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Hedvika Miller, owner of Ludmila European Music and Art Academy in Cornelius, with one of her piano students, Grace Molina, 7, of Mint Hill.

## Music and art academy opens

CORNELIUS — Sharon Molina drives 45 minutes from Mint Hill so her daughter can take piano lessons at Hedvika Miller's new Ludmila European Music and Art Academy, 20905 Torrence Chapel Road, Suite 102 A.

"She knows what it takes to get out of gifted children what they are capable of," Molina said after her daughter, Grace, 7, finished a recent lesson. "She knows how to draw out the best in students."

The Molinas knew of Miller from the Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy in Charlotte. About 15 families followed her to Cornelius when she opened her academy on June 25, including some from as far away as Indian Trail, Waxhaw, Ballantyne and Myers Park.

Miller also has added at least 15 students from the Lake Norman area. She welcomes children of all abilities.

Her academy also is registering children for violin, art, design, voice and guitar lessons. The academy provides music history, music theory

and singing classes to home-school groups.

Individual and group classes are available 10 a.m.-8 p.m. weekdays.

Miller is a native of the Czech Republic and has taught music and piano in the Czech Republic and United States for about 20 years. In 2000, she started the music program at Metrolina Regional Scholars Academy.

Her new academy's music education emphasizes classical music but teaches through more popular kids' songs as well.

Miller named the academy

in honor of her late grandmother, Ludmila Kosova, who was from a small mountain village in the northern Czech Republic.

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