

Music camp stresses fundamentals

By Patti Hofherr

When you ask a musician how they "got that good" they will tell you, "Practice, practice, practice." But, what is it they practice? That troublesome measure over and over? That same piece over and over? Here's what the best of the best will tell you: "Fundamentals!"

There's no better place to learn and practice these skills than Summer Music @ Stanley, where director and founder Jon Brummel brings his passion, professional musicianship and master techniques on how to play "that good." Anyone who wants either to learn a new instrument or improve their skills on their current instrument will benefit from Summer Music.

"When you know your fundamentals, everything becomes easier: range, tone production, speed, flexibility, playing challenging technical passages," Brummel said. "Any style of music is enhanced with stronger fundamentals. Music theory helps with sight reading and performance. With an understanding of music's written system, you will perform at a higher level with better theoretical skills. Here's where you'll learn all about it."

Fourth- through eighth-grade woodwind and brass players work on their embouchure, breathing, posture and music theory.

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saw the need to provide an opportunity for young musicians to increase their confidence and improve their competence. Most music camps concentrate on how to play a certain genre of music and only touch on the basics. This camp teaches only the basics so students can concentrate on the fundamentals.

Last year, a parent had two of

her children attend; and this year, she's registering her third. An out-of-state student said, "It was the most amazing experience I have ever had. I wish the instructors in my hometown had this much passion"

Camp begins July 2. For details and to register, go to www.summERMUSIC.us or call 925-768-2949.