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**MSU Community Music School welcomes public to open house Sept. 12**

*Sparty mascot to make a special visit*

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – All are invited to attend the MSU Community Music School (CMS) open house Sunday, September 12, 3-5 p.m. and learn more about the classes and lessons offered to students of all ages – birth through adulthood.

The open house will include an early childhood music demonstration at 3:15 p.m., a performance by the New Horizons Band jazz group at 4 p.m., and a drum circle at 4:30 p.m. There will also be walk-in auditions for children’s and youth choirs and an instrument petting zoo, which will give those in attendance the opportunity to try various instruments. Sparty will make a special visit.

“The Community Music School has something for everyone and the open house is a great time to check out CMS programming,” said Rhonda Buckley, Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement and Executive Director of the Community Music School. We offer programs for adults, teens, children, and infants with all levels of musical experience and with all levels of ability, including people with special needs.”

Students may enroll for classes or lessons during the open house. CMS offerings include private lessons, adult and children’s choirs, early childhood music, folk music, group piano, music therapy, New Horizons Band, rock classes, string ensemble, and Suzuki strings, piano, guitar and harp.

CMS is located at 841-B Timberlane Street in East Lansing and is the outreach division of the MSU College of Music. The mission of CMS is to provide comprehensive music education – quality instruction, related music services, and educational programs – for interested individuals of all ages and levels with financial assistance for those in need.

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