daughters view Renee as both a loving relative and point of inspiration. We are so blessed to have Renee help shape our girls both professionally and personally.

-Tim Fornes

About 7 years ago, we discovered the McKees through a friend. We say "discovered" because they are truly like precious jewels. Mrs. Renee McKee taught our oldest son, then our second and now our youngest. The McKees have not only an impressive resume but they have a proven record of their students performing well on recitals and competitions. They care for the whole child by giving kind and gentle encouragements; firm yet positive feedback when needed. I have seen all three of my sons blossom under her teaching.

-Jamie Horil

Dr. McKee is not only a great musician but an inspiring teacher. Along with teaching technique and piano skills, he is wonderful at nurturing creativity and "pushing" students to do their best in the nicest, kindest, way possible.

-Geetanjali Soni

Our son David started piano with Dr. McKee in middle school. Dr. McKee has always treated David's musical pursuits with respect and high expectations. Because David knows expectations are high, and the work important, he has tried hard, practiced willingly, and grown exponentially as a musician. David now spends his free time composing and creating new music. Dr. McKee has helped shape him as a musician, but also as a young man. We are so grateful for all he has done and continues to do for David. We know whether or not he becomes a professional musician when he grows up, piano is a joy he will possess for a lifetime. What a gift!

- Steve and Leah Skaggs

Dr. McKee has been our fourteen-year old son's piano instructor for two years. Dr. McKee is a wonderful teacher. He is very patient and kind. Our son has progressed to an advanced piano level with Dr. McKee. He has inspired our son to play classical music. We feel very fortunate to have him teach our child.

-Casey Bogart

My daughter has been learning piano from Dr. McKee for the past 3 years after an initial training with a different teacher. She immediately took a liking to his style of teaching. Dr. McKee understands his students' likes and dislikes and lets them choose a piece that they would be interested in playing. On several occasions, he has helped her with Indian/Western fusion music pieces that she plays in another ensemble and has been very supportive and always encouraging the participation. He has guided her in the compositions that she has attempted in the past. She enjoys playing the piano because Dr. McKee has made it fun for her.

-Banu Sundhar.

Dr. McKee and Mrs. McKee are the best. They play wonderful duets and provide so much inspiration to the students. They are knowledgeable, kind, and supportive. My children have improved so much technically and musically. They love their piano teachers! In addition to solos, students are also encouraged to play in ensembles or compose. We have switched piano studios a few times, but we are so glad to have found McKee Music Studios!

-Liz Lau

Dr. McKee is an extremely knowledgeable and experienced pianist and teacher. As a student of him, I feel comfortable and confident, and satisfied in my improvement in piano playing and technique. Dr. McKee is a very caring and supportive teacher, and for the past several years, we have gotten to know each other well and he now works with me to fit my own musical interests with his instruction.

– Lelan Yung, Student

We've been with McKee Music Studios for ten years, after our original piano teacher relocated. For two of our children, Dr. McKee has been everything we were looking for in a piano teacher. Not only astute from a technical and musical standpoint, but also very understanding of the psyche of teenage boys. His patience and good nature helped keep them interested in piano long enough to enjoy a broad variety of piano music and proficient enough to play some of it, including Rachmaninoff Prelude in C# minor. We are grateful that our children have taken lessons with Dr. McKee as he's expanded their exposure to music as well as being a positive role model.

- Michelle & David Yeh



