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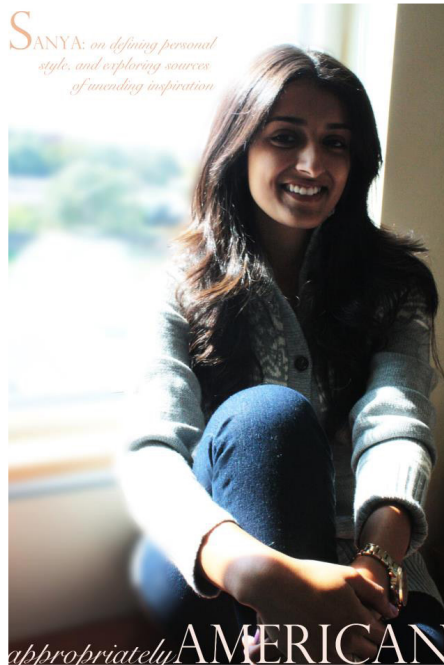
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EDITOR'S NOTE

I can imagine that the first thing I'm supposed to write about is how excited I am that we've arrived at the beautiful opportunity to become a magazine. Now, don't get me wrong, I'm tremendously excited about the new direction in which The Comet Closet is going. However, after all we've been through in being brought to this point, it seems slightly inappropriate to begin on a note of excitement, rather than thanks. From God, to a slew of other people (who you'll be hearing about shortly) a multitude of individuals, all deserving of thanks, are responsible for the continued success of this endeavour. So join me as I attempt to thank these wonderful individuals for the continued support and commitment they've shown.

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BEGINNING WITH MUSIC

B / N / T / Z From BRYAN & NIEVES, to TED & ZACH the meanings of music are thoroughly explored, giving rise to an understanding of the peoples that house the passion. Photographed by Akshay Harshe.

Bryan and Zach's shoot was absolutely amazing. While the duo are mutually exclusive, the cohesiveness of the entire day's events could have proved otherwise. From the manner in which they were outfitted, to their inspirations for, and approach to, music, the two could very easily band together and break hearts everywhere.

Nevertheless, the two are vastly different. For Bryan, a Freshman Computer Science major, music "...like any art form, is an escape from the mundane and everyday life." He continued by saying, "I liked theatre as it allowed me to just become somebody else, dancing can just allow you to relax and simply not care, but music is especially powerful

to me. There is a different type for any situation, whether you simply want to listen or play, its involved in almost everything we do."

While Bryan sees music as an escape, Zach on the other hand, sees music as his outlet. "It's how I express my emotions of love and sadness," he said. "Music guides and supports me through my day," he continued. The Marketing Sophomore went beyond himself to talk about how music relates to the rest of the world saying, "music also shows me how we are all connected, how our humanity is our salvation from a dark world, we're all in this together and we can all help each other out ... music exposes this to us through melodies and lyrics."





Nieves is a friend you want to have! Barring the fact that she's on track toward Grammy Gold and worldwide fame, the Columbian Bombshell is a probable empath, having the ability to resonate with emotions that are far beyond hers. An Art's & Performance Junior, Ms. Reyes matches her stunning appearance with a work ethic (and load) that rival's Kim Kardashian's. From a position in Student Media, as UTD TV's News Director, to juggling classes that include Music Theory - where students learn, among other things, to read music - her ability to maintain a passion for the music, is something to behold. Nevertheless, the fascination with this girl doesn't end there. After listening to her sing on various occasions (SPOTLIGHT

MUSIC SERIES*) I really had to know the source of her song! Note I didn't say songs, but song, because with musicians like Adele, Beyonce and Nieves, the music is marked by a theme that expresses itself from each song and in every album. As for Queen n' Ivy - a stage name apropos for the multifaceted talent - her source lies in the depths of her emotions. From pain, to love and everything in between, the Columbian crooner sings and writes songs from the heart that move the heart!

*SUAAB's SPOTLIGHT MUSIC SERIES is a great way to experience the musical talents of the University's students. For more information visit [Facebook.com/SUAAB](https://www.facebook.com/SUAAB)

I truly have never met a person like Ted Yu. Of all his many talents, - that could be seen from his work with SUAAB to his involvement with his organization *The Musicians Network* - the true testament to his

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character lies in his ability to remain disciplined through it all. Furthermore, his maintenance of a passion for the things he does is deserving of great admiration. In regard to music he describes his attachment to the art as emotional, saying "Music has emotional ties since my mom pushed me through

violin since age three. I also find myself intimately acquainted with music. I fell in love with guitar, and it represented music that I could have ownership over, and be good at on my own. I have a wide range of genres, it's just gotta

sound good and match my mood. Tesseract, Elliott Smith, and Telepopmusik are three of my favorite groups."

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