



Paula Stefanini- RockSTAR (Tuesdays)

Paula was born in Brazil and started taking keyboard lessons at the age of 7. As a teenager she fell in love with Rock N' Roll and picked up an electric guitar. Soon after that she joined local bands playing guitar and singing. In 2005 Paula studied operatic vocals and music theory at the Brazilian Music Conservatory. In 2007 she moved to Los Angeles to attend the Musicians Institute focusing on vocals and recording and that same year she joined a metal band called *Among The Infected* as a singer and they released the EP *Self-Imposed Exile* in 2008. In 2010, she and Lee Wanner started the band *Rejectionary Art*, with the idea of creating something original and different. They have released two albums, *Butterfly* (2012) and *Exocoetidae: Flying Fish* (2013). She has performed in many venues including The House of Blues, The Whisky a Go Go, and The Viper Room. Among her influences are Led Zeppelin, Guns N'Roses, Pantera, Alice In Chains, Queen, Devin Townsend and Opeth. She has been teaching with STAR for seven years.



Christopher Price - Chess

Mr. Price has been teaching Chess through STAR since March 2015 but has been a dedicated gamer his entire life. Graduating from Arizona State in 2009 with a BA in Film, his accolades include competing at the international EVO Tournament in Las Vegas as well as hosting a variety of gaming tournaments within California and Arizona. Mr. Price is a lively, high energy instructor who challenges his students to improve their critical thinking and sportsmanship.



Scott Marshall - Escape Room

Scott Marshall is not only the head of the STAR Magic department, but has also developed our Escape Room program. A huge fan of Escape Rooms himself, Scott has participated in 60 Escape Rooms across 10 states. He introduced the recent trend to STAR, and designed our Escape Room summer camp and after school classes. Much like magic, Escape Rooms come with puzzles, trickery, and adventure. Scott has been a magician since the age of five, when he selected a plastic traveling case that happened to be a magic set from the local Goodwill store. Soon afterwards Scott was performing tricks for the neighborhood kids. After years of making his friends smile by performing for them, Scott decided to see if he could do the same for people he didn't know. Since then Scott has entertained thousands of people, at their homes, private events, and LA venues, and he loves every minute of it. Scott studied at the McBride Mystery and Magic School in Las Vegas and at the Magic Castle in Hollywood. He is a proud member of the Magic Castle and not only performs there regularly but also takes summer campers there for private tours and performances.



Kyle La Lone - RockSTAR (Fridays)

Kyle LaLone is a professional guitarist, composer, and instructor. Originally from Watertown, NY, Kyle started playing guitar at age 9. He attended Berklee College of Music on scholarship and graduated in 2008. Kyle has performed with artists such as The Emotions, Phillip Lassiter, Snoh Allegra, Freedom Williams, Vin Rock, and many others. He has been teaching music for over 10 years and loves to help share the joy of making music with students of all ages and levels of ability.

Hip Hop - Coming Soon



Lynda von den Steinen - Site Director

Lynda graduated from UC San Diego with a BA in history. Her interest in African history led her to move to South Africa, where she lived for 12 years, and completed a PhD that focused on recording the stories of the organizations that fought against apartheid. During her time there she worked in research, teaching, artist management, and concert production. Her favorite job title was when she worked as a Historical Consultant to a Comic Book Company and she once managed a rapper. She has worked in education for more than a decade, with students from pre-school all the way to university.