

# **Independent String Teachers of Madison**

## **Code of Ethics**

The Independent String Teachers of Madison, being dedicated to promoting the highest ethical standards in teaching and professional conduct, recommend the following principles of ethical practice as standards of professional conduct.

### **Responsibilities to Our Public**

- Members shall maintain the highest standard of moral conduct, professional conduct and personal integrity.
- Members shall exhibit the highest standard of expertise by maintaining their professional abilities in their fields of teaching and/or performing.
- Members shall maintain and increase the prestige of the art of teaching and shall promote the teaching of music as a culturally enriching profession.
- Members shall refrain from making exaggerated claims or misleading statements concerning their teaching qualifications.

### **Responsibilities to Our Students**

- Members are responsible for encouraging, guiding and developing the musical potential of each student.
- The relationship between teacher and student shall be established, maintained and terminated in a professional manner.
- Members shall maintain their studios in a strictly business and ethical manner and will adhere to clearly stated policies.
- Members shall encourage students to participate in community music activities.

### **Responsibilities to Our Colleagues**

- Members shall participate as fully as possible in activities of the Independent String Teachers of Madison.
- Members shall maintain a professional attitude and shall act with integrity in regard to colleagues in their profession. Members shall respect the rights of colleagues when speaking of other teachers' work and/or students.
- Members shall refuse to engage in direct or indirect solicitation of other teachers' students.
- Members shall not accept the pupil of another teacher until after assurance is given that the agreement with the former teacher has been terminated to the satisfaction of both teachers. It is recommended that at least 30 day notice is given before cessation of lessons.