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## The Magic Of Music

Music – what a delight! Today, I am listening to and watching my children Malcolm (13), Olivia (11), and Viktor (9) all play the piano, quite beautifully. While I am always, always impressed at their talent and hard work, I am not surprised. Their mother, my wife Marta, is a talented pianist who expects nothing less. She performed Revolutionary Etude by Chopin when competing in the Miss America pageant in 2001. Their teacher is Tatiana Vetrinskaya, owner of the New Mexico School of Music.

piece. While I strum a little guitar, and greatly enjoy singing Johnny Cash to my kids, this takes all of three chords, with a very basic rhythm. (My favorite song to sing them is “A Boy Named Sue” – sung by Johnny Cash but written by children’s book author Shel Silverstein.) When I sit and listen and watch my children practice, I am proud of and amazed at their ability to read music and understand music theory in a way I have never been able to do. It is beautiful to watch them progress in their knowledge and skill, and even more beautiful to hear them practice. Then, best of all, perform.

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(Tatiana & students at Rotary Club of Albuquerque. Viktor & Olivia Parnall on the far left, Malcolm Parnall on the far right)

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Tatiana is an incredible pianist and teacher who has guided them for years (since each was about 3 or 4 years old) into an ever-expanding knowledge and skill on the piano and in music reading and theory.

It is of course not without a struggle. Any art requires practice, engagement and focus. It is a challenge for any of us, and particularly children, to dedicate all of one’s mental resources on a musical

My oldest, Isabel (21), did play the piano for a time. She instead plays the banjo now, quite well. She learned to pick the strings much better than I ever strummed my guitar. Such a unique and distinctly American instrument, it evokes a certain engaged and enthusiastic calmness.

