

OPUSNOTES



FALL 2016

Music Rising in West Virginia and Baton Rouge

Our partner organization, co-founded by board member Bob Ezrin and U2's the Edge in 2005, stepped up to provide funds to replace instruments in Richwood High and Middle Schools and Summersville Middle School in Nicholas County. After torrential rains flooded the community, many instruments were lost and damaged. We were thrilled to be able to help them get back on their feet to march at their first football game.



"I live in a small town, Richwood WV which was devastated by the June 2016 flooding. We lost 2 of our schools and all of our band equipment. Our beloved Lumberjack Express is a major part of our community as it has won many awards and has been invited to perform in many major events. Approximately 3/4's of our students are band members and without their instruments they could not continue.

The donation of brand new instruments from your Foundation and Music Rising is nothing but a miracle and a true blessing not only to our children but to our community, and you have given us hope to continue in the clean up and rebuild of our little city.

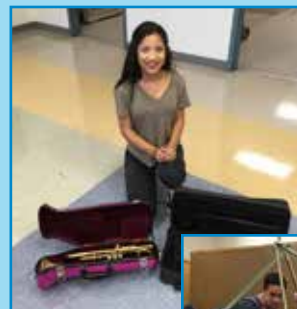
Your donation and dedication to our band students is more appreciated than you will ever know. Richwood Loves You!"

Peggy Scott, Richwood

MHOF and Music Rising are also on deck in Baton Rouge and wherever we're needed after a natural disaster. To donate to this special fund go to musicrising.org/donate.

Yes, it helps - thank you!

"I was fortunate to attend school in a district where music education was strong and there was a budget and local town support for it. I believe it does create better educated and more well-rounded individuals. I also believe music helps to keep kids out of trouble in struggling or economically disadvantaged neighborhoods. For years I have seen and read about public school districts cutting or completely eliminating their music programs and I feel this can have devastating long-term effects on many. I hope my small contribution helps to reverse that trend." Michael G., donor



THE SMILES ARE FOR YOU

This is what it's all about – because of you, kids find their voice and their joy. Thank you!



A happy percussion section at Columbia Middle School, Sunnyvale CA.



Strings all around at Washington Technology Magnet School, St. Paul MN.

“I LOVED watching them crack open the brand new instruments and realize they don't have to wash them each time they play!”



Happiness at Columbus Middle School, Canoga Park CA.



YES! New trumpets for Greene County MS, Snowhill NC.



Rowland Elementary in West Covina CA is stocked up and ready for eager players.

MUSIC MAKERS GIVE BACK

Our founder Michael Kamen was a film composer, behind the scenes making characters and story come to life. We thought it was time to assemble a group from that community willing to lend a powerful voice in support of school music programs. Composers and board members Blake Neely and Christopher Lennertz hosted the first gathering at Blake's beautiful home. Introducing our Composers Circle: Deborah Lurie, George S. Clinton, Layla Minoui Hall, Sherri Chung, Tricia Steel, Ed Rogers, Tony Morales, Christopher Lennertz, Austin Wintory, Michael Levine, Jeff Cardoni, Laura Karpman, Daniel James Chan, Blake Neely, René G. Boscio, Kaveh Cohen, Doreen Ringer Ross, Felice Mancini, Matt Koskenmaki, Nathan Blume, Ludwig Goransson, Danny Lux.

Our friends and supporters, Tedeschi Trucks Band, played a sold-out show at the stunning Red Rocks Amphitheater outside of Denver last August. They will also play a series of year-end shows in Boston – all to benefit music education, with proceeds going to provide instruments to local schools.



Beyond Belief: A Tribute to Elvis Costello, was a passion project put together by John Borack, assembling a dozen artists to cover songs made famous by the great artist. We made sure that proceeds from the project put instruments into a great music program - Greenfield Middle School in El Cajon CA. John and contributing artist Bart Mendoza met the students and music teacher, Joan Knoernschild.



California Saga, held at the El Rey last June in Los Angeles, benefited five local charities including MHOE. This All-Star tribute celebrated the music of iconic Southern California bands. Thanks for the memories!

StubHub came through once again with a donation of 77 new instruments to Frederick Douglass Academy VIII in NYC. Super group XAmbassadors were on hand to play for the students and inspire them to keep playing.



PLAY IT FORWARD

Special Delivery

Eastman Music Company is keeping music alive in a BIG way. Their donation of 145 instrument cases, 100 bows and 176 new instruments have made a huge impact in our schools. This company cares and we're so grateful for their support.



Volunteer Jeremy Davalos sorts through latest shipment headed to schools.



"This is a year 2000 Epiphone Les Paul. I had always wanted one in this color but couldn't afford it when I was in high school. I finally tracked one down a few years ago and it's been one of my 'go to' guitars ever since. I hope the student who gets this one enjoys it and loves it as much as I have over the past 10 years."

Adrian Rodriguez, two-time instrument donor.



Monthly donor Dolores Trevororrow can play several instruments and has donated six!



Ryan Martin's trumpet will sound great in a kid's hands this year!

TO DONATE AN INSTRUMENT, VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR CALL US TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN PLAY IT FORWARD. TONS OF THANKS TO BMI FOR PRINTING AND DESIGNING THIS NEWSLETTER!

Your holiday giving can be more meaningful when it means a child will get to play music in school. Consider a donation to MHOF in lieu of that sweater.