



Press Release

SANTANDER SIGNS FIRST AGREEMENT WITH BERKLEE COLLEGE OF MUSIC

BOSTON, March 2, 2015 – Santander Bank, N.A. announced today that it recently signed an agreement with Berklee College of Music for its Santander Universities to provide scholarships to support the Berklee Study Abroad program.

“We’re delighted to support this program that will give Berklee students the opportunity to study at the school’s international campus in Valencia, Spain,” said Roman Blanco, CEO of Santander Bank, N.A. “Study abroad programs are life-changing experiences where students can immerse themselves in the culture and traditions of their host country. These enriching experiences give students a well-rounded education and a global perspective.”

Santander’s support of the Berklee Study Abroad program will provide scholarships to undergraduate students who participate in the study abroad program at the school’s Valencia campus. Berklee College of Music, which is based in Boston, opened its Valencia campus in 2012 at the iconic opera house Palau de les Arts Reina Sofia, to offer graduate programs, summer study, and professional education programs to a music community of peers and master musicians from around the world.

"With these scholarships, Santander is allowing our students to both further their expertise and broaden their experience in the global music industry, while immersing themselves the rich Mediterranean culture of Valencia, Spain," said Berklee president Roger Brown. "Music technology and international music business will be their main focus, with plenty of opportunities to record in state-of-the art studios, perform in clubs around Valencia and Madrid, and network with students from Europe, South America, the Middle East, Asia and North Africa."

For 70 years, Berklee College of Music has evolved to reflect the state of the art of music and the music business. The college’s national after school music program for underserved teens, the Berklee City Music Network, is in 30 cities and counting. With a diverse and talented student body representing nearly 100 countries, and alumni and faculty that have collectively won more than 300 Grammys and Latin Grammys, Berklee is the world's premier learning lab for the music of today—and tomorrow.

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