

International School of Music expansion brings more highly qualified faculty and top rate musical program to Bethesda

After only two years, the International School of Music (ISM) is doubling its size and expanding its program of musical education to children and adults of all ages. Since its opening in April 2004 at the Westwood II Centre off River Road, the school has been grown quickly. It has already outgrown its initial space and will be opening a second suite in the same Westwood Center II mall this fall.

New programs and Faculty

Along with the additional space, the school is improving its learning environment and adding several new programs. School Director Inja Stanic says: "We are privileged to have some of the best faculty in the Washington Metropolitan area teaching at our school, and we are especially excited to have several new teachers join our faculty this fall. With well over 30 teachers now on staff, the level of expertise we can offer is simply amazing. We have music teachers trained in everything from classical to jazz to pop and can offer each student the type of program that is best suited to his or her musical needs. We have a wonderful recreational program as well as a strong competitive program."

Stanic believes that there are two ingredients to learning music successfully -- highly qualified instructors and a good relationship between the student and teacher. "We strongly believe that musical instruction is most effective on a one-to-one basis. Private lessons ensure that each student progresses at a level best suited to his or her level of ability."

Family Members Can Be in Different Classes At the Same Time

The International School of Music's expansion will make it even easier for parents to schedule several children's lessons at the same time. Many families are able to have a child in piano while another child has guitar lessons. The extra 30 minutes or one hour plus the additional commute saved each week adds up to less stress for everyone.

Benefits of Early Music Education

Starting children in music early is very important to nurturing their growth. Studying music enhances children's performance in math and other subjects, increases expressive abilities, fosters creativity, improves

gross and fine motor coordination, develops a sense of self-worth, and promotes cooperation. Not only is playing music fun, parents and teachers have found that music participation can have a beneficial and long lasting impact on a child's self discipline and confidence.

The mission of the ISM is to provide the finest and absolute best age appropriate education in music, for children of all ages and their families, in an environment, which is warm, nurturing and stimulating to the learning process. School director Stanic says "We are very excited to be able to offer music education in this community. This community deserves the highest quality musical education, and I am so thrilled that so many parents have found our program to meet this high standard."

Due to the expansion of teaching times, additional studios and staff, the International School of Music is now accepting new registrations. For more information contact the school at 301-657-0763 or visit them at www.ismw.org for helpful information on getting started in music lessons.