

NEW MUSIC, CONSTRUCTION BUSINESSES TO OPEN IN BELOIT

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Photo provided Shannon Schoville is opening Creekside Music Academy in downtown Beloit.

BELOIT - Shannon Schoville and Scott Repinski will host an open house at their new businesses - Creekside Music Academy; S-1 Construction and RE.Peet; as well as the new home of the Turtle Creek Chamber Orchestra (TCCO) office.

The three entities are housed at 421 E. Grand Ave., the former home of Liberty Tax. An open house will be held from 8 a.m. - noon on Saturday. The open house will feature refreshments and music.

"We are hoping for a good crowd as it will be at the same time as the Beloit Farmers Market," Schoville said. "Come and meet us, ask questions and see what we have to offer."

Creekside Music Academy offers private lessons in voice, stringed instruments and piano, and is accepting applications from new students. Schoville is working to get the word out about the academy seeking students of all ages and abilities.

The string instructor is Zach Peterson, TCCO principal violinist and member of the Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra (BJSO). Karen Koyama, owner of Nine Bells and Cat Tails, TCCO board member and Beloit College adjunct professor will instruct piano, and Schoville will teach voice.

"We want to bring professional music instruction to the Beloit area," Schoville said.

Schoville graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor's of music in music and performance and Converse College in South Carolina with a master's of music degree in performance. She's taught voice in Indianapolis and currently has a Janesville studio.

"All of our faculty members have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in music. They have theory, composition and the technical background for their individual instruments," Schoville said.

At Creekside Music Academy, there will be three music studios.

Koyama brought a baby grand piano for students to use. There are also digital pianos in the other two studios.

Repinski, a general contractor, wanted a location outside of he and Schoville's home to meet with potential clients. He runs S-1 Construction. The property maintenance branch, RE.Peet, offers commercial and residential property maintenance. Repinski is a licensed and insured general contractor, and is a military veteran.

TCCO will be moving out of Executive Director Ian Nie's house to share the space.

Having TCCO near Creekside Music Academy is hoped to be a benefit for both entities. Schoville is also the business marketing manager for TCCO.

"We can help each other by bringing in more musicians and growing the music scene in the city," she said.

Schoville said TCCO has five concerts this summer. Clarinet and oboe are getting added to the concerts featuring the traditional string instruments. TCCO will also be doing pieces that require a guitar and drum kit this year.

"TCCO is looking to grow as well," Schoville said.