

## **LUCI BUTLER '96**

Keyboard player and vocalist with Trans-Siberian Orchestra and Moby; co-founder of Sam and Luci

Education: B.S. in Psychology and B.A. in Music from the University of Georgia

Favorite subject at SCDS: Theatre 15

Best advice for Country Day students: "Trust your heart. Let your true heart's desire lead, and you will find your most fulfilling life."

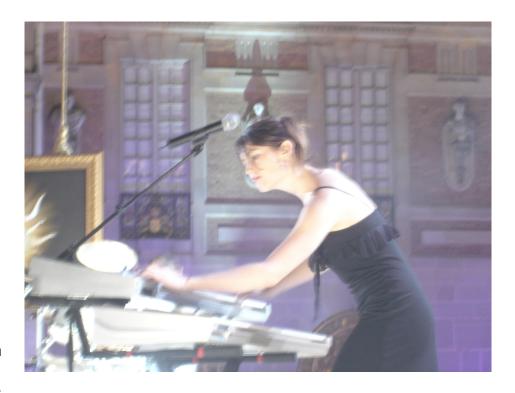


Luci Butler's favorite memories at Savannah Country Day involve growing Brussels sprouts in third grade, playing on the school's first girls' soccer team, and taking road trips to regional one act play competitions.

Along the way, she learned valuable lessons that have served her well during her career as a keyboardist, vocalist and healer who has toured with internationally acclaimed artists ranging form Trans-Siberian Orchestra to Moby.

"SCDS taught me to dare to be a leader, to think for myself, and that it can all be a lot of fun," she recalls. "I also learned how to be a team player."

In the Upper School she developed her vocal skills by singing in the chorus and starring in the production of South Pacific. After graduating from Country Day, she planned to be



a pre-med major at the University of Georgia. However, during her freshman year of college she met a professor who introduced her to the field of music therapy, which turned out to be an ideal match for her varied interests.

"It combined my original pre-med desire to help people with my lifelong passion, music," she says. "It was a perfect fit."

After graduation, this talented keyboard player and vocalist moved to New York City and worked a s music therapist for the Institute for Music and Neurologic Function. Shortly afterwards, Moby joined the board of directors and invited Luci to play keyboards on his 2005 world tour.

"It was beyond my wildest imagination to suddenly be playing in front of thousands all around the world," she raves. "During the Moby tour, I learned my true purpose and greatest passion: to heal, inspire, and activate people by creating powerful, unique musical experiences."

Over the years, Luci has performed with Steven Tyler of Aerosmith, dined at the home of Pink Floyd legend, Roger Waters and inspired an audience of 80,000 in Byron Bay, Australia to jump up and down in synchronized harmony. She considers life to be an adventure with endless opportunities for growth.

She has devoted her life to music as a healing force, and recently teamed up with her husband to launch a new original music project, Sam and Luci, which aims to inspire audiences through interactive concert experiences designed to promote healing and boost awareness.

I get to use music to guide people to the highest expressions of themselves," she explains. "Whether in a hospital or a crowded venue, witnessing the process of healing, growth, and awakening is awe-inspiring every single time. I am truly grateful."

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