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## The Singers & Musicians Studio: "Where Students Become Performers And Performers Become Artists"

*New Space, More Private Rooms, Violin Teacher Added*



THE SINGERS & MUSICIANS STUDIO teachers and staff include (left to right): Jeff Costello, Mark Jennings, Draa Hobbs, Katrina Maloney, Judy Fine, Ken Hamshaw, and Sarah Stohrer.

By Lori Catozzi

The Singers & Musicians Studio at 180 Emerald Street (Suite 207) in Keene has gone through some positive changes to its space and services over the last few weeks, including the move to a new space (across the hall) which offers five private rooms, the addition of a violin teacher, and the expansion of the genres that students can be trained in.

"The Singers & Musicians Studio is the Monadnock Region's only performance-based music school," says Judy Fine, owner of the music facility. "This is the place where students become performers and performers become artists."

Genres at the studio have expanded to include jazz and country ensembles, besides the rock and pop rock that the

studio has been known for. The Singers & Musicians Studio also boasts the "best of the best" when it comes to teachers on staff. Teachers include guitarist Ken Hamshaw, drum and hand percussionist Jeff Costello, keyboarder and pianist Mark Jennings, violinist Sarah Stohrer, guitarist Draa Hobbs, and vocalist Judy Fine. The "glue" that holds everything together at the music studio is Office Manager Katrina Maloney.

The Singers & Musicians Studio is much more than a place for children and adults to learn how to sing and play an instrument; this school also covers music theory and history, arranging, songwriting, and composition.

"Our goal is to provide a complete popular music experience. We do more than teach our students how to create

music; we teach them how to be performing musicians," adds Fine. "It's really sad that music programs in schools are being cut back."

This music studio offers all ages and all abilities the chance to get a quality music education. One way they are doing this is by trying to raise funds so that they can offer student scholarships in January of 2012.

The teachers and more advanced students at The Singers & Musicians Studio will perform on Wednesday, September 28th from 6 to 8 p.m. at McCue's at 12 Emerald Street in Keene. This is an Open House event for interested people to stop in and meet the teachers of the music studio.

"We've put a lot of people on stage and built a lot of confidence," sums up Fine. "There are people who had the passion for music when they were younger, but who had that passion squashed. I want to challenge those people to do something with their lives... to get the passion for music back."

The fall semester is presently underway. To see a list of classes or to register, visit [www.singersandmusicians.com](http://www.singersandmusicians.com). For more details, call 603-352-6069.

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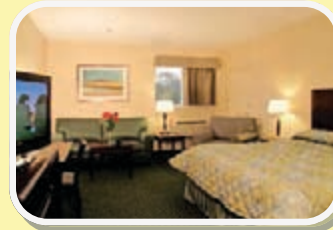
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