You may know Austin’s Stephanie Hunt as half of the vaudeville musical duo “Nancy and Beth” (with Megan Mullally), from her role in the hit television show *Friday Night Lights*, or from any of several other musical and artistic endeavors in which she is involved. But Stephanie started at Austin Montessori, where her mother (Bala Soto) was a teacher and her older siblings Matt and Phoebe were enrolled. Stephanie started at AMS at the age of 2, and continued through the upper elementary program (6th grade).

After AMS, Stephanie attended Bailey Jr. High, Bowie High School, and studied for one year at the University of Texas before embarking on an acting career that has included cast credits in multiple television shows and movies. Along the way she has cultivated a productive and eclectic musical career that began with violin lessons in Phoebe Allen’s AMS classroom (and Stephanie later became a Suzuki violin instructor at AMS). Stephanie is now part of two Austin-based bands (Pope Coke and Buffalo Hunt), in addition to the nationally-prominent Nancy and Beth musical revue. She also writes and produces short films, and is involved in various music-related volunteer programs with her sister (see Phoebe Hunt profile for more on that).

“Austin Montessori gives you the confidence to soul search at a young age,” Stephanie says. “To be able to choose for yourself and exercise that much agency from the age of two is very powerful.”

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