

Martial Arts School Hosts Special Concert Benefiting St. Jude's

On June 3, the Randolph Martial Arts Academy in Randolph hosted a special benefit concert for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The concert was broken down into two sets with a fifteen minute intermission. The first set was comprised of various students of the Randolph Martial Arts Academy who had the opportunity to show their talent through music. Songs

were performed on a variety of instruments including violin, piano, clarinet, cello and ocarina. A couple of the songs performed at the concert were composed by one of the students, Jason DaSilva.

The second set was comprised of some very special guests who gave their time to perform for the audience which included Douglas DaSilva on guitar, Clarinetist Staff Sergeant Julian Jenkins of the West

Did You Know?

The phrase "tying the knot" is synonymous with getting married. Although the words can represent the symbolic joining of two lives together, in some cultures, getting married actually requires tying a knot. The custom traces its origins to an ancient Babylonian tradition in which threads from the clothes of both the bride and groom were tied in a

knot to represent the couple's union. Other cultures have embraced this tradition, and couples tie ceremonial knots during their wedding ceremonies.

Point Band, Violinist Tzu-En Lee who is a Vox Novus Premiere Artist, and Oboist Robert Botti of the New York Philharmonic. Each artist performed solo acts as well as came together for a couple of collaborative songs.

The concert was held to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and was dedicated to the memory of Sasha Keoskey. Her older sister, Sophia, who helped to inspire this benefit, gave

a beautiful speech honoring her sister. She spoke about what St. Jude's so important, and why it is a cause that is supported. The concert was filled with beautiful music, and the final song, titled "For Sasha," was extra special, written and performed by DaSilva, Lee and Botti.

The Randolph Martial Arts Academy donated not only the space for the con-

this event for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and how to make a donation, visit http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/YourWay/Events?px=3944975&pg=personal&fr_id=75642.

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