



Rick Carlisle
Head Coach

To those it concerns,

I am a self-taught piano player who started playing in college at the University of Virginia in 1981. In recent weeks, I have performed several music assemblies for both students and parents in the Dallas Metroplex area to talk about the positive impact and importance of music and the Arts.

In two of those events, I was joined by Joseph Vincelli, a professional sax and flute player, who has been one of our regular Anthem players for Dallas Mavericks games for the last 13 years. Joseph is vigilant in his support of the arts, and has regularly performed these types of workshops and assemblies himself in the metroplex for many years.

Joseph and I collaborated on some jazz, blues and popular tunes, and spoke to everyone about our love for music, and belief in the importance of the Arts. During our events, we brought kids that play piano up on stage and had Joseph accompany them impromptu on flute. The impact of having a professional musician of his caliber play along with the kids was quite powerful.

As someone fortunate to have been on two NBA Championship teams, I know the importance of goal-setting, discipline and championship habits. Music provides those essentials along with a life-long vehicle for self-expression and personal enjoyment.

I personally recommend Joseph Vincelli to perform one of his workshops or assemblies at your school. He is a great musician who has a compelling story of his own to tell about perseverance, belief and achieving a dream. If you have any questions for me personally, Joseph can put you in touch with me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Carlisle".

Rick Carlisle
Head Coach
2011 World Champion Dallas Mavericks