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Community Music School Appoints Jennifer M. Koch, PhD to the Position of Executive Director

BUFFALO, N.Y., March 4, 2015 – Community Music School is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer M. Koch, PhD as Executive Director. Jennifer will be responsible for building on the school's rich tradition of musical education.

Community Music School is proud of the 91 year commitment to the belief that music instruction should be accessible to individuals of all ages and levels of ability regardless of aspirations or financial resources.

Community Music School is a nonprofit organization providing individual music lessons as well as group classes and ensembles. Locations are in Buffalo's Elmwood Village and Larkin District, as well as Amherst, Clarence Center, East Aurora, and Lockport.

Jennifer M. Koch brings more than 16 years' experience in higher education, arts and culture and healthcare to the position. "I am very excited to join the Community Music School family," said Jennifer. "CMS has an exceptional history and tradition of music education, and I hope to work with our faculty & students to build on that tradition to jettison CMS into the next stage of its evolution. For 91 years the talented and dedicated faculty of CMS has provided an exceptional music education guided by the profound belief that music is for people of all ages, ambitions, backgrounds & abilities – I sincerely look forward to where the next 91 years will take us."

"We are all very excited to welcome Jen to CMS," said Kathleen Rizzo Young, President of the School's board of trustees. "She brings expertise, experience and enthusiasm that will be invaluable as Community Music School moves into its next chapter. Our faculty, staff and students will all benefit from her collaborative and inclusive approach."

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