

WHY LEARN MUSIC?

MUSIC IS A SCIENCE

It is exact, specific; and it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph, which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody, and harmony all at once and with the most exact control of time.

MUSIC IS MATHEMATICAL

It is rhythmically based on the subdivision of time into fractions, which must be done instantaneously, not worked out on paper.

MUSIC IS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Most of the terms are in Italian, German, or French: and the notation is certainly not English, but a highly developed kind of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language.

MUSIC IS HISTORY

Music usually reflects the environment and time of its creation, often even the country and /or racial feeling.

MUSIC IS PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands, arms, lip, cheek and facial muscles, in addition to extraordinary control of the diaphragmatic, back, stomach, and chest muscles, which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

MUSIC IS ALL THESE THINGS, BUT MOST OF ALL MUSIC IS ART

It allows a human being to take all these dry, technically boring, but difficult, techniques and use them to create emotion. That is one thing science cannot duplicate – humanism, feeling, emotion, call it what you will.

THAT IS WHY WE OFFER MUSIC

Not because we expect you to major in music (*although you may*)

Not because we expect you to play or sing all your life (*although you may*)

Not so you can relax (*although you may*)

Not so you can have fun (*although you may*)

But – so you will be human

so you will recognize beauty of sound

so you will be sensitive

so you will be closer to an infinite beyond this world

so you will have something to cling to

so you will have more love, more compassion, more gentleness, more good – in

short, more life.....

Of what value will it be to make a prosperous living unless you know how to live?