

## 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 we where 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.

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**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 Jazzes Up a School Near You

Fulfilling its mission to use the language of jazz to inspire and educate children everywhere, JHK has reached further into new communities this academic year. Public elementary schools in **Millburn** and **Montclair**, New Jersey have experienced JHK's acclaimed **Lets Build a Jazz House<sup>SM</sup>** workshop series. The 60-minute programs include an integrated lesson that weaves together social history and musical performance and gets kids and



teachers moving, singing and playing with new enthusiasm and vigor. For more information, please visit our website.

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

## Singing a Joyful Song

JHK's inspiring **Vocal Summit Residency** program, made possible through the generosity of The Prudential Foundation, returns this spring to two Newark public elementary schools, Newton Street and Louise A Spencer. The



twelve-week program is structured around a specially designed curriculum, with newly arranged pieces for these young voices. The **JHK Vocal Summit** builds student confidence and achievement and culminates in a series of *Caring for our Community Concerts* at local senior

## 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!

### Please 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.

Let Jazz House Kids make your next event something to talk about!

### Volunteer.

Join the JHK family and donate your time and talent!

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Expressing, Creating, Building  
One child at a time.

# Jazz House Kids, Inc.

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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.

## JHK Jazz Lab™ Returns To Arts High

JHK's commitment to the local community and its vibrant young people continues with the return of the **Jazz Lab Residency** to **Arts High School** in Newark. This year's instrumental residency is planned for May '09, and is made possible through funding from Newark Public Schools and several generous private and local corporate donors. The Omega



Jazz Ensemble will work intensely with musicians, led by renowned tenor saxophonist **Ron Blake**, and member of the Saturday Night Live Studio Orchestra. Together, they will explore and expand the students' musical knowledge and delve deeply into jazz and the science of ensemble playing, improvisation and performance. The program culminates with a series of highly anticipated **Caring for Our Community Concerts** at local senior and long term care facilities.



## 2nd Generations for Jazz With Chris Botti

Another encore performance is on the calendar for May. Our **High School Band Super Masterclass** and evening **Inside the Jazz Note<sup>SM</sup>**, featuring an intimate jazz conversation and performance which is open to the public. We are thrilled that this year's **Generations for Jazz<sup>TM</sup>** one-day extravaganza will feature widely acclaimed, trumpeter **Chris Botti**, along with host, super bassist and JHK board member, **Christian McBride**. Like the '08 program with jazz icon **Pat Metheny and McBride**, this year's event will give the microphone over to these two young giants who met while touring in **Sting's band**. Musical voices not often heard, will speak to the hard work, absolute dedication and quest for excellence that great musicians bring to their work every day. JHK knows these lessons will help students and music enthusiast of all ages achieve great things. Sign up on our website for more details.

## Teach the Teacher

JHK conducted a **Jazz Across the Curriculum Teacher In-Service** to 40 New-



ark teachers. The program showed music teachers, in very practical terms, how they could measurably raise the level of their instruction and improve the educational experience for hundreds of students grades K-8. One teacher noted, "You've given me great ideas for the kids that are easy to incorporate and make accessible."

## Save the Date

Join us for Trumpeter  
& Recording Artist

**Chris Botti**

Wednesday, May 6th  
8:00 pm

Shea Center for Performing Arts  
William Paterson University  
300 Pompton Rd.  
Wayne, NJ 07040

Inside the Jazz Note<sup>SM</sup>

An Intimate Jazz Conversation

Hosted by Christian McBride

*"What is unique about **Botti** is that he has jazz chops and he comes from the world of jazz, yet he also has a very refined pop sensibility." **Sting***



## Adopt-A-School

Sponsor a high school band to  
attend the NJ multi-school  
**JHK Super Masterclass**

with **Chris Botti**

**Adopt Your School Now!**  
Jazz House Kids at 973-744-2273  
([www.jazzhousekids.org](http://www.jazzhousekids.org))