

## **PLAY MUSIC NOW!**

### **LOCAL MUSICIAN AND AUTHOR BRINGS INNOVATIVE TEACHING STYLE TO CAMPBELL COMMUNITY CENTER**

by Grace Lynch

CAMPBELL, CA — South Bay guitarist Chris Shahin will be leading music programs at the Campbell Community Center, bringing a unique style of learning by playing. Shahin, together with his staff of professional musicians from SJG School of Music, will be bringing his innovative brand of teaching to guitar, drum, keyboard and voice lessons to the community center beginning in September 2007.

The SJG School of Music is already known for its method of learning by playing. “Our goal is to provide superior music instruction by emphasizing *playing* music for one’s own enjoyment and sharing it with others,” says Chris Shahin. Students not only receive instruction in traditional classroom settings, but are taught how to apply their skills in playing with groups of musicians, and then performing in front of live audiences at local venues. Classes at the Campbell Community Center will be taught by Shahin and four other instructors, many of whom hold college degrees in music and are experienced performers. In addition to the standard repertoire of music lessons offered through the community center, SJG School of Music will be bringing its popular Electric Guitar class, which integrates guitar, bass, and drums in a hands-on band setting.

“The Electric Guitar Class is great because students get to apply what they’ve learned in class in a real band setting,” says Shahin. “After several weeks of class, we bring in a live drummer and bassists, and the students get a full sense of how the guitar fits in a band setting. They love it!”

This partnership offers the public a chance to try out a unique style of learning music without the expense of hiring a private instructor. “The Campbell Recreation Department is proud to partner with experienced artists from the SJG School of Music to make professional level music instruction accessible to everyone in the community,” says Misty Booth, Recreation Supervisor for the City of Campbell Recreation and Community Services.

Classes will run from September through December 2007. Classes will cost \$125-150 for six to eight week sessions. Registration will begin Tuesday, August 28 for Campbell residents. Non-Campbell residents can sign up starting August 29. The complete fall schedule will be online in mid-August at [HYPERLINK "http://www.CityofCampbell.com" www.CityofCampbell.com](http://www.CityofCampbell.com). More information is available by calling (408) 866-2105.

### **ABOUT SJG SCHOOL OF MUSIC**

SJG School of Music was founded in 2004. The school’s approach includes training students in music fundamentals and providing settings where students can perform music for real audiences

in recitals, coffeehouses, community festivals, events and senior residences. These settings provide real-time application for music learning and add a dimension to learning where the risks are heightened and the payoff is greater. Students acquire song mastery and performance experience that is unparalleled by traditional music education venues.

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