

Fantastic May News!

## Introducing our 3rd FREE DEMO Guitar Class on YouTube



Dear Students, Parents, Supporters, and Friends of the Anselmo Academy!

Welcome to our third monthly announcements! First, and foremost, wishing all Mothers a Happy Mother's Day! Sending positive thoughts to everyone around the world: good health, happiness, and continued endurance during these hard times.

I would like to reinforce our mission as I firmly believe that students are empowered through the joy of music and art education. Our Academy continues to educate students in the fundamentals of multiple skills that bring joy, confidence, and appreciation for the arts!

In our May announcements, you will find information about our [THIRD YouTube Free Guitar Class](#) and we are also happy to share more exciting updates:

- Board of Directors New Leading roles: David Schwed, President; Joelle Quilla, Vice President
- Honorary Board Directors will be featured on our YouTube Channel: Ms. Jean Townsend presenting music of her late husband, Douglas Townsend, French harpist Virginie Gout-Zschabitz, and Jazz Pianist/Composer Tuffus Zimbabwe.
- New Teachers on staff: Daniel Rofer, Elia Foster, Gennaro Esposito, Ildiko Tarnoczy, Jacob Pincus, Jamel Joshua "JJ" Alleyne, James Yoelim Yoon, Jesus Saenz, Katherine Leidlein, Kirk Habana, Liya Grigoryan.
- Millie Blanc has joined our staff and is in charge of online Marketing. Please see detailed Bios [here](#).
- Spring Students Recitals schedule (on Zoom) for each geographic area: Manhattan/Bronx, Queens, Brooklyn & New Jersey/Rockland/Westchester counties.

We are proud and honored to have received our SECOND PPP loan ( Payroll Protection Program) that will serve as compensation for our administration and teachers for lost wages during Covid-19.

**Our commitment to your children is very important to us and we aim to provide your child with excellent music education. We could not do this without your cooperation and ask you to please [SUSCRIBE to our YouTube channel as our NEW platform for LIVE Broadcasts, featured Class videos and more. Post your comments or questions!](#)**

We thank you for your continued support.

Happy reading!

Warmest Regards,  
Vera Anselmo  
Founder  
Anselmo Academy of Music & The Arts

## Come join us for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Free DEMO GUITAR Class Live on YouTube on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

Welcome all beginner students to our upcoming FREE DEMO GUITAR class on YouTube Live! In this introductory class, we hope you'll fall in love with the Guitar and Music making with Ms. Niki!

**So please mark your calendars for May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5p.m. EST. We encourage you to share this [LINK to the Free YouTube Guitar Class with your friends and family!](#)**

### Enjoy a FREE Beginner Guitar Introduction Lesson

Ms. Niki will introduce the Guitar Lesson and share some insights about the history and the construction of this beautiful instrument. We will look at the basic techniques and immediately put them into practice to get some nice sounds from the instrument. We will play some rhythmic games and discover some of the many musical possibilities of the guitar.

If you feel brave enough, it will be a great opportunity to play some notes, strum some easy chords and have some fun! The class is for complete beginners and open to everyone curious to learn something new about the guitar.

### About Ms. Niki

[Nicoletta Todesco](#) is an Italian guitarist, Faculty member at Classical Guitar Corner Academy and Queens Manager for the Anselmo Academy of Music and the Arts. She obtained her MMA at the Yale School of Music where she also worked as a Teaching Artist and Teaching Assistant, being awarded with the Elliot Fisk prize and the Yale Alumni Association Prize. She also holds a Master's in Music Performance and a Master's in Musicology. She has been particularly active in chamber music ensembles and she performed in important festivals in Italy, Mexico, and USA. Since her early career, Nicoletta is committed to music pedagogy and taught in several public and private institutions.

### ONLINE CLASS AVAILABILITY

Join anytime! Class fee will be adjusted. Space is still available for virtual classes as follows:

#### Acting Classes All Ages on Wednesdays @ 3:00 p.m. on Zoom

##### [Ms. Ruthy](#)

Class Calendar  
May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>—June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>

#### Group Piano class on Zoom (Intermediate-Advanced piano course) on Tuesdays @ 4:30 p.m.

##### [Mr. Szymon](#)

Class Calendar  
May 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Improvisation & Composition Class Thursdays @ 5:00 p.m.

##### [Mr. Glafkos](#)

Class Calendar  
May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> — June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Mommy & Me Class (inquiry within) coming up soon!

##### [Ms. Ildiko](#)

#### Music Theory Class on Tuesdays @ 4:00 p.m.

##### [Ms. Kessa](#): teenage/adult theory and ear training.

Class Calendar  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>—June 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>

Music Theory Class starting in May on a weekday with Ms. Melissa, day and time TBA

#### Voice Classes on Fridays @ 3 p.m. New session starting soon for all ages!

##### [Ms. Ruthy](#)

Class Calendar  
Fridays: May 21<sup>st</sup> — June 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>

#### Songs of Disney on Mondays @ 4:30 p.m. on Zoom for the very young

##### [Ms. Ruthy](#)

Class Calendar  
April 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup>

### RECITAL DATES

Manhattan: Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 2:00 p.m.  
Bronx: Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.  
Brooklyn:  
-Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.  
-Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 1:00 p.m.  
Queens: May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m.  
NJ and upstate NY:  
-Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

### WORD OF THANKS

To all our staff, teachers, volunteers, Board of Directors, Board of Advisors and Honorary Board, we thank you for supporting Anselmo Academy's work with your continuous involvement, hard work and generous donations.

Your valuable gift is helping us continue to carry our mission and work diligently to teach students through online instruction, and in return we see the student's efforts and talents shining through during these unprecedented times.

It is your trust and generosity that enables us to continue bringing music & arts education to our wonderful students, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership.

If you have any questions about our work, we would love to hear from you. Please email us at [replytovera@gmail.com](mailto:replytovera@gmail.com).

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