

# The Musik Connection

## *Kindermusik and Keyboards*

Director, Rita Hawley Scherer, M.M.

### Fact Sheet

#### **Description**

- For 18 years Rita Hawley Scherer, director of The Musik Connection has been enriching the lives of children and parents with an innovative music and movement program that nurtures the cognitive, emotional, language, social, physical and musical development of children and involves families in the joy of their children's musical learning.
- For children, from newborn to seven years, and their parents. Kindermusik provides unique child-centered educational classes and materials to take home for the fun and learning to continue every day.
- For children over the age of seven, piano and keyboard lessons continue to develop and to shape the musical mind, enhancing math, science, and social skills. Music makes a "connection" between life and learning.
- The Musik Connection launches three new community outreach programs for 2003: Village with Seniors, KIDS Nature Club, and KIDS Club Choir.

#### **International and Local Scope**

- As the world leader in music and movement programs for young children, Kindermusik has reached more than *one million children and parents* and continues to expand annually.
- More than 5,000 licensed Kindermusik educators in 37 countries offer Kindermusik classes using the specially created Kindermusik curricula, music and books produced by Kindermusik.
- Of those 5,000 teachers, Rita Scherer is 1 of 12 teachers worldwide who have been honored with a Master Teacher Certification.
- In 1985, Mrs. Scherer had the largest first year Kindermusik enrollment nationwide and has since touched the lives of over 2,000 young musicians, many of them driving over an hour each way to study music with The Musik Connection.

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##### **Kindermusik and Keyboards**

- **Independence, Missouri and Liberty, Missouri**
- **Founded in 1985**
- **Currently 180 children enrolled**

- **The winter/spring semester begins September 8. Classes being offered this session are *Village*, newborns to 18 months; *Our Time*, 18 months to 3 years; *Imagine That!*, 3 to 5 years; *Young Child*, 5 to 7 years; *Piano/Keyboard*, 7 and above.**
- **Morning and evening classes are available Monday through Friday.**
- **Village with Seniors, KIDS Nature Club, and a KIDS Club Choir are new programs being offered for outreach in the community.**
- **To enroll, contact Rita Hawley Scherer  
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### **The Musik Connection Staff**

- The Musik Connection is directed by Rita Hawley Scherer who graduated with honors from Kansas University with a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Piano. She has taught class and private piano at Kansas University and Baker University. Mrs. Scherer is one of twelve teachers to receive her Master Teacher Certification out of 5,000 Kindermusik teachers worldwide. Trained in the most advanced schools of thought, the effects of music on child development and the use of electronic equipment in teaching, Rita continues to direct one of the most successful licensed Kindermusik and Keyboard programs.
- Other staff members contracted and licensed to teach Kindermusik and Keyboard lessons are Amy Wiley and Kathy Wintermeyer.

**For more information, contact:**

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