

# Music and Career Success

Extensive studies prove that music study leads to academic and career success by developing initiative, planning skills, attention and a working memory. Music study requires focused commitment, regular practice, time management, patience and persistence.

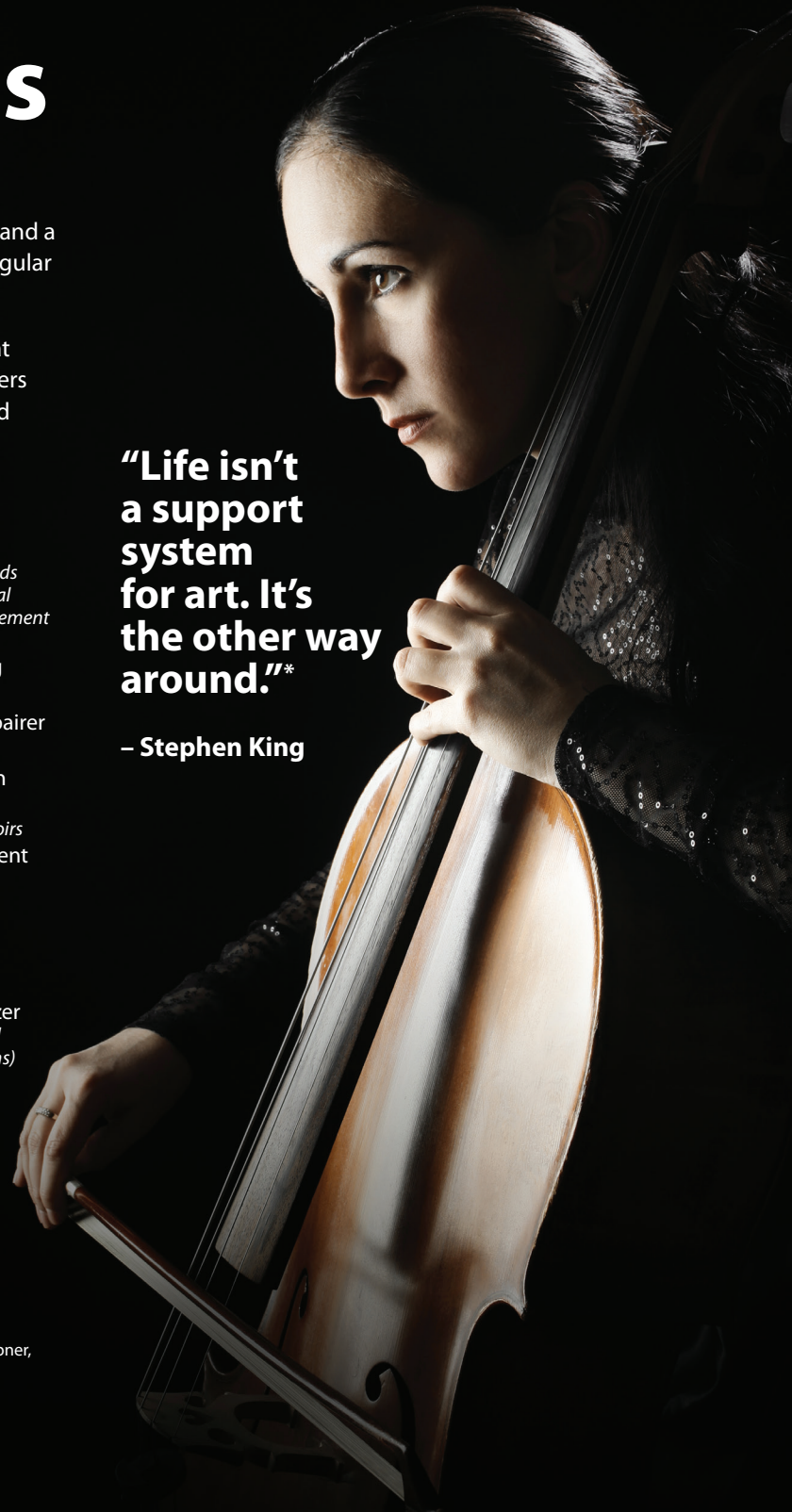
Music is more than an elective. Music students develop tools that foster accomplishment in all areas no matter what the field. Careers that specifically spring from college music study and a completed degree include:

- Music Therapist
- Vocal Coach
- Music Minister
- Recording Artist
- Sound Engineer
- Choir Conductor  
*(church as well as elementary, middle school, high schools and college level)*
- Band Conductor  
*(church as well as elementary, middle school, high schools and college level)*
- Orchestra Conductor  
*(church as well as high school and college level)*
- Performer
  - vocal/instrumental soloist
  - instrumentalist in an orchestra, rock band, jazz, chamber or other ensemble
- Instructor/Professor
  - Private/Public education
  - College and University
  - Independent studio
  - Kindermusik
- Instructor of Music Pedagogy  
*(Teachers who educate future music teachers)*
- Performing Arts Medicine – Music Health
  - Psychologist/Counselor specializing in performance psychology (a new and developing field)
  - Physical Therapist who specializes with musicians
  - Sports and occupational medicine
- Composer  
*sheet music, teaching methods, band and choir music, church music, arts music, film and documentary music, music for television and radio*
- Songwriter
- Music Publisher
- Music Software Developer  
*of Educational Materials, Methods for vocal, piano and instrumental music education, Studio Management Programs*
- Music Business and Touring
- Reed Maker
- Instrument Builder and Repairer
- Piano Tuner and Technician
- Organ Tuner and Technician
- Church Organist  
*Accompanist for soloists and choirs*
- Designer of Sound Equipment
- Editor and paid staff  
*for any music publication (online and in print)*
- Professional Music Critic
- Radio Announcer
- Music Competition Organizer  
*(for local, regional, national and international music competitions)*
- Opera Coach
- Concert Agency Manager
- Competition adjudicator

**“Life isn’t a support system for art. It’s the other way around.”\***

– Stephen King

\* Stephen King, *On Writing: A Memoir of the Craft* (New York: Scribner, 2000), 101.





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