

Message from the Executive Director

At Jazz House Kids, we foster a love and an enthusiasm for America's original art form – jazz.

Through our innovative approach to instruction and performance, JHK has ensured that jazz remains forever young in the hearts of our youth. In building a Jazz House, we cultivate tomorrow's responsible global citizens and community

leaders by creating an exciting environment for the development of positive values such as respect, teamwork, creative thinking and a dedication to excellence.



PURPOSE: JHK was established to boost achievement of young people by enhancing their quality of life and invigorating the classrooms where they learn and the communities where they live. We strive to fill the gap in music education for our children through:

- Interactive assemblies in elementary schools
- Extended instrumental and vocal residencies for middle and high schools
- Professional development for teachers across disciplines
- Fun-filled family discovery series
- Engaging community concerts which promote health and well being
- Masterclasses conducted by world-class musicians
- After-school programming

EDUCATION INITIATIVE: We utilize visual and performing arts core curriculum content standards as well as career education and consumer, family and life skills as the foundation for our programs. We bring together a diverse group of professional musicians and educators to provide dynamic, innovative, and multi-disciplinary learning opportunities to enrich school curricula.

HISTORY: Since our founding in 2002, JHK has become a multi-faceted, not-for-profit organization providing a wide range of music education support and character building programs necessary for the successful development of our youth.

Welcome to JHK and thank you for taking this opportunity to get to know us,

Melissa Walker

Founder & Executive Director