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MIAMI BEACH -- Enrollment is underway for the SoBe Music Institute's Summer Music Program. The program, which runs from June 11-Aug. 4, offers music lessons and related activities for children and teenagers ages 6-18, adults and senior citizens. Senior citizens and children who meet income qualifications attend free; others pay a sharply reduced cost for such high caliber musical instruction.

"I am pleased and excited with the partnership the City has formed with SoBe Music Institute for a summer program at the Carl Fisher Clubhouse within the newly created Cultural Arts Neighborhood District Overlay," said Miami Beach Mayor David Dermer. "The SoBe Music Institute is exactly what CANDO is all about," he added. The clubhouse is located at 2100 Washington Ave.

The Summer Program includes:

- ***Music for Youth*** –A fun and exciting afternoon that helps students develop a deepened sense of musical phrase, structure and form, as well as improve their performance skills. There will also be separate study for students with intermediate and advanced musical skills. The program will conclude with an End-of-the-Season Summer Concert open to the public. Children ages 6-11 attend Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 2-6 p.m.; teenagers 12-18, Tuesday and Thursday, 2-6 p.m.
- ***Music for Adults*** – In this program, students receive private interaction with a qualified and inspirational instructor in voice or the instrument of their choice, ensemble performance practice, and musicianship classes (theory, rhythm, sight-singing and other music fundamentals). Adults will also participate in the summer concert. Adults come three times a week; classes are offered Monday- Friday, 6-9 p.m., Saturday, 11-7 p.m.
- ***Music for Seniors*** – An afternoon program consisting of multimedia presentations of *Music from Around the World* and *Music & Spirituality* (given in both English and Spanish), special afternoon performances (SoBe Music

Institute Ensemble & others), and periodic afternoon instrument and voice workshops, Monday-Thursday, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Since opening 18 months ago, the SoBe Music Institute has provided top-quality instruction to hundreds of students, fostering a greater understanding, appreciation and practice of music and the arts.

Classes are taught by the SoBe Music Institute's 32-member faculty, which is comprised of professional musicians who perform with the Miami City Ballet Orchestra, the Florida Grand Opera Orchestra, New World Symphony and in various chamber ensembles or as touring soloists.

Executive Artistic Director Carson Kievman is a composer who has created original music, theatrical and opera productions for major US and international festivals and who served as the Composer in Residence for the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra. Advisors include Edward Villella, Miami City Ballet Founding Artistic Director/CEO; Laurinda Spear, Arquitectonica Founding Partner; Ray Breslin, President, Collins Park Neighborhood Association and Gustavo Matamoros, composer and Director of the Subtropics Music Festival.

The ultimate goal of the Sobe Music Institute is to build a world-class Institute of the Arts on Miami Beach, making high quality education in music and the arts accessible to everyone.

The Sobe Music Institute currently operates under the auspices of Mystery Parks Arts Company, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) organization. For information and to enroll call (305) 674-9220 or visit www.sobemusic.org.