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EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP CREATES SATURDAY MUSIC CONSERVATORY



Las Vegas – June 23, 2016 - Nevada School of the Arts (NSA) and Henderson International School would like to announce their new community partnership. Nevada School of the Arts' New Satellite Location – Saturday Conservatory will be housed at the Henderson International School which is committed to offering music education to the students in the Henderson area. This continues the tradition of how Nevada School of the Arts started nearly 40 years ago, as a Saturday Conservatory.

Lessons in violin, viola, cello, piano, voice, flute and trumpet will be offered at the Henderson International School Campus on **Saturday mornings**. The instruction will be focused on individual lessons and development of

each student at their own pace. Students in the program will have all the privileges of NSA students including working with visiting artists, clinicians, community performances and numerous opportunities to work with professional artist teachers.

Nevada School of the Arts' mission is to ignite a lifelong passion for the arts by inspiring, enlightening and nurturing an enduring appreciation of music. Nevada School of the Arts provides world-class instruction and a life changing experience to students of all ages and backgrounds for generations to come.

Nevada School of the Arts was chartered as an independent non-profit community arts school on July 7, 1977. The school, however, had earlier origins - first, as the Saturday Conservatory, which began as an outreach program of the Music Department at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and also a highly successful summer arts camps at Mt. Charleston. The school continued to operate at the university's facilities until 1991 when NSA administrative offices and main teaching center moved to the Paradise Elementary School campus. During the summer of 1994, NSA administrative offices and teaching staff moved to the campus of Las Vegas Academy of International Studies, Performing and Visual Arts in downtown Las Vegas. Due to ever growing demand for much needed space at the academy campus, NSA was forced to relocate to the Festivals Professional Business Park in the summer of 2004. With the endorsement and support of Mayor Oscar Goodman and Las Vegas City Council in 2008, Nevada School of the Arts became one of the resident organizations at the Historic Fifth Street School.

A 501(c)(3) organization, Nevada School of the Arts has been serving the Las Vegas Valley for almost forty years and is a member of National Guild for Community Arts Education.

NSA has provided world-class music instruction and life changing experiences to students of all ages and backgrounds. Over the years, more than 18,000 students have studied at NSA. Alumni often continue their work of excellence at well-known music institutions and universities.

Henderson International School (HIS) is a private, preschool through 8th grade college preparatory school located in the Anthem, Seven Hills area of Henderson, Nevada. The fully-equipped 14-acre campus includes expansive athletics facilities, visual arts studios, a performance hall, technology and science labs, and separate middle school and lower school buildings. HIS' program ensures every student is exposed to a variety of core and extra-curricular activities, including sports, performing arts, inquiry science, technology, engineering, foreign language, and global cultural awareness and sustainability. The unique curriculum is designed to jumpstart a lifelong thirst for knowledge, and creates impactful, productive, global citizens.

Henderson International School creates an engaging education experience personalized for each student that nurtures, develops and celebrates the whole child – helping students discover and pursue their passions across academics, fine arts and community service.

Henderson International School cultivates confident, well-rounded students that contribute wisdom, compassion and leadership to a global society.

Henderson International School's commitment to the arts begins with the school's curriculum. The program teaches both aesthetics and mechanics of various mediums and genres, and this method is a key component in developing critical and creative thinking. Every student, beginning in preschool, takes classes in visual and performing arts.

"Henderson International School's great commitment to arts integration in their curriculum presented a great opportunity for both schools to partner in furthering students' mind and individual development through the arts. This is a great opportunity for our community when two schools partner to offer access to excellence in music education. As a community music school with the partnership of Henderson International School it is our mission to provide high quality music education to more students in our community," says **Shakeh Ghoukasian**, Executive and Artistic Director of Nevada School of the Arts.

"It's an exciting partnership for Henderson International School because it provides an opportunity for students to study art and play music right here in Henderson. We believe teaching artistic skills and techniques create pathways and connections for students, which ultimately helps them become better students and more successful adults." **Nick Stamanis**, Fine Arts Director and Instrumental Director at Henderson International School.

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