



A Season of Joy, Reflection, and Gratitude

The Immanuel School of Music (ISM) continues to shine brightly in our community, bringing music, joy, and inspiration to students and families throughout Northern Kentucky community. This season has been one of celebration, remembrance, and gratitude as we reflect on the impact of music and the people who make our mission possible. With our new academic year just beginning, we are filled with excitement for the learning, growth, and opportunities that lie ahead.

Mozart Strings Outreach Performances

Our Mozart Strings beginning strings outreach program, for 3rd - 5th grade students, recently shared music with schools across Boone, Campbell, and Kenton Counties. These visits brought the excitement of live performance with “real humans” directly into schools, inspiring young audiences. One especially memorable moment came when an ISM student, Cellist Cash Whitmer, joined the Southbank Quartet (SBQ) during his school’s concert. He played with confidence and pride, giving high-fives afterward like a true rock star. His joy reminded us that hard work and dedication truly pay off. Moments like these not only affirm the growth of our students but also highlight the power of music to connect and uplift communities.

Mother of ISM Cellist, Cash Whitmer, says, “Cash is in his 3rd year at Immanuel, and he loves it. We have seen him become excited about music and focus on goals in a way we had not seen previously. The school has amazing instructors and offers private lessons to further skills. They incorporate leadership/mentorship into the older students, and their interaction with the younger students really inspires them. We would highly recommend any parent with a young one interested in music to send them to Immanuel.”



Southbank Quartet with Cash Whitmer

Honoring Dr. Connie Golden

Our community has also experienced sorrow with the sudden loss of our beloved faculty member, Dr. Connie Golden. A gifted teacher of piano and organ, Dr. Golden's love, encouragement, and passion for excellence left an indelible mark on her students. She found great joy in watching them share their talents, especially as guest performers during Sunday worship services at Immanuel. Recently, she and her husband Dale joined us for the Immanuel Musicians Ministry Dinner and Service, celebrating fellowship through music. Her passing leaves a deep void, yet her legacy continues in every student she inspired and every note that carries her spirit forward. We give thanks for her life, her teaching, and her love of music.



Dr. Connie Golden

Celebrating Tim Kennedy's Return

We are also filled with gratitude for the return of Tim Kennedy, one of our dear Immanuel School of Music teachers, who recently underwent a kidney transplant. Tim's resilience and faith have been a testimony to us all, and his presence at ISM once again is a blessing we treasure. Look for Tim at future Immanuel's Sunday services, where he'll raise his trumpet in praise, filling the sanctuary with thanksgiving. His recovery reminds us of the healing power of music, the strength of community, and the beauty of second chances.

Looking Ahead

As this new school year begins, we look forward to continuing our mission of excellence in teaching and performance while nurturing the heart and spirit of every student. We also welcome your generous support to ensure ISM can continue offering the gift of music to all who wish to learn. Your contributions help provide scholarships, strengthen outreach programs, and make quality music education accessible to more families.

Through triumphs, losses, and blessings, ISM remains committed to inspiring resilience, hope, and joy through music.

Keep shining, Immanuel.



Tim Kennedy