



Under the Oaks...

Wonder and Joy.

Traditions play a big part at The Acorn all the time but never more so than at Christmastime. The classes have been busy preparing gifts for loved ones, telling and re-telling favorite stories, baking and cooking holiday foods. We've been acting out plays, dressing in costumes, and proclaiming good news! Wrapping pretend gifts and trimming tiny trees keep us busy at play.

Donations of toys and random acts of kindness fill our hearts with gladness.



Enrollment is right around the corner in January! Please let us know if you have any questions about your options for the Fall.

Classes resume Tuesday, January 3rd.

For families interested in the kindergarten program, we have an information session for adults on Thursday, January 5th at 6:30pm, followed by an observation Friday morning, January 6th at 10am.

We have an open house on Saturday, January 7th, with the formal tour beginning at 10am. If you have friends or families who you think would be interested in enrolling at The Acorn, please share this information and have them reach out to us. Thanks!!

Spotlight on Ms. Lucy Warner!

Fresh from moving back to San Antonio after living in New York City for many years, Lucy Warner joins our Acorn family as an Assistant Teacher for the Blue Stars. After teaching music to grades K-5 for three years in NEISD, she earned her Master's degree in Musicology at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY, then moved to Manhattan and earned her living as a professional singer/guitarist and composer based in New York City, traveling nationally and internationally as a soloist and with her own band, recording five albums of original songs as well as performing at concerts and events with various other bands and orchestras including the Lester Lanin Orchestra.

In her subsequent career as a music teacher, Lucy was the K-4 Music Specialist, Director of After School Music, and Music Department Head at The Browning School on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

Her most recent teaching experience includes being an assistant pre-school teacher for 4-5-year-old students at the Garden House School in Manhattan.

During her teaching days at The Browning School, Lucy pioneered a 'Famous Composers' program into the elementary music curriculum, enabling her students to discover a variety of musical genres and musicians - from Bach and Beethoven to Bonnie Raitt and Bob Marley. One of her goals was to find an exciting book geared to pre-school and elementary school-aged children. That is how her series Zap! Superheroes of Music was born. To date, there are three ZAP! Books, each featuring twelve famous composers – each a superhero, with a special musical super power.

Zap! Superheroes of Music books are available online at SpringPromiseProductions.com – and in stores around the country – from the Met Opera Gift Shop at Lincoln Center to The Twig Book Shop in San Antonio. Based on the first book, the San Diego Symphony produced kid-friendly videos reading Zap! Boom! Pow! Superheroes of Music online.

Inspired by one of Mexico's greatest stories, Lucy recently expanded an original solo show into a two-act musical. It features twenty-one songs in English with Spanish highlights and a unique cast of characters. It is now ready for production. Stay tuned!

One challenge for Lucy at the Acorn School was realizing that when teachers and staff were discussing caterpillars, hummingbirds, or blue jays, they were talking about Little People, not insects or birds!

We are so happy to have Lucy on our Acorn team!!

