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Music Philosophy

I stood still, watching my older brother play piano. He had just come back from piano lessons that he started that day. The way he pressed a key on the piano and made a clear sound stunned me. At the age of five, I had discovered the beauty of music and that is when I begged my mom to let me learn piano. Music is something that just came so naturally. I believe that music is a very natural thing to human beings and is meant to enhance life. Music utilized in places like TV, cars, movies, and stores, enriches the environment and adds additional meaning to particular events. As a music education major, I believe that music is important in school because it helps students foster skills that are useful in both musical and non-musical settings.

When students study music education in school, they learn to do basic things such as singing, reading, listening to music, and playing instruments. Through these experiences, they learn that music is a very broad subject with many different aspects. They realize that music is not just merely songs that they listen to while working out or doing homework but it is also a valued art form that has existed since the prehistoric era. Through music education in school, students can learn to appreciate music more and extend their understanding of music.

Also, having music education benefits students in ways that can apply to other areas of life. According to Chris Boyd Brewer, who developed a system for integrating music into education as learning and teaching tool, music helps students in other areas because the study of music fosters an ability to focus and concentrate ("Budget Cuts Eliminate School's Beloved Music Program." 2). Music requires students to practice for a long period of time regularly in order to improve. Through these practice sessions, student develops an ability to stay focused for a long time and to maintain a regular routine of doing tasks.

Everyone who receives a music education will not consider music as a career. However, I strongly feel that there is a point where everyone should have a basic understanding of what music is and why people want to study it. Not considering music as purely entertainment, but understanding the complexity of music. Through music education in school, students will benefit musically and non-musically.

"Budget Cuts Eliminate School's Beloved Music Program." TheIndyChannel.com, 20 Feb 2010. Web. 9 Sep 2010. <http://www.theindychannel.com/education/22619665/detail.html>.