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Community Music School Offers Noteworthy Opportunities

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Tampa, Fla.

With a faculty that includes some of the Tampa area's most accomplished, professional musicians providing the highest quality music instruction available, the Community Music School at Independent Day School-Corbett Campus (IDS-CC) creates a dynamic learning environment for studying music, with the convenience of a local neighborhood setting.

"The IDS Community Music School is a place where musicians of all ages can grow," said Tom McColley, program director. "We bring both vocal and instrumental musical arts to life through lessons, performance opportunities, and exposure to professional concerts on campus throughout the year."

Group or private lessons, performing groups, Orff ensembles, recorder ensembles, Suzuki violin, children's classes and adult classes are offered during three sessions from September until May, and through an intensive summer program. Piano, keyboard, string, woodwind, brass, percussion, guitar, harp, and voice instruction are available, as well as a "Music in Motion" program for children six months through four years.

"Young at Heart" classes for piano, recorder ensemble, chamber music and choir enable adults and seniors "to learn a new skill or brush up on the instrument they used to love," said McColley. Recorder ensembles for students in grades one through eight provide basic technique instruction. "Drum Circle" for ages eight through adult "is a fun way to build community and learn drumming techniques from around the world."

According to McColley, "No matter what age you are, music reaps innumerable benefits. Students of music have demonstrated improved brain function, stronger problem solving and critical thinking skills, and higher standardized test scores."

"Best of all, becoming involved in the Community Music School at IDS enables musicians of every age to make lasting connections within their own community, as they enjoy the sheer joy of music making."

Stewart Kitts, acting concertmaster of The Florida Orchestra heads the music school's violin program. Other area musicians joining IDS teachers *McColley*, *Michael LeBlanc* and *Barbara McBride* as part of the faculty include: *Maurizio Venturini*, bassoonist with The Florida Orchestra; *Alan Glick*, bassist with The Florida Orchestra; *Dolly Roberts*, a harpist with The Florida Orchestra; *Stacey McColley*, clarinetist with The Southwest Florida Symphony, *Olga Glick*, area piano soloist and chamber musician; and *Roger Keplinger*, professional guitarist.

To receive more information, and a detailed brochure including course descriptions and a schedule of classes, contact McColley at the school at 813-961-3087 ext.335, or online at tmccolley@idsyes.com.

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