



THE
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OPUS NOTES

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Playing It Forward



Danny Rubenstein and his students at Rose Coast School of Music are donating proceeds from their recitals to MHOFF so more kids can play music in school!

The School Year Is Off To A Fantastic Start!

MHOFF has donated 883 instruments and 425 accessories such as mouthpieces to 51 schools across the country and we are just getting started.

"We will be able to place instruments in the hands of students that wouldn't be able to have one otherwise. Many of our families barely make ends meet. This is an investment in our students, families, community, and our future."

Wanda Ruffins, Principal, Cloverdale Middle School, Little Rock AR



Beginning band students at M. Agnes Jones Elementary School, Atlanta GA (left) and Ida B. Wells Middle School in Washington, D.C. (right) are excited to go to class and learn to play music on shiny, new instruments!

"The band students at MAJ have thoroughly enjoyed their new instruments and have taken great pride in taking care of them. We are all excited to see where these instruments take our students in their musical journey this year."

Alex Sines, Band Teacher, M. Agnes Jones Elementary School, Atlanta GA



All smiles at Mary Miller Junior High School in Georgetown IL (center) and Kimberly Elementary School in Atlanta GA (right).

"The instruments will help us so much. Our old instruments are worn down and were getting hard to use."

"Thanks for the trombones and xylophone. I can't wait to be able to use our xylophone in a song since we have never had one before."

For a list of awarded schools, go here: mhopus.org/awarded-schools

"All my own kids had the opportunity to play instruments and sing in choirs throughout their school days. Every child should have this opportunity!"

Jill Durkin, monthly donor

Remembering Sean



Sean Okin doing what he loved most in Maui 2014.

"I donate to MHOFF twice a year in memory of my son, Sean, who gave music to the world and would give his instruments to young people who needed them."

Avi Okin, donor



Music Rising helps school music programs with instrument and equipment loss after natural disasters. We have reached out to districts in Kentucky, Florida, and Mississippi.

"The band room was submerged in 10-12 inches of flood water. Many of the previously owned band instruments were decimated."

Katie Stiles, Band Dir.,
Knott County Central High,
Hindman KY

If you are a school in need, or want to donate, go to:
mhopus.org/music-rising

The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation keeps music alive in our schools by providing vital support services to school districts, and new musical instruments to underfunded music programs nationwide, giving under-represented youth access to the many benefits of music education, leading them to success in school, and inspiring creativity and expression through playing music.



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Red Rocks Gives

Tedeschi Trucks Band and our friends at AEG Presents Rocky Mountains have once again donated proceeds from their summer show at the Red Rocks Amphitheatre in support of school music programs. We're grateful for their loyal and generous support.



Derek Trucks and Susan Tedeschi front the band



Volunteers Josie and Adam

Members of the Tedeschi Trucks Band along with 80 volunteers paid tribute to former band member and musician, Kofi Burbridge, by volunteering on what would've been his 61st birthday. We're honored to be a part of the 2nd Annual Kofi Burbridge Day of Service.



Tennessee State of the Arts

CMA Foundation hosted a State of the Arts (SOTA) discussion during the Tennessee Arts Academy in July featuring an in-depth discussion with MHOF Program Director, Tricia Williams. SOTA, in partnership with CMA Foundation and Tennessee Department of Education, is a multi-phase initiative that uses free needs assessments to identify and understand the causes of inequities in music and arts education in Tennessee. The second phase of SOTA will soon be underway and CMA Foundation has committed \$500,000 to provide instruments and equipment necessary to provide quality and equitable arts programming to Tennessee schools.

“WOW! This is AMAZING! I cannot thank you all enough! You have truly blessed my students and future students for generations to come with this donation! I am thrilled and grateful beyond measure!!!!!!”

Brittany LaBelle, Music and Band Teacher, Science Hill Independent School, Science Hill KY

'Tis the Season!

Reach out this holiday season with a card that gives the gift of music to a child. To order your cards and put instruments into eager hands, call **818-762-4328** or order online:

mhopus.org/holiday-cards

E-cards available at **mhopus.org/e-card**



A cash contribution today will change a life forever. Please give the gift of music by donating online at **mhopus.org/donate** or use the enclosed envelope.

Consider a monthly donation to sustain our efforts all through the year.

On behalf of so many, thank you SO much!