



**Expressing, Creating, Building
One child at a time.**

Jazz House Kids, Inc.

Fall 2008

At the Jazz House ~ children from diverse communities are given the opportunity to be creative, imaginative and express emotions while approaching tasks in new and different ways.

Jazz great teaches Arts High students to hit all the right notes

The Star-Ledger



“Christian McBride, [above], the Grammy-winning jazz musician, plays the bass with Newark’s Arts High School Jazz Ensemble during a performance in the high school auditorium. The May 23 concert was the culmination of McBride’s weeklong residency at the performing arts school, where [his group] conducted workshops and master jazz classes. The residency program was sponsored by [Chamber Music America] and Jazz House Kids, a non-profit organization that promotes jazz education in public schools.” May 27, 2008



**Stay tuned for another
amazing guest artist in '09!**

JHK conducts assemblies for special need students

In October, founder Melissa Walker and JHK teaching artists visited the John F. Kennedy School in Newark, NJ for a fun-filled afternoon of music. JHK provided this middle-secondary special education school with a multi-sensory, kinesthetic approach that en-



abled students to internalize and process instruction and use jazz as a vehicle to assist participants to develop their cognitive potential. JHK hopes to secure funding to return to the school with an extended residency in '09.

Pat Metheny inspires local kids in a masterclass

Thanks to the generosity of JHK friend Pat Metheny, more than 100 students from eight schools shared an afternoon with this 17-time Grammy winner and jazz icon. Metheny shared insights on a life rich with possibilities, founded on hard work and the pursuit of excellence. “It was awesome the way he explained how he started out and his experience as a jazz player,” said Michele Arenas, a 16-year-old pianist and member of Randolph High’s jazz band. “it made you want to work hard.”

The New York Times

Upcoming Events!

Wine Tasting & Live Jazz Friday, February 27th at 8pm

*105 Grove Street—Suite 3
Montclair, NJ
(The Brassworks Building)*

Whether you are a bebop beginner or cool jazz connoisseur, join our host and JHK board member **Jason DeSalvo** for an outstanding night to taste fabulous wines from top producers around the world. This jazzy night of food, drink and music promises to be a wine lover’s dream. All proceeds to benefit Jazz House Kid’s developing programs including special needs schools .

A night with no limits to your senses!

Jason DeSalvo is a Chevalier du Tastevin and has his Advanced Certificate from the Wine & Spirits Education Trust

Inside the Jazz Note™

Join us for another great season of Inside the Jazz Note™ next May '09. Jazz luminaries will once again explore their craft and delight audience members with their favorite recordings and performance footage. Followed by a lively audience Q & A. *More to come!*

JHK in the Schools

We have had a jam packed fall of Let’s Build a Jazz House™ workshops in area schools! Look for programs in the coming months in the communities of Milburn, Montclair and Atlantic City as well as our Vocal and Instrumental Residency programs in Newark public schools!

*For more information please call
Jazz House Kids at 973-744-2273*

What is a Jazz House?

Quite simply, a Jazz House is the creative space where we come together with young people, their families and teachers to share, experience and learn about one of America's most distinctive cultural creations.

It's a mobile house, constantly in play, with wheels that turn on improvisation and creativity.

Jazz has a lot it can teach us about the American values we hold dear like democracy, harmony, diversity and respect for others and self.

It's the place where we live.

FACT! More than 75,000 NJ students attend schools every day with no access to arts education.

NJ Arts Education Census Project

FACT! Nearly 42% of the total NJ spending on elementary arts education comes from outside sources.

NJ Arts Education Census Project

FACT! After 8 months of keyboard lessons, preschoolers showed a 46% boost in their spatial reasoning IQ.

"Music and Spatial Task Performance: A Causal Relationship," University of California, Irvine

FACT! An interest in a performing art leads to a high state of motivation that produces the sustained attention necessary to improve performance and the raining of attention that leads to improvement in other domains of cognition.

Dana Arts and Cognition Consortium

FACT! State-level arts spending has dropped over 35% in the last four years.

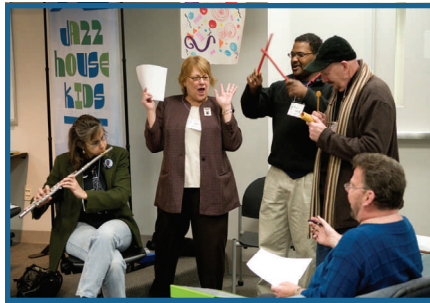
National Assembly of State Arts Agencies

JHK programs get results!

We continuously evaluate all of our programs to make sure they provide the highest quality arts education that impacts student learning and are cost-effectively enriching school curricula. JHK programs help fill the gap left by shrinking school arts budgets.

Jazz Across the Curriculum™ Teaching the Teacher

In '08 JHK launched Jazz Across the Curriculum™ a professional development program aimed at using jazz as an effective teaching tool in all classrooms. The program was hosted at William Paterson and sponsored in part by the Dana Foundation. 40 teachers and administrators attended



the multi-day program and received 24 credit hours. JAC provides hands-on multi-disciplinary training for in-school art specialists and non-arts teachers of all subjects k-8. In '09 JAC goes into the schools to conduct teacher in-service programs and individual teacher mentoring sessions.

"I now envision doing a project with the art, librarian and science teacher at my school."
Livingston Music Teacher

Inside the Jazz Note™

Intimate Jazz Conversations

JHK launched Inside the Jazz Note™ to give families a rare opportunity to examine the world of jazz through the



eyes of the artist. Set in an easy conversation and performance format, guests had a front-row seat into the creative pursuit and musical journey of many of today's world class musicians. JHK is grateful to our inaugural season's artists including Billy Hart, Norman Simmons, Pat Metheny, Christian McBride and Oliver Lake.

Our Mission

To enhance the quality of life for young people, their families, and teachers through the medium of jazz — America's greatest musical contribution — in order to cultivate tomorrow's responsible global citizens and community leaders.

Education Initiative

Since its founding over six years ago, Jazz House Kids has worked with more than 14,000 students and their teachers from diverse communities.

We believe that incorporating music in the life of a child is a rich and rewarding experience, providing a host of opportunities for growth that stimulates creativity, develops collaborative skills and invigorates our classrooms and community.

Jazz House Kids programming enriches school's music and humanities curricula, and offers museums and art centers exciting, fun-filled creative cultural programming.

Build a Jazz House Build a Child's Future!

Donate.

Consider Jazz House Kids in your future giving. Every dollar goes to help bridge the widening gap in music education in our schools and communities.

Host an Event.

Invite Jazz House Kids to your home or office to make your next party a swinging affair! We'll provide unforgettable music to ensure your event is stress free.

Volunteer.

Send us an email to learn more about joining the JHK family and to donate your time and talent!

Visit Jazz House Kids today!
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