

Miss Emily's piano lessons strike the right chord with children as well as adults

by Genie Davis

Emily Baum is a born teacher. The owner and instructor of the eponymous piano studio started her musical instruction business in 1999 in a location on Pier Plaza in Hermosa Beach. And she holds a multiple subject California teaching credentials for grades K-12.

"I decided to teach privately along with teaching kindergarten and third grade in the Manhattan Beach and Palos Verdes Unified School districts," Baum said.

Her education degree features a concentration in special education. Her eclectic teaching background fits in well with her studio instruction, where she offers signature private piano lessons for a wide range of students.

"I provide lessons for young beginners, autistic students and music therapy for children with special needs. I teach kids ages 4 to 94," she said.

Now located right in the heart of Hermosa on Pier Avenue, Baum terms her studio "unique."

According to Baum, "The lessons are special for my clients because they enjoy coming here, whether it's for music therapy, relaxation, learning something new, or whether lessons are a bucket list item. Kids love coming here and always leave happy and smiling."

Baum has designed music programs for the Manhattan Beach Unified School District and for private preschools in the community. She is proud of her students'



"Miss Emily" Baum poses with some of her piano students, including Cassady Jane Lorentzen, Gabriel Barton, Sam Barton and David Michael Carrow (at piano) *photo by Araby Patch*

accomplishments.

"They build their self esteem, talent and discipline while learning to play the piano and new songs each week," she reports.

Her one-on-one private piano instruction teaches sight reading, note reading, counting, patterns, fingering, and even letters and sounds, as well as good musicianship, according to Baum. Above all, students learn to play popular songs and have fun while learning essential skills for continuing musical study.

In addition to private lessons, Baum offers Piano & Pals, a lively semi-private class that teaches how to read music, fine motor skills, beginning theory and musicianship. She also conducts a musical

story time class developed for children from ages 1 to 6 years old, held at other venues such as Pages: a bookstore in Manhattan Beach. Baum also offers her musical story time program that combines music and movement at children's parties and events.

Along with her teaching, Baum is a fitness and wellness enthusiast, with health and personal training certification. She wants to inspire both young people and adults about the importance of physical fitness, good nutrition and exercise.

Baum loves what she does, and her enthusiasm is contagious. A gift certificate from Miss Emily's Piano Studio could strike the right note this holiday season.

Miss Emily's Piano Studio is located at 200 Pier Avenue Suite 303 in Hermosa Beach.

