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Popular Video Game ‘Guitar Hero’ Inspires New Type of Music Class

Plymouth, MN – July 10 – Berklee graduate and guitar teacher at Virtuosos Music Academy, Scott Bauer, noticed a trend among his young guitar students this past year – a common interest in the video game Guitar Hero. Wanting to keep his students engaged over the summer, Bauer developed a class that will teach the popular songs featured in the game on a real guitar. The class is scheduled to start the week of July 28st at Virtuosos Music Academy, located in Plymouth, where Bauer is part of the Guitar Faculty.

While the video game has done much to increase interest in learning guitar in young people in the country, Bauer noticed a new appreciation for some of the classic songs featured in the game. Since the game has raised awareness of songs from previous generations, Bauer will use these historically well-known songs to teach not only standard principals of guitar playing, but also the tricks of the trade – solos, sound effects, and other rock star sounds.

With weeklong sessions running from Monday through Thursday, the course progresses through the summer with each week being the next “level”, in the same way that the game advances – starting with “easy” and ending in “hard”. Students can sign up for one week or all four, with each week ending with showcase of what the students have learned.

Monday, July 28th will be the first day of Week 1. Each week lasts four days, Monday through Thursday, with students ages 8 to 11 meet for one hour, 12:00PM – 1:00PM, and older students ages 12 – 18 meet for ninety minutes, 1:30PM – 3:00PM. Week 2 runs August 4 – 7, Week 3 is August 11 – 14, and Week 4 is August 18 – 21.

For more details about the course, or to register, contact Virtuosos Music Academy by phone (763-551-7900), email (Plymouth@virtuososonline.com) or stopping in (16795 Co Rd 24, Ste 110, Plymouth, MN 55447).

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