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At Homestead Senior High

Homestead-South Dade Kiwanis Club helps support free Summer Music Academy by the South Florida Youth Symphony

The South Florida Youth Symphony (SFYS.net), one of the nation's leading youth music organizations, will hold a free Summer Music Academy, July 5-29, at Homestead Senior High, 2351 SE 12th Avenue.

Academy hours are 9 a.m.-1p.m., Monday-Friday.



Alain Rodriguez will lead the South Florida Youth Symphony's South Dade Summer Music Academy, July 5-29, at Homestead Senior High School. The Academy is partial sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Homestead-South Dade.

The summer music program is sponsored in part by the Kiwanis Club of Homestead-South Dade (HomesteadKiwanis.org), one of South Florida's most active community service organizations.

The Emmy Award-winning SFYS' 25th Annual Summer Music Academy is currently underway at its regular location, Miami Dade College North Campus.

"There is a growing interest—and need—in a program such as this," said Marjorie Hahn, SFYS' executive and music director. "We have received numerous inquiries from the area about our Summer Music Academy at Miami Dade College's north campus, but the daily commute from South Dade to that campus was an obstacle. Now, we've removed that obstacle."

Heading up the SFYS' South Dade Summer Music Academy is Homestead Senior High's Band Director Alain Rodriguez, a graduate of the South Florida Youth Symphony program. He is being joined by his finance, Alexa Lugones, another SFYS grad.

The camp is expected to attract up to 30 students. A final concert is planned for July 29 at noon.

"This is a great opportunity for the

kids to experience this kind of music and music education," said Emily Guzman, president of the Kiwanis Club of Homestead-South Dade. "Our club has been involved with the Youth Symphony for a couple of years, including bringing them to the Seminole Theatre for two free concerts to expose the children of our area to this type of quality music and culture. This camp is an extension of those efforts."

For more information or to register for the camp, contact Rodriguez at arodjazz96@gmail.com or (305) 321-5129.