

2022 Business in the Arts

Established in 1965, Phillips Music began as a piano-only store, continued with steady expansion into other instruments beginning in the 1980's, when they added Band and Orchestra rentals/sales. Several major Combo lines were added including Roland and Ibanez. Owner Don Phillips retired in 1998 and sold the business to current owner David Jackson, who had been store manager since 1980.

Eventually pianos were phased out as more room was need for the expanding Combo and School Music part of the business. The Phillips Music Education Center was added in 2007, using facilities in adjacent office space. Another major change came in 2011, when another local MI store closed and Phillips added several major lines, including Fender and Peavey. Now bursting at the seams, the store relocated to a much larger 9000 sq ft location with dedicated lesson facilities in July of 2012. They are now positioned as the largest and most complete Music Store in SW Oklahoma, serving schools, churches, and all ranges of aspiring musicians.

David Jackson was instrumental in the expansion process both back in the 90's and currently. He's actively involved in many aspects of the arts, both as a performer and as Board President for the Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra. He is active in the Music Ministry at FBC Lawton and plays regularly in the Lawton Jazz Orchestra. Over his 40+ year career in the music business he has no doubt helped thousands of students and adults find their place in the musical world.