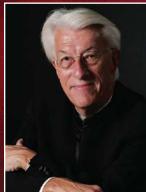
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ometimes in this adventure called life, one has a golden moment when time falls away and everything seems right in the world. I am blessed to have had many such moments, often involving family. The birth of my children comes to mind. Or the feel of my wife's hand in mine on a sundrenched morning walk through the eclectic neighborhood surrounding our house in Altadena, California. The delight in hearing my

and then manifesting the core expressive and emotional values resident in every piece, every phrase, every bar. Enabled by the remarkably purposeful and uniquely musicentric attitude and support of the Music for All leadership and its superb staff, we were able to reach deep into the bones of this music, into the viscera which the notes themselves serve to illuminate. Our quest was not to cohabit with the notation. Instead, it was to *be* the notation. The struggle

## Golden Moments with the Honor Orchestra of America

by Larry J. Livingston

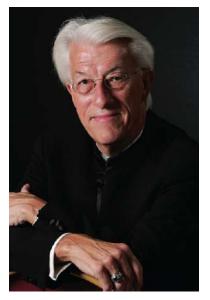
two-year-old granddaughter say, "I love you, Gampy." The experience of a golden moment, a *frisson*, has also come to me unbidden when I am doing music. No surprise that this exquisitely transporting sensation is available by conducting a Mozart symphony, or listening to a recording of Keith Jarrett, by studying a new score of Messiaen or even by watching my sons play Guitar Hero. While it has been my great good luck to know similar flights of musical inspiration when conducting youth orchestras all over the world, occasionally it happens that an event takes on surpassing meaning.

This past week, I had the privilege of conducting the Music for All Honor Orchestra of America in Indianapolis. Working with a select ensemble of outstanding high school students chosen from across the United States, I rehearsed over two long days the first movement of Mahler's *Resurrection Symphony* (originally conceived as a tone poem entitled *Funeral Feast*), Respighi's *Pines of Rome*, and the Introduction and *Rondo Capriccioso* by Saint-Saëns.

I had chosen these works and especially the Mahler because I wanted the students to encounter music which they would have been unlikely to have performed before and which would challenge them from a technical and conceptual standpoint. Without pretense or distraction, this incredibly talented band of musicians embraced the premise that we would commit not just to coping with the extreme instrumental demands of these masterworks, but even more, to unearthing for mastery was no easy task, for this music knows not of youth orchestra realities; in fact, it was written to challenge even the greatest professional orchestras.

Early on in the Mahler, the cellos and basses are asked to play an ascending, sixteenth note, C-minor scale figure, out of tempo, accelerating with abandon to the crest. Though this passage is always performed with fire and alacrity, the accelerando is often foregone because it is fiendishly difficult to play together. There simply is no way to conduct this enigmatic moment which will guarantee an appropriately dramatic and precise outcome. When we rehearsed this passage, I told the players to trust that they could solve this puzzle but to do so would mean taking the responsibility unto themselves, not relying on me to fix it. I suggested they be patient and to treat the scale not as a rhythm but as a gestalt, to feel it as a single organic impulse.

At first, the students were skeptical and their initial efforts were a little chaotic and without coherence. I let them grow their response to the passage, neither fretting nor bothering to redundantly rehearse it. Ultimately, they came to a breathtaking synchrony which was totally of their own making. Through this process, the students evolved a sense of community, one which could only happen if they were willing to weave their individual threads into a fabric. When they finally executed this vexing scale with assurance and élan, they took ownership of it and it was consistently terrific in all of the follow-on performances. I told them that what they had touched was the tip of an iceberg. I told them that my dream was for them to play the entire twenty-three minutes of the movement without me; that they could and should own it all, each vicariously conducting



from his or her chair, externalizing what we had worked assiduously to internalize. The idea is to know the music so well that you can be free.

There were also risible moments. I used a metaphor which started out well but ended up sounding like gibbersh and I said, "I have no idea what that means." The woodwinds, awkwardly grappling with Mahler's instruction to play with bells up, were shocked to see how wild they could

sound, amused by the fact they were being asked to play in a manner which they had spent years trying *not* to do. And, as well, moments of sublime enlightenment hovered, emerging spontaneously: hearing our remarkable, fifteen-year-old English horn player annoint the famous *Meerestille* theme with a haunting maturity which totally belied his years, a reminder that each of us holds from birth a complete and extraordinary emotional vocabulary to which music is an unmatchable gate.

Thanks again to the vision and commitment of Music for All, we also had the pleasure of accompanying the brilliant young violin virtuoso, Barnabás Kelemen, in the Saint-Saëns. From the moment I met Barnabás, it was clear that, beyond his incredible instrumental skill, he exuded an unmistakable vitality and generosity of temperament. While all of the premier soloists I have played with met my expectations on a skill level, it is rare, indeed, to meet an artist whose human values and *joie de vivre* are so apparent in every gesture. The moment Barnabás stepped onto the stage, and well before he played a single note, the students were mesmerized. His demeanor and care for them and the music, unclouded by ego and self-congratulation, made the time with us rich, an expedition in poetic meaning and beauty. He showed the string players how to convert an innocent series of background harmonies into a crucible of tension, the woodwinds why music needs to dance, and everyone in the room, audience included, what a miracle of delight Saint-Saëns fashioned under the guise of a simple Capriccioso. Able to differentiate originality of view from simple self-indulgence in his interpretations, Barnabás stood as witness to, and affirmation of, the fact that really great music-making is organic, informed by tragedy *and humor*, and never far from the heart.

During the intense and highly concentrated rehearsals, we rediscovered what makes music powerful, what causes it to trigger profound and enduring reactions in people.

We realized that the key to music is its ineffable ability to reveal the very qualities which make us human; that a Mahler symphony is not just about Mahler, but it is about each and every one of us. Doing music is a form of self-induced ecstatic state, a process of confronting one's essence, of being open and vulnerable and for the students in the Orchestra, it was an unforeseen encounter with this phenomenon first-hand. The standard of performance of the final concerts was most impressive. More important, it was a public sharing of the epiphany which was present and continually evident during the rehearsals. Watching the faces of the students in the Orchestra, I was struck with the extent to which this Honor Orchestra festival had morphed into a life-impacting love affair with music. I suspect it will linger in the minds of these wonderful young people for a very long time.

I arrived home to a flood of e-mail and Facebook exchanges from the students, reflecting with a kind of reverence on the Honor Orchestra event. The comments were diverse in language and ran the gamut from specific descriptions of things that happened during rehearsals to more global thoughts about the experience as a whole. Common to all of these letters was the sense that something transformative had occurred, that music had found a special resonance in every participant, that life would never be quite the same again. Several students launched various Facebook groups to both extend the friendships kindled, and, I suspect, to digitally memorialize the spiritual aura which enveloped us during our time together. Observing this afterglow, it dawned on me that what actually transpired for these students was an awakening to a basic truth: through doing music at the deepest level, every human being is able to have a sacred dialogue with the soul, and to know the sacramental nature of existence itself. My imaginary Facebook group would be called: "Doing Music, the pathway to the divine which resides in all of us."

For the opportunity to conduct this Orchestra, I am deeply grateful. For the gift of these young people in my life, I am moved beyond words. May the magic show which Music for All has helped make possible never be silent.

Larry J. Livingston is a distinguished conductor, educator, administrator and highly respected motivational speaker. From 1986 until 2002, Mr. Livingston served as Dean of the University of Southern California Flora L. Thornton School of Music, where he is presently Chair of the Conducting Department and Music Director of Thornton School Orchestras. Mr. Livingston conducted Music for All's Honor Orchestra of America in 2007 and 2008, and will again in 2009 as they perform two shared concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in Hilbert Circle Theatre.

## Calling all outstanding high school musicians!

**Application Deadlines:** June 30 - Early Bird Sept. 1 – Final

**All Audition Recordings** due by Sept. 15, 2008

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Larry J. Livingston

Conductor

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**Application Forms, Audition Requirements and Package Pricing** are included in the Music for All National Festival application packet in this newsletter or download or call: www.musicforall.org

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Perform two shared concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra in Hilbert Circle Theatre as part of their Subscription Series

Honor Orchestra of America

March 17 – 21, 2009, Indianapolis

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**Read Maestro Livingston's own words about** page his Honor Orchestra of America experience

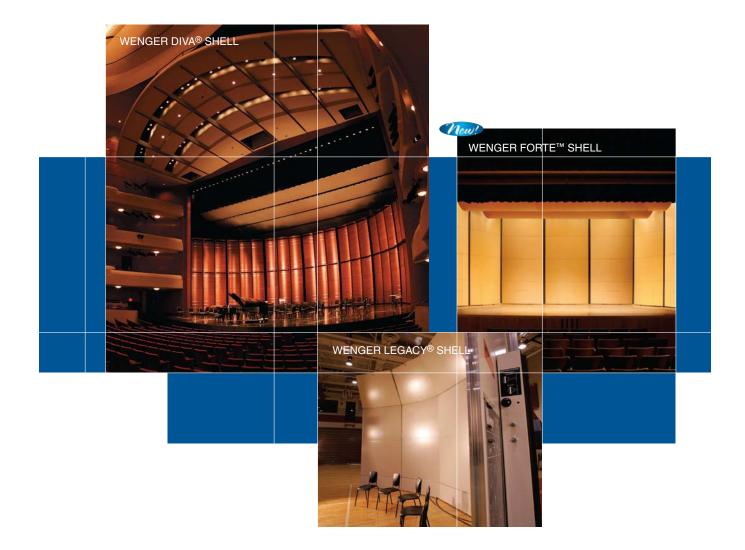
- page 6 See the pictorial from the 2008 Orchestra
- **Read the words from the members** page themselves

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This page, clockwise from top left: Barnabás Kelemen with the Honor Orchestra of America, conductor Larry J. Livingston, Honor Orchestra violinist, Master Class with Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Cellist Ingrid Fischer-Bellman.

## Views from the 2008 Orchestra America National Festival

Three invited orchestras, representing outstanding high school orchestra programs nationwide, performed at the 2008 Orchestra America National Festival in Hilbert Circle Theatre, part of the Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, in Indianapolis, February 28 – March 1. The Festival included the national Honor Orchestra of America, performing two shared concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. We want to share the reactions from the participants themselves:

Orchestra America is the one and only festival that truly addresses the students as well as the conductor. The Orchestra America National Festival offers world class adjudicators and clinicians, a world class performance venue, association with top professionals in the world of higher education, all in a kind, sincere and nurturing environment. It is an educationally-sound experience from start to finish, with a personal touch. Add a performance of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and the Honor Orchestra rehearsals and performances it is a lifechanging experience unlike any other festival in the world!

Anthony Maiello Director of Instrumental Studies George Mason University, VA

The Orchestra America National Festival is unique to most festivals. Participating orchestras have the opportunity to perform in a professional orchestra hall ¬– Hilbert Circle Theatre. After each performance, the orchestra receives feedback from all three festival evaluators, and the conductor even receives a constructive critique as well! The nonperforming events at the festival are ideal for school aged students- attending concerts of the Honor Orchestra of America and the Indianapolis Symphony, as well as other social opportunities. Music For All is a music education leader. All experiences during the festival are to support a musical purpose, both positively and life-changing.

Doug Droste Director of Orchestral Studies Oklahoma State University

Director, Oklahoma Youth Symphony

I personally found the clinic after our performance to be outstanding. I appreciated the encouragement and feedback. Each activity seemed to bring a different student who told me that particular activity was his/her favorite for the entire event. All of the different activities work together to reach all of the students. It is musically rewarding for students and directors alike. My students loved the festival!

Linda Nicolosi Oak Ridge H.S. Orchestra, Conroe, TX

The 2007 and 2008 Honor Orchestras of America have been highlights of my parenting with my





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daughter. To spend one-on-one time with her during travel and watch her during rehearsals and performances certainly melts my heart. It really does take a whole village to raise well-rounded, responsible kids these days, and I appreciate your part in helping my child to become the best musician she can at this time in her life.

Jerell Mulhollan, chaperone and member parent Dobson H.S., Mesa, AZ

I will assure you that this experience was life changing! Thank you to Music for All for providing me with such an extraordinary opportunity to perform with the best high school musicians in the country.

Matt Dickey, Violin Zionsville Community H.S., IN

When I came to this festival, I honestly did not expect anything unique from it but I was wrong. Meeting the staff, musicians and Mr. Larry Livingston has been the greatest thing that has happened to me. This event has changed me in a positive way forever.

Daniel Yi, English Horn Marcus H.S., Flower Mound, TX







This page, clockwise from top left: Honor Orchestra in concert at Hilbert Circle Theatre, master class with Barnabás Kelemen, Grammy-winner Patti Austin with the Jazz Band of America, Honor Orchestra principal cellist, Festival students with former Boston Symphony Orchestra timpanist Vic Firth (center).

#### **2008 Festival Orchestra Repertoires**

#### Honor Orchestra of America Larry J. Livingston, Conductor

Repertoire: Symphony No. 2, Mvt. 1 (Resurrection) by Mahler Introduction and Rondo Cappriccioso by Saint-Saens Barnabás Kelemen, violin Pines of Rome, Mvt. 4 (The Pines of the Appian Way) by Respighi

#### Oak Ridge High School Symphony Orchestra, Conroe, Texas Linda Nicolosi, Orchestra Director

Repertoire: Hoedown from Rodeo by Copland Holberg Suite, Op. 40 by Greig String Symphony #10 by Mendelssohn

#### Oakton High School Chamber Orchestra, Vienna, Virginia Cheri Collins, Orchestra Director

Repertoire:

Elegie in G Major by Tschaikowsky Czardas for Solo Violin and String Orchestra by Monti Concerto Grosso for String Orchestra with Piano Obbligato by Bloch

#### Oscar F. Smith High School Chamber Orchestra, Chesapeake, Virginia Deanna L. Kringel, Director of Orchestras

Repertoire: Styres Rally by Safford Sinfonia #1, Mvt. I by Haydn Capriccio Espagnol by Saint-Saens Mock Morris by Percy Aldridge Grainger On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss by Holsinger Tango Concertante by Speck Skylife by Balakrishnan

## Be Part of the Orchestra America National Festival

March 19-21, 2009 • Indianapolis, IN March 4-6, 2010 • Indianapolis, IN (date tentative)

#### Application Deadlines: June 16, 2008 for 2009 Festival • June 15, 2009 for 2010

he Orchestra America National Festival is unique – a non-competitive celebration of music, for outstanding high school orchestras, held in cooperation with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, in one of the finest orchestra halls in America. The Orchestra festival is part of the Music for All National Festival, and in 2009 will include a stage for middle school orchestras.

The Festival Application and Audition Packet insert in this newsletter contains pages of details: audition and application requirements and festival specifics about all aspects of the experience. What we want to tell you here is not so much what you'll get and what you'll do, but why you should consider the Orchestra America National Festival for your students.

## Why was the Orchestra America National Festival created?

The Orchestra America National Festival debuted in 2006 to provide a national performance and clinic opportunity for outstanding high school orchestras. Music for All partnered with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra to stage the Festival in the gorgeous Hilbert Circle Theatre and to involve Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra musicians as master class teachers for the participating students.

The Honor Orchestra of America, part of the Festival, preceded the Festival, premiering in 2005. 2008 marked the second year that this national honors orchestra of high school musicians performed two shared concerts with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra as part of their Subscription Series.

The connections with the ISO are both professional and personal – a bassist with the 2008 Honor Orchestra of America is the son of Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra bassoonist Mark Ortwein. "The Honor Orchestra experience was awesome," said bassist Nicholas Ortwein from Indiana. "The people that I played with were phenomenal. The fact that they were all high school musicians like myself made the experience even more amazing."

## Why is it part of the Music for All National Festival?

The Music for All National Festival, presented by Yamaha, brings together outstanding high school and middle school instrumental ensembles for more than three days of musicmaking and active observation. (Observation time is a very real benefit of participation. All ensembles have scheduled audience time with other performing ensembles. This ensures a knowledgeable audience for all ensembles, as well as an opportunity for your students to hear live performances by ensembles from across the nation.) The Festival includes the Orchestra America National Festival at Hilbert. the National Concert Band Festival at Clowes Memorial Hall at Butler University, the Middle School National Music Festival for orchestras, concert bands and percussion ensembles and the National Percussion Festival.

At Music for All, our work is our passion, our passion is our cause and our cause is our name: music for all. The Orchestra America National Festival is one of the ways we serve



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our mission to create, provide and expand positively life-changing experiences through music for all. By celebrating the breadth of scholastic instrumental music, we are helping to strengthen all music programs and shine a spotlight on the excellence being achieved by music educators and students.

#### What makes the Orchestra America National Festival special?

You and your students are immersed in musical excellence throughout the Festival. Everything from the quality of musicianship of the ensembles, to the opportunity to experience the national honor ensembles, to the dress code and standards of professional behavior expected of the student participants combine to create a spirit of excitement and first-class atmosphere.

#### Why should I consider applying?

The interactions and conversations you have with the clinicians at the Festival and the comments you get from the evaluators during your concert and in the private post-concert clinic are certainly rewarding. But the initial application process and the insights you receive from three quality clinicians listening to and responding to your audition recording are also valuable. You'll have feedback on the strengths and weaknesses of your ensemble even before an invitation comes.

If your orchestra is invited, we promise that Music for All will use its every resource to ensure you have the finest educational experience possible.

#### **NEW FOR 2009:** MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Music for All National Festival debuts a middle school ensemble stage in 2009! All middle school orchestras are invited to apply. All who apply will receive recorded and written feedback from the evaluation panel. Invited middle school orchestras will share a concert hall with other invited middle school orchestras, concert bands and percussion ensembles, each presenting a concert and receiving a post-concert clinic. Middle school ensembles can expect the full exhilarating Festival experience, including master classes, student social and Gala Awards Banquet. See more in the application packet. What an experience it was for my Chamber Orchestra to be part of your Music for All National America Festival last weekend! I

want to share with you some of my student's comments to me when we arrived home, to re-confirm that your Festival is on the right track when it comes to changing the direction of young lives through your commitment to music excellence:

"I was sitting in my 4th period class wishing it would go by faster so I could come to orchestra class!...then I ran all the way here!!" Another student said "Ms. Collins, I never really liked playing violin ... now I want to major in music!!!" And another, "This weekend was amazing ... I never thought being serious about music could be so fun!!" And finally, "Can we go every year ... please?"

Thank you for a very rewarding musical experience!

Cheri Collins Director of Orchestra Oakton High School Vienna, Virginia

### Orchestra application and audition deadline: Postmarked by Friday, June 13, 2008



## 2008 Master Classes were led by professional artists including:

#### Barnabás Kelemen

Violin, Gold Medal Winner, International Violin Competition of Indianapolis

**Raye Pankratz** Violin, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

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Bassoon, Butler University

**Paul Nolen** Saxophone, Michigan State University

#### **Joe Burgstaller** Trumpet, The Canadian Brass

**Adam Frey** Euphonium, Georgia State University

**Joe Neisler** French Horn, Illinois State University

**Thomas Bough** Tuba, Northern Illinois University

**Jon Crabiel** Percussion, Butler University

#### **Diane Evans** Principal Harp, Indianapolis Sympho

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

2009 Festival Master Classes will be led by similarly world-class musicians.



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## RESEARCH AND ADVOCACY

## Fortune 1000 CEO's Success tied to Music Education

Harris Interactive has released the results of a new poll analyzing the effects of music education on top Fortune 1000 company executives. The findings of this latest poll are similarly impressive. Overall, just under threequarters of executives (73%) were involved in some type of music program while in school. Just over three quarters (77%) recommend their children get involved in music education at their schools and just under half (47%) support music education by donating money. Cumulatively, the longer that executives participated in classroom music programs, the more successful they became in life.

#### Partnership for 21st Century Skills

A nationwide poll of registered voters reveals that Americans are deeply concerned that the United States is not preparing young people with the skills they need to compete in the global economy. The findings indicate that Americans understand that the economy has changed and that, without skills that reflect today's workforce demands, young people may face tougher challenges earning a living wage and maintaining U.S. competitiveness than previous generations did.

Voters are clear: We are living in a different era that requires new thinking in our approach to educating our youth.

- 80 percent of voters say the things students need to learn today are different than 20 years ago.
- Six in 10 voters say our schools are not keeping pace with changing educational needs.
- At the same time, voter attitudes clearly have shifted away from the "back to basics" movement that was a strong theme for school improvement during the 1990s.
- Almost nine in 10 voters (88 percent) believe 21st century skills can and should be part of the curriculum.

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#### The "Imagination" Voter

Remember the "soccer moms" from the 1996 presidential campaign? They were the coveted new voting block that had been identified for their potential to swing the election for one part or the other.

Well there is a new voting block that has been identified for this election cycle – the Imagination constituency.

Who is the imagination constituency? The "imagination" constituency makes up 30 percent of the voters. They are men and women, live on the coasts and in the heartlands, and are all ages and education levels. They are engaged voters and over half are swing voters – not identifying as a strong Republican or Democrat (54 percent) – and they are not happy.

The new national survey identifies that 30% of American voters are not only dissatisfied with public education's narrow focus on the "so-called" basics, they also believe developing the imagination is a critical, but missing, ingredient to student success in 21st century schools and moving students beyond average.

The majority of voters surveyed believe that it is extremely important to have good public schools nationwide, but there is also concern that public education in the United States is behind what is offered to students in other parts of the world and that we devote less attention to developing the imagination, creative skills and innovation than other nations.

Among the key findings of the poll:

- Almost nine in ten voters (89%) say that using the imagination is important to innovation and one's success in a global knowledge-based economy and essential to success in the 21st Century.
- 69% of American voters believe that, when compared to other nations, America devotes less attention to developing the imagination and innovation.
- 88% of respondents indicated that an education in and through the arts is essential to cultivating the imagination.
- 63% of voters strongly believe that building capacities of the imagination that lead to innovation is just as important as the "so called" basics for all students in the classroom.
- 91% of voters believe an education in and through the arts helps to substantiate imaginative learning and should be considered a part of the basics.

#### Did You Know...

Music enhances the process of learning. The systems they nourish, which include our integrated sensory, attention, cognitive, emotional and motor capacities, are shown to be the driving forces behind all other learning.

> - Konrad, R.R., Empathy, Arts and Social Studies, 2000.

U.S. Department of Education data show that students who report consistently high levels of involvement in instrumental music during the middle and high-school years show significantly higher levels of mathematics proficiency by grade 12.

 James Catterall, Richard Chapleau, and John Iwanaga, "Involvement in the Arts and Human Development," 1999.

The nation's top business executives agree that arts education programs can help repair weaknesses in American education and better prepare workers for the 21st Century.

 The Changing Workplace is Changing Our View of Education, BusinessWeek, October 1996.

#### SupportMusic Community Action Kit

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#### Music for All releases ground-breaking report

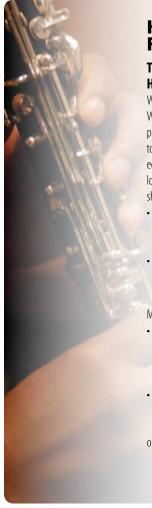
#### Within Our Power: The Progress, Plight and Promise of Arts Education for Every Child

This past September, Music for All released the report *WITHIN OUR POWER*: *The Progress, Plight and Promise of Arts Education for Every Child*. The report documents the status and condition of arts education programs in all New Jersey public schools. It has been hailed as the most comprehensive report on arts education ever created at the state level.

The report uncovered that more than 77,000 students attend school in the state of New Jersey every day with no access to arts education and only 3% of the elementary schools provide the level of arts education required by the state.

Building on the successful research in New Jersey, several states have inquired to partner with Music for All to conduct similar statewide studies. Music for All will be launching statewide research projects in New Hampshire and Wisconsin with more states to be announced soon. The Census Project is being hailed as a model for how other states and communities may measure the status and condition of arts education.

Download the report at www.artsednj.org.



#### Harris Poll Provides Surprising Findings

#### Those With More Education are More Likely to Have Higher Household Incomes

Whether it's chorus, band or violin lessons, music impacts American lives. While singing in a chorus or playing an instrument is fun, it can also provide important skills like creative problem solving that can help lead to higher education and incomes as well as personal fulfillment. Music education is associated with those who go on to higher education. In looking at what groups may have participated more in music, education shows the largest differences.

- Two-thirds (65%) of those with a high school education or less participated in music compared to four in five (81%) with some college education and 86 percent of those with a college education.
- The largest group to participate in music, however, are those with a post graduate education as almost nine in ten (88%) of this group participated while in school.

Music education is also associated with higher incomes.

- Three-quarters of people (74%) with household incomes of \$34,999 or less and 72 percent of those with incomes of \$35,000-\$49,999 participated in music, compared to 83 percent of those with incomes of \$150,000 or more.
- The higher the household income, the more likely they participated in a music program.

These are some of the findings of a Harris Poll of 2,565 adults surveyed online between October 9 and 15, 2007 by Harris Interactive<sup>®</sup>.

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#### Yamaha Appoints Educators to the Yamaha **Certified String Educator Council**

Yamaha Corporation of America recently appointed 13 string educators to the Yamaha Certified String Educator council. The educators were selected from numerous applicants nationwide and represent the highest level of dedication to string education.

"Today's string educator faces the most challenging times ever presented," says Ken Dattmore, Marketing Manager, Orchestral Strings. "In the face of diminishing budgets and pressure for educational systems to improve test scores, these educators stand out due to their great success in building strong traditional and alternative string programs. In recognizing them as Yamaha Certified String Educators, Yamaha

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#### **New Wenger Acoustical Shell Earns Applause at National Festival**

Music For All's Annual 2008 National Festival witnessed the debut of the new Forte<sup>™</sup> Acoustical Shell from the Wenger Corporation. The location was Clowes Memorial Hall on the



performed on the Clowes Memorial Hall stage were thrilled with the improved sound projection throughout the hall and the enhanced illumination from 23 lights built into the shell's ceiling.

The student musicians were most impressed with the aesthetics - many said they felt they were performing in a professional music hall. Overall, directors and staff considered the new shell to be a vast improvement over the previous shell, both acoustically and aesthetically.

Intended for small- to medium-sized performance venues, the Forte shell provides the acoustical and aesthetic benefits of a full-stage shell in a user-friendly, cost-effective solution. Acoustically, the side and rear towers combine with ceiling panels to create an effective enclosure that reflects and diffuses sound. This improves onstage communication between musicians and sound projection to the audience. Aesthetically, a wide color selection and attractive laminate finish options enable the Forte shell to complement and enhance any interior décor; the Clowes Hall shell has a painted finish.

A longtime pioneer in acoustical shells, Wenger developed the Forte shell as an intermediate solution that is positioned in performance and affordability between its full-stage Diva<sup>®</sup> and portable Legacy<sup>®</sup> models. See details and Forte specifications at wengercorp.com.



All Kinds of Kids, Making All Kinds of Music

## Changing our culture by creating musical experiences for every child every day

FINDING THE GROOVE, celebrating kids and their love of music, is a new series of live multi-media concerts and on-line social networking from the Executive Producer of the Peabody Award-Winning HBO® documentary series The Music In Me Leslie Stifelman.

FINDING THE GROOVE is a virtual world where kids aged seven to twelve, from diverse cultural and regional backgrounds, and who are instrumental musicians, composers, singer songwriters and

vocalists of all styles or genres, will be able to come and share their musical stories by uploading and sharing videos on a safe network designed for them. A handful of those kids who submitted the most exciting videos online will be chosen to be part of the Finding The Groove<sup>™</sup> concert series. This will feature the musical performances and stories of these young musicians who are making connections between their music and the world around them. These multi-media events will be presented in conjunction with major symphony orchestras, symphony halls and university and community arts organizations from around the country.

#### The World Premiere of FINDING THE GROOVE The State of Indiana Fall 2008

The world premiere of **FINDING THE GROOVE**<sup>TH</sup> is an Indiana statewide initiative in partnership with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music and Music for All. This program is made possible by the generous support of the NAMM Foundation with a special thanks to MusicCrossroads. The Finding The Groove<sup>™</sup> Partners will work closely with many other Indiana organizations that understand the importance of music in the lives of Indiana's youth including the Indiana Arts Commission, Indiana Music Educators Association, Indiana State School Music Association and the Indiana PTA. Finding The Groove™ marks the first statewide collaboration between one of America's major orchestras, one of the world's most highly respected music schools and one of the nation's most prominent music education organizations, all of which call Indiana home and are uniting to celebrate the important role music plays in the educational development of Indiana's youth.

Children invited to join the **FINDING THE GROOVE** world premiere concerts will be given the opportunity to perform live onstage with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and the Indiana University Philharmonic Orchestra. Some children will also be invited to perform solo, or with their bands or musical friends or families. Video clips from other amazing submissions will also be shown during the program, all illustrating how every child is on a path towards finding their own "groove."

We are accepting videos online now and are on our way to a city near you so visit **www.** finding the groove.com for more details, and see first-hand that music is alive and well, and living in the hearts and minds of children everywhere!





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#### Schedule of **World Premiere Events**

 September 13, 2008 Gala concert at the Musical Arts Center on the Indiana University Bloomington campus.

#### • October 19, 2008

with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at the Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis as part of the acclaimed St.Vincent Family Series.

## **MUSIC FOR ALL** SUMMER SYMPOSIUM presented by 🏵 YAMAHA

#### June 23-28, 2008 Illinois State University, Normal, IL Leadership Preview Weekend: June 21-22

#### Students connect with others who share their passion for music

The Summer Symposium is for every high school string student who loves to play. If you are an advanced player – or a teacher with students – who want to make music at a high level, take a look at the MFA Summer Symposium. What students take home to their own orchestra programs makes them an asset to their ensemble and their teachers.

A sample orchestra day includes full orchestra rehearsals, sectionals, master classes, guest artist clinics, electives such as improvisation, alternative performance opportunities and audition tips.

Students get to meet and know others from across the country, sharing with other students from a variety of backgrounds who ultimately are "just like them!" Students experience a national faculty, national standards and a safe, away-from home collegiate campus experience. Leadership is the theme that runs throughout the camp curriculum and each evening features a live concert or event.

The Orchestra Division at the Summer Symposium is one of several student divisions. More than 1.600 students will attend, enrolled in areas including, in addition to Orchestra, Concert Band, Jazz, the National Percussion Symposium, Marching Band, Color Guard, Drum Majors and the Leadership Weekend Experience.

Student fee for full week: \$545, enrollment deadline: May 19 (late fee applies after May 19)

Find info, view videos and enroll online: www.musicforall.org



"It's amazing. You meet wonderful people, see great artists perform and play awesome music. What's not to love?"

2007 Orchestra Student

#### STRING FACULTY INCLUDES:

Perry Holbrook Orchestra Coordinator Walton High School Orchestras, GA

Richard Auldon Clark, Violin Butler University and Founder, Manhattan Chamber Orchestra

Nancy Campbell, Viola School for Creative and Performing Arts (SCAPA) in Lexington, KY

Mary Kenney, Cello Emory University

Bill Koehler, Bass Illinois State University

#### Marine String Duo

Violinist Master Gunnery Sergeant Peter Wilson and bassist Master Sergeant Aaron Clay, members of "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band, perform music of the classical tradition, jazz, big band, folk, film music, popular song and funk. The Marine String Duo will also present clinics for string students.



#### "Barrage is too Wow for Words !"

- The Denver Post

Not only will Summer Symposium students enjoy Barrage in concert, Wednesday, June 25, they will have workshops with the cast members and perform on stage with Barrage as part of their evening show for an audience of over 2,000 – a unique opportunity!

In addition to their incredible stage show, Barrage energizes your strings through hands-on workshops and rehearsals that excite and motivate your students.

The talented cast of Barrage, six violin players, one drum set player, one guitar player and one bass player, is made up of an international group of musicians that all contribute an impressive array of multiinstrumental talents.

Barrage is part of the Symposium Concert Series, with each evening featuring a different musical genre for the full camp student body. Other 2008 concerts include the Yamaha Young Performing Artists, the U.S. Army Field Band and the Drum Corps International Summer Music Games.



### Mark Williams Memorial Fund Established by Alfred Publishing



Mark was one of the premier composers for school bands and orchestras. Co-author of the Accent on Achievement Band Method, he had over 200 published works to his credit. As a clinician and guest conductor, he traveled to 34 states, 5

Canadian provinces, and Australia.

Mr. Williams was born in Chicago and grew up in Spokane, Washington. He taught music in the state of Washington for many years, specializing in elementary band. He had also served as the Conductor and Artistic Director for the Spokane British Brass Band since the summer of 1999.

"Mark was a warm, kind, generous and brilliant human being and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him, or experienced his great music," Andrew Surmani, Vice President & Marketing Managing Director for Alfred Publishing said. "Alfred Publishing is establishing the Mark Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund for Educators as a lasting tribute to a great teacher and writer," he added.

Donations to the Mark Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund for Educators will be placed in an endowment. Only the income generated by the endowment will be expendable. Each year, at least one music educator will be awarded a full scholarship to attend the Music for All Summer Symposium for professional development. Check back soon for information on how you can apply for the first Mark Williams Memorial Scholarship. Photo, left to right: Annie Boehning, Music for All Director of Development, scholarship recipient Mason Lubert and Matt Carter, Chairman, Music for All Board of Directors.

### Revelli Scholarship Donors Impact Teaching Dream

The William D. Revelli Memorial Scholarship was presented to Mason Lubert a senior at James Madison High School in Vienna, Virginia, on March 1. Mason is a talented saxophone player and leader in his high school ensemble.

The Revelli Scholarship is named in honor of iconic band director Dr. William D. Revelli and has been presented annually at the Music for All National Festival since 1993. The scholarship is awarded to a college-bound participating senior who intends to pursue a major in music. Past recipients are active and successful band directors at schools across the country.

In Mason's own words: I began piano lessons when I was four. This opened up music making possibilities for me and led me into playing saxophone, which I began in fifth grade. My saxophone teacher, George Etheridge, launched me into the world of classical music. Soon after starting lessons with Mr. Etheridge, I became acquainted with a precocious ensemble under the direction of Mr. Richard Sanger – a one-time music education student of Dr. Revelli's. After a short-but-sweet middle school band experience, I was exposed to an uncommonly high standard of musicianship in the James Madison High School Band. Now I am at the end of my high-school years and ready for the next phase in my life. I have all of my music educators to thank for my interest and dedication to this art. I would eventually like to give people the chance to love and appreciate music in the same way by becoming a music teacher myself. I have a lot of, perhaps unrealistically numerous

ambitions, though. While I would love, someday, to become a school band director. I would also like to devote some time to composition, private saxophone teaching, and symphony orchestra conducting. My experience at the Festival was everything I had hoped it to be. Quality and dedication are very important to our band and it's wonderful to be in the company of other high school programs with like attitudes. As far as I could tell, the event was well organized and I'm sure I wouldn't be the only person in my band to say that the accommodations we experienced were the best we've had on a schoolsanctioned band trip. But of course, this was not a normal band trip. I'm so glad to have been a part of this Festival and I'm confident I speak for all of the JMHS band members when I say how much I appreciate the efforts of the Music for All organization in helping us and other bands have this memorable experience.





Leadership Weekend Experience: Saturday, June 21, 10 a.m. - Monday, June 23, 10 a.m.



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#### 2008 MUSIC FOR ALL SUMMER SYMPOSIUM

#### This form must be postmarked by May 19, 2008 to register without a late fee. Photocopy completed application for your records.

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#### **Music for All 2008 Summer Symposium Student Registration**

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School State

#### Parental Consent Form/Responsibility Clause – Please Read Carefully and Fill Out Completely.

but in the event I or they cannot be reached for an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by Music for All to secure and administer such treatment(s) as may be necessary, including hospitalization, for my child as named above and while attending the Sponsored Event. I also authorize Music for All and its agents to release copies of my son/daughter's medical record to hospitals and other physicians to which they are referred and to insurance companies for payment of a medical claim. A photocopy of is as valid as the original.

Further, this authorization permits said physician and medical professionals to hospitalize, secure appropriate consultation, order injections, anesthesia (local, general or both) or surgery for this applicant if such emergency conditions warrant. The undersigned does hereby assume and agree to pay any indebtedness or physician's or surgeon's fees and hospital charges for such service, and for any ambulance or any other emergency transportation that may be needed. **Music for All requires a written report of a physical examination performed within the preceding 36 months of the camp by a qualified physician, registered nurse or other person recognized by law to undertake that responsibility.** This report must be available upon demand from Music for All officials.

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For students who have selected the commuter option, Music for All and the other entities named herein will not be held responsible for these students prior to their arrival each day or after the period beginning fifteen minutes after the end of the evening concert or final student event of each day.

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**Roommate Preference Full Name** 

# THE MUSICFOR ALL REAL STREAM

## What is the Network?

Music for All Network members are part of a growing grassroots community, connected through an interactive national network and musical programming. Local chapters are based in schools or community organizations and are designed for those who love music – from performers and supporters to devotees and hipsters. Music for All promotes positively life-changing experiences through leadership, service and advocacy to enhance our schools and communities. Members raise the level of musical awareness and appreciation within their community and across the country, offering unique opportunities to experience and share music. Music enables us to captivate people and give back. Members will be empowered to assess and serve the needs of their local schools and communities to make "music for all" a reality.

### Who can join?

Everyone who loves music! Students, parents, alumni, fans and teachers. Whether you make music at school, at home or wherever you and your friends get together, there's a place for you in the Network.

## Membership Options

Hub Member: \$30\* annual membership fee <section-header><section-header><complex-block><image>

Join a Hub in your area to engage in opportunities to take the lead in musical awareness, exposure and support, as well as to gain access to the online, interactive Network. \* Membership fee is reduced for Network Hub student members.

#### Virtual Members: \$30 annual membership fee

No Hub in your area? You can start one OR you can sign up as a Virtual Member, with all the online community and Multimedia benefits of membership.

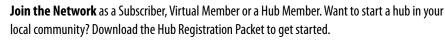
#### Subscriber: Free

Free Subscriber Members get BOA fall scores and recaps, discussion forums, monthly eNewsletter, chatrooms and more. Are you a member of the previously-named BOA Network? Then you're already a Music for All Network free "subscriber."

### Inspire. Engage. Empower. Connect.

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