



# MUSIC MAKES US

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## Dear Principals and Music Teachers,

Nearly end of school year greetings! This will be our final newsletter of 2012-13.

We salute your fine work and musical accomplishments and will look forward to starting the coming year with fresh ideas and enthusiastic support. Lest you think that we will be idle over the summer, we will be busy meeting with the Music Makes Us Teacher Advisory Council to discuss professional development ideas, procuring new instruments for elementary, middle and high school programs, working with teachers on pacing guides for the new text books, providing volunteer staffing support for CMA Music Fest, developing a new website to be launched in the fall, meeting with principals regarding music programs, developing a new clearinghouse site for community partnerships, attending Summer NAMM at the new Nashville Convention Center, and perhaps taking a day or two at the beach.

Wishing you a strong finish to the year and a restful summer break.

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## Celebrating Student Success

### McGavock Student Honored

Oliver Smith, graduating senior from McGavock High School, was named the recipient of the 2013 Kenny Hull Memorial Scholarship. Named for the first band director at McGavock High School, the \$2000 scholarship is awarded to an aspiring music educator. In Oliver's remarks, he voices the passion and commitment that ring true for many of our students:

*"Music has given me purpose. Music is joy, anger, depression, relief, frustration, hard work, an outlet, a voice, a way to express ourselves, and the thing I want to be a part of for the rest of my life."*

## Music Makes Us: A Year in Review

Reflecting on a busy inaugural year for Music Makes Us, we wish to acknowledge our generous donors, briefly summarize accomplishments and look ahead to the coming year.

Music Makes Us is grateful to the founding donors of the initiative, including Martha Ingram, Gibson Foundation, Big Machine Records LLC, Curb Records, The Recording Academy, MaryAnn McCready and Roy Wunsch, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bumstead, Nancy Shapiro, BMI, and SESAC. Joining Mayor Dean, Dr. Register, the Music Makes Us Advisory Council are key partners and contributors, including the Country Music Association, Gibson Guitar Corp., The Recording Academy Producers & Engineers Wing, Warner Music Nashville, KHS America, Yamaha, VH1 Save the Music, Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, Little Kids Rock, and others.

Music Makes Us believes that to deliver a world class music education we must 1) engage more students in music; 2) reflect our culturally and ethnically diverse community where over 120 languages are spoken; 3) restore and strengthen the legacy programs in chorus, band and orchestra; and 4) excite students around new and emerging music technologies.

We are appreciative of both the spirit and the determination that are at the heart of this work and pledge to work with you to garner your continued commitment and support.

### ***2012 – 2013 Highlights***

- ◆ 22 New contemporary music classes
- ◆ Investments from music community
- ◆ Professional & leadership development
- ◆ Launch Teacher Advisory Council
- ◆ Music technology with SmartMusic in all high schools
- ◆ Student record label & recording studio launch
- ◆ Band programs restored in 3 middle schools
- ◆ Mid-State Honors for over 275 students
- ◆ School Board Resolution affirming the value of music and arts education
- ◆ Research on the impact of music education in Metro Schools

### ***Looking Ahead to Next Year***

- ◆ 7 new full-time music teachers
- ◆ 40 contemporary music classes
- ◆ Indoor percussion & color guard program
- ◆ SmartMusic in all middle schools
- ◆ Community partnerships and visiting artist program
- ◆ Student leadership & internships
- ◆ Teacher professional & leadership development
- ◆ Student opportunities for performance

## Music Makes Us Updates

### Edwin Santiago Named New Mariachi Director

The Music Makes Us mariachi program has a new leader who reflects the city's rich musical landscape: Edwin Imer Santiago, a veteran educator and experienced musician. Santiago will lead the mariachi program, which was launched last year, at Wright Middle and Glencliff High Schools as part of the Music Makes Us initiative.

Santiago, who is leaving McKissack Middle School at the end of the school year, has been with Metro Schools for six years.

Santiago, a Lorain, Ohio native, first began playing trumpet in the 5th grade. He attended Ohio State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in Jazz Studies and continued his education at the University of New Orleans where he studied under the late trumpeter Clyde Kerr, Jr., Preservation Hall's Wendell Brunious, and renowned pianist and educator, Ellis Marsalis. He received his master's degree in jazz studies in 2000.

Santiago has toured, performed and recorded with Salvador, Jaci Velasquez, Kirk Franklin, Toby Mac, Natalie Grant and Group One Crew. Santiago performs jazz, Latin jazz, salsa, merengue, funk, gospel and orchestral literature. He is also an adjunct trumpet professor at Tennessee State University. Santiago was voted "Teacher of The Year" at McKissack Middle School and is preparing to release his debut jazz album on the Jazz Music City Record Label this summer.

### Recording Studio and Record Label Launch at Pearl-Cohn High School

Pearl-Cohn Entertainment Magnet High School, supported by the Music Makes Us initiative, is the nation's only high school to have a student-run record label with distribution in conjunction with Warner Music Nashville. Its recording studio rivals commercial studios on Music Row. Pearl-Cohn will hold a grand opening celebration of its state-of-the-art recording studio and student-run record label at a red carpet event on May 8.

Speakers include Mayor Karl Dean, Dr. Jesse Register, John Esposito of Warner Music Nashville, and Nancy Shapiro, Senior Vice President at The Recording Academy and Chair of the Music Makes Us Advisory Council. A special appearance by a Nashville performer will include a symbolic passing of the torch from one generation of music makers to the next. The studio and record label launch is an achievement highlighted by generous donors and vital partnerships. John Esposito, president & CEO of Warner Music, The Recording Academy's Producers & Engineers Wing, and award-winning recording studio designer Steven Durr, a Nashville resident and owner of Steven Durr Designs, have guided the project.

## For Teachers Only

### Coming Soon to Your In Box: End of Year Procedures

Teachers, be on the lookout for a separate email, including end-of-year procedures to close out the school year. The list will include instrument check-in and inventory procedures, equipment storage, repair and summer information.

### Volunteers Needed

We've said it before; we'll say it again. We need teacher volunteers to help with driving the press vans for the CMA Music Festival June 6-9. This is our opportunity to give back to the Country Music Association for their amazing generosity and support of our programs. (Hint: Think about that wish list for new instruments you submitted as well as all the new ones you have received this year.) Send your top three shift choices to [Valerie](#) immediately.

A reminder of what we need: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
4:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. (we have lots of openings for this shift each day)

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## Best Practices

### Arts and the Common Core

Brad Foust, Arts Infusion Facilitator for Shelby County schools in Memphis, provides a helpful blog with timely information and resources on integrating the arts into common core as well as an update on the new core arts standards. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Summertime: Renew, Reflect, Recharge

You are ready for vacation and are contemplating which books will motivate and recharge your batteries during your brief hiatus. Here are [10 worthy recommendations](#) for your consideration.

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## Do It Now Opportunities

### Reminder: NAFME Early Registration Deadline Ends June 30

The National Association for Music Education Conference will be held in Music City at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Conference Center on October 27-30, 2013. Discounted rates for early registration ends June 30. Click [here](#) to register.

As an additional incentive for Tennessee residents, if you join NAFME/TMEA before June 30, you will be automatically entered a chance for free conference registration plus one night to attend TMEA's 2014 Professional Development Conference or free registration to NAFME's Annual In-Service Conference. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Jazz Education Network launches new outreach program

With a generous grant from the [Herb Alpert Foundation](#), the Jazz Education Network provides support through JAZZ2U, a new initiative that is part of the commitment to local jazz outreach. Grant's are limited to venues within the United States at this time. With JEN's JAZZ2U, eligible JEN members can apply for a \$300 grant to assist in funding a speaker, clinician, or performer at any event that will bring jazz to the new and existing audiences via schools, community centers, performances, or "informances" by quality performers and advanced educators. For more information go [here](#).

## Spotlight on MNPS Music Programs

### Middle School Honor Bands to Perform

In cooperation with Tennessee State University, MNPS 2013 Middle School Honor Band will be held on the TSU Campus May 13 and 14. Over 150 students will come together for rehearsals and perform a concert at 6 pm May 14 in the TSU Performing Arts Center. Composer Dr. Andrew Poor will conduct the MNPS Middle School Wind Ensemble and Ms. Lois Wiggins will conduct the MNPS Middle School Concert Band. Congratulations to these students and their teachers. The public is cordially invited to the concert and admission is free. Participating schools and their teachers include:

* Antioch	Drew Ault
* Bellevue	Paul Waters
* Donelson	Ruthann Gray
* DuPont Hadley	Tammie Williamson
* Kennedy	Kirk Ponder
* Margaret Allen	Joel Jones
* McKissack	Edwin Santiago
* McMurray	Marianne Wheeler
* Meigs	Franklin Norris
* MLK	Marsha Hartwein & Will Sugg
* Neely's Bend	Tametre Lawrence-Forrest
* Oliver	Susan Waters & Katie Harrah
* Two Rivers	Rebecca Tatarsky
* West End	Julie Jolly
* Wright	Robin Winkowski

### Celebrating Teachers

Congratulations to our music teachers who were chosen as Teachers of the Year at their respective schools:

- \* Rebecca Pearson, Norman Binkley Elementary School, James Urquhart, Principal
- \* Dajuana Hammonds, Julie Green Elementary School, Dr. Robin Cayce, Principal
- \* Nita Smith, I.T. Creswell Middle Arts Magnet, Dr. Ted Murcay, Principal
- \* Graham Mote, Nashville Big Picture High School, Chae Denning, Principal
- \* Edwin Santiago, McKissack Middle School, Janet Murphy, Principal

Congratulations also to Hamilton Moore, World Percussion instructor at Overton High School and McMurray Middle School. As a winner of the concerto competition with the Nashville Philharmonic, Mr. Moore performed Concertino for Vibraphone (mvt I)/Rosauo with the orchestra at the final concert of their season.

We are so very proud to call these excellent teachers our colleagues and our friends!

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## Spotlight on MNPS Music Programs Cont.

### Music Teachers Receive Scholarships to Pursue Orff Studies at Belmont University

Ten MNPS elementary music teachers have received scholarships sponsored by Metro Schools to pursue a summer course in Orff training at Belmont University. Those who are receiving first-time certification in Orff (some are pursuing advance studies) will also be eligible to receive a full set of Orff instruments for their music classroom, purchased through the generosity of the Country Music Association's Keep the Music Playing Program. The teachers are:

◇ James Anckner	Warner Enhanced Option
◇ Rita Black	Eakin Elementary
◇ Rita Carpenter	Gower Elementary
◇ Kim Folsom	Lakeview Design Center
◇ Sue Hall	Thomas Edison Elementary
◇ Jacqueline Hanna	Glenn Enhanced Option Elementary
◇ Steven King	Ross Elementary/Jones Paideia
◇ Bill Laarz	Cole Elementary
◇ Latasha Thomas	Robert E Lillard Elementary
◇ Chad Witemeyer	Maxwell Elementary

### I.T. Creswell Choral Program Honored

Nashville's acclaimed a cappella singing group, Nashville Singers, announced the annual winners of their Music Makes a Difference Grant Program. I.T. Creswell Magnet Middle School was one of three schools awarded a \$500.00 music education grant. The award program, which launched in 2011, is awarded to area school music programs or nonprofit organization focused on music education. The other honorees are H.B. Williams Elementary School (Sound Effects) and Ezell-Harding School (Fine Arts Academy). Congratulations to Dr. Ted Murcay, principal at I.T. Creswell, and choral teacher Nita Smith for this well-deserved recognition.

### Choral Programs Attend Choral Festival

Congratulations to our choral music programs who recently attended Middle Tennessee Vocal Association Choral Assessment:

- ◇ Antioch High, Kimberly McLemore, Director- Dr. Adrienne Battle-Koger, Principal
- ◇ East Magnet High, Angela Hahn, Director, Mr. Steve Ball, Principal
- ◇ Oliver Middle, Franklin Norris, Director, Mrs. Jeanna Collins, Principal
- ◇ John F Kennedy Middle, Linda Friend, Director, Dr. Samuel Braden, Principal

JFK and Oliver Middle Schools achieved all superior ratings in the choral assessment.