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MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, CANADA, May 12, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- When John Alonso, Director of the Music Program at [Newton's Grove School](#), suffered a heart attack just two days before the school's annual music showcase, the community was shaken. Scheduled for triple-bypass surgery, Mr. Alonso's absence left a void—but also an opportunity to demonstrate the strength, dedication, and unity he spent more than 35 years nurturing in his students.

In a heartfelt tribute, students and staff at Newton's Grove have come together to reimagine the performance in honour of their beloved teacher. The new date for the showcase, titled "Sòlas Ané"—a Gaelic phrase meaning "light and peace"—is Thursday, May 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Islington Evangel Centre, 49 Queen's Plate Drive, Toronto.



Newton's Grove School Logo

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Even from his hospital bed, Mr. Alonso reminded the school community that “the show must go on.” That spirit of perseverance and passion is now the foundation of this moving tribute.

Students will not only perform, but also will introduce the performers and their pieces. The concert will feature alumni and guest music educators conducting the bands, showcasing the deep musical legacy Mr. Alonso built.

“For over 35 years, John Alonso has inspired his students to express themselves through music, and he always reminds

us of the power of music to connect us to each other,” said Gabrielle Bush, School Director. “The

passion, creativity, and leadership that John has instilled in all of his students is being demonstrated in tribute to his dedication.”

This tribute concert is more than a performance—it’s a celebration of a man who built a community through music and a reflection of the values he instilled in generations of students. All are welcome to attend.

For over 40 years, Newton’s Grove School has established itself as a leader in private education in the Mississauga region, for students from JK to Grade 12. By setting high standards and maintaining small classes, the school individualizes its approach and provides the enrichment students need. By melding traditional expectations of regular homework and disciplined studies with the latest research, lessons are dynamic and engaging, preparing students for future success.



John Alonso directing at Newton's Grove School

For further information about Newton’s Grove School, visit www.newtonsgroveschool.com

Note to media: Additional quotes, interviews and school tours can be arranged upon request.

About Newton’s Grove School

Founded in 1977 under the original name Mississauga Private School, Newton’s Grove School was the first private school in Mississauga serving students from Peel, Etobicoke, Toronto, Woodbridge, Oakville and Vaughan. Newton’s Grove has an over 45-year legacy of providing superior, well-balanced programming and experiences for students from JK to Grade 12. Small class size ensures that students receive the attention and support they need to achieve their very best, setting them up for success in university and in life. Newton’s Grove School was designed and built with extraordinary features that equip students with the optimal learning environment. We maintain a consistent rate of 100% university acceptance in some of the world’s most top tier universities, both within Canada and internationally. For further information about Newton’s Grove School, visit www.newtonsgroveschool.com

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