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Why Supporting Your Child's Musical Interests Can Create a Symphony of Lifelong & Academic Success

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Would it surprise you to find out that your child's interest and attraction to music can, *in fact*, sharpen their academic success? Perhaps it is a surprise. Would it surprise you even more that the same focus that your child uses when studying musical notes and symphonic melodies, are similar skill sets necessary for excelling in math, writing and science? Shocking, isn't it? However shocking it may be, it is also very true.



As a devoted parent, your desire is to protect, encourage, love, enhance your child's life experiences... *deliver the necessary bail-out on occasion...* in whatever way possible. This task, as daunting as it can be at times, can use a little encouragement and reinforcement from outside sources; sources that, *of course*, share the same belief in your child's potential and their incredible gifts as you.

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As someone who actively engaged herself in music and cultivated my musical interests, I also had parents that supported my interests. Their support encouraged my focus and success in and outside of the classroom, through every note that I played, and every scale that I conquered. As a result, I excelled academically, focused better in school, and had an unshakable confidence in my endeavors.

It has been shown, both through experiment and experience, that a child who nurtures their musical gifts, allowing them to flourish, scores higher in math, writing and science. A parent that encourages this engagement scores even higher as a parent, and as your child's biggest cheerleader and coach.

Something to consider, yes? I think so.

There was something about surrounding myself with music. Having the unconditional support of

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my parents merely enhanced my experience as a student of music, my studies and life. If your child can't seem to put down the violin, or just can't seem to want to play anything else other than the third measure of the *same* composition that you've heard for about 11 times now, be the parent that celebrates their unique talent. *Be just what my parents were for me*, and take your child to an environment that encourages their love for music. This season's **Ethno Urban Orchestra**, hosted by **The Boston String Quartet** on Saturday, November 12th at the beautiful Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center in, will be the perfect platform for an experience you won't want to keep from your child. For more information about the event, please visit the link- www.xibus.org/ethno-urban-orchestra



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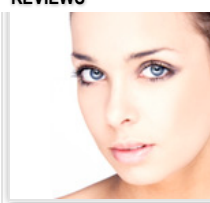
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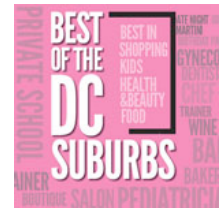


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