

WHY MUSIC?

MUSIC IS A SCIENCE

It is exact, specific, and it demands exact acoustics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph that 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 complex and universal language.

MUSIC IS HISTORY

Music usually reflects the environment and time of its creation, as well as the country, climate and national feelings.

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. The mind interprets and the body responds instantly to the visual sight of the musical notation and the sound the ear hears.

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

It allows a human being to take complex techniques and use them to create emotion. That is one thing science cannot duplicate: humanism, feeling, and emotion.

WE TEACH MUSIC...

Not because we expect you to major in music
Not because we expect you to play or sing all your life
Not just for fun

WE TEACH MUSIC SO THAT....

You will be human
You will recognize beauty
You will be sensitive
You will be closer to infinity beyond this world
You will have something to cling to, skills to enjoy for a lifetime
You will have more love, compassion, gentleness, - in short, a richer life

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