



Paula Stefanini- RockSTAR

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.



Charles Kim – Art

Charles was born in Seoul, Korea and moved to Los Angeles, CA at the age of one. He trained in traditional mediums of fine art since early childhood. During his high school years at Windward School, he began to experiment with non-traditional mediums to increase his artistic range. Charles moved to New York to attend Vassar College where he majored in Art History and minored in Philosophy. During his junior year, Charles went to St. Petersburg to study Russian Avant-Garde art and the writings of Dostoevsky. Upon receiving his B.A. from Vassar, he went to Calcutta, India for a year to work at Gallery Sanskriti and teach art history. Charles has worked with Star Education for three years and now serves as a co-department head for the art department. Aside from teaching, he works with independent filmmakers to design posters and packaging, and is also venturing into furniture making.



Lynda von den Steinen - NOVA 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.

Escape Room - Coming Soon

Dungeons and Dragons - Coming Soon

Robotics - Coming Soon