



Catherine Miller leads the class in a rhythm exercise with percussion instruments. AMANDA THOMPSON

Faith, rhythm keep the beat at Christ Classical

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Catherine Miller, music teacher at Christ Classical Academy takes “make a joyful noise” literally and so do her students. Together, they lift their voices as both a learning experience and an expression of faith. Miller hopes to instill an appreciation for music but “in this context, it’s about more than that. There’s a huge element of spirituality,” Miller said.

“There’s another question that’s transferable beyond our context and that is how can music be used throughout the entire school day and through my students’ lives.”

One of the ways Miller makes musical connections for her students is by aligning lessons to the literary arts. For her younger students, Miller introduces a book for each new concept. “We read a lot and we add instruments in to what we read. In pre-K, we do a lot

of movement, pretend play, keeping a steady beat, basic rhythms, very foundational stuff.”

Miller’s older students are challenged to write their own songs. She explained, “I had them start looking at poetry in a musical way. I asked them to take a simple poem and turn it into a four-beat pattern. They do a lot of very advance poetry here, so they caught on really quickly. These students are very smart. It’s actually quite challenging to keep up with them,” she laughed.

It’s a good thing she has a solid background in music education from Florida State University. “I’m Orff certified (a developmental teaching approach) and I studied with Dr. Suzanne Byrnes and taught children’s choir with her.” This training and experience provide a facility with young children that serves Miller well when working with her pre-K through eighth grade students.

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She is also a songwriter which allows her to further explore the intersection between music and storytelling. By incorporating books and poetry into her classroom, and encouraging her students to create original compositions, Miller is emphasizing the literary aspect of music. The two disciplines share a common metric structure and are both forms of communication and language.

Her students firmly grasp this concept as voiced by third-grader Case Moore. "She wants us to learn about how music has good beats and how we should really flow with it and the different kinds of things music has like music notes. Notes are important for reading music and writing a song is important so we can keep music alive."

His classmate Evvy Wacksman, echoed those sentiments. She said "writing a new song is called composing. It's good because if there was just one song it would get very boring and eventually nobody would want to hear it anymore because everybody would know it." Evvy pointed out another connection she made between the lessons Miller is teaching and her own heritage. "Where my mom's from in Korea, when they tell stories they normally sing and dance them."

"Whenever I hear someone else's music, like from famous composers, it's sort of like it's taking control of your feelings. I'm starting to experience it where loud, booming music makes you think of stuff like danger and sharks. Quiet peaceful songs make you think of lakes with swans and beautiful dancers," Evvy said, describing imagery which is both a musical and literary device.

"When you're writing a song, since no one's ever heard it, it's impossible to make a mistake. There's never any bad notes. I just set my imagination free and let it go wild when I write songs. It's almost like music is your ticket to a place where anything can happen."

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Evvy Wacksman, left, and her classmates learn a new piece of music that the class sings in three-part harmony. AMANDA THOMPSON



Students at Christ Classical Academy are challenged to write original compositions using classroom instruments. AMANDA THOMPSON



Case Moore is a fan of the drums. AMANDA THOMPSON

NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("Department") gives notice of its issuance of an Environmental Resource Permit with conditions [Permit Number 0367107-001-EI/37] to the City of Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency, c/o Roxanne Manning, Executive Director, 300 S. Monroe Street, #A-17, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-1826, on August 14, 2018. The Department has determined that the activity qualifies for an Environmental Resource Permit. The project scope involves construction of a multi-story, mixed-use development planned to encompass both parcels and include multi-family apartments, townhomes, a hotel, restaurants, offices, and retail units. To capture and detain excess stormwater runoff, a large vault is planned within the building being constructed on the Bloxham Annex Parcel (Bloxham Building). The proposed stormwater vault will function as an attenuation-only facility, with runoff filling the vault during rain events and draining down slowly to dry afterwards. Stormwater treatment requirements for the proposed development will be met by the acquisition of treatment capacity from the City of Tallahassee's Coal Chute Pond (Permit No. 37-0309802-001-SI). The City of Tallahassee has agreed to this approach. The project is located in Leon County, Florida, in Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 1 West in Leon County, at 30°North Latitude, 84°16'41.91" West Longitude.

This Department action is final and effective on the date filed with the Clerk of the Department unless a petition for an administrative hearing is timely filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat., before the deadline for filing a petition. The procedures for petitioning for a hearing are set forth below.

Petition for Administrative Hearing

A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by the Department's action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, F.A.C., a petition for an administrative hearing must contain the following information:

- (a) The name and address of each agency affected and each agency's file or identification number, if known;
- (b) The name, address, any e-mail address, any facsimile number, and telephone number of the petitioner, if the petitioner is not represented by an attorney or a qualified representative; the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's representative, if any, which shall be the address for service purposes during the course of the proceeding; and an explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests are or will be affected by the agency determination;
- (c) A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the agency decision;
- (d) A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate;
- (e) A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts that the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the agency's proposed action;
- (f) A statement of the specific rules or statutes that the petitioner contends require reversal or modification of the agency's

proposed action, including an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes; and,

(g) A statement of relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action that the petitioner wishes the agency to take with respect to the agency's proposed action.

The petition must be filed (received by the Clerk) in the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us. Also, a copy of the petition shall be mailed to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.

Time Period for Filing a Petition

In accordance with Rule 62-110.106(3), F.A.C., petitions for an administrative hearing by the applicant and persons entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of receipt of this written notice. Petitions filed by any persons other than the applicant, and other than those entitled to written notice under Section 120.60(3), F.S., must be filed within 21 days of publication of the notice or within 21 days of receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. The failure to file a petition within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S., or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28--106.205, F.A.C.

Extension of Time

Under Rule 62-1 10.106(4), F.A.C., a person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's action may also request an extension of time to file a petition for an administrative hearing. The Department may, for good cause shown, grant the request for an extension of time. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the Office of General Counsel of the Department at 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, or via electronic correspondence at Agency_Clerk@dep.state.fl.us, before the deadline for filing a petition for an administrative hearing. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

Mediation

Mediation is not available in this proceeding.

Judicial Review

Any party to this order has the right to seek judicial review of it under Section 120.68 of the Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of appeal under rule 9.110 of the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure with the clerk of the Department in the Office of General Counsel, Mail Station 35, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within thirty days after this order if filed with the clerk of the Department.