

## JAZZ HOUSE KIDS IN SCHOOLS

### *We've launched a new middle school program in Newark!*

This fall, we deepened our involvement in Newark with a new middle school initiative. It started with three new middle school music programs and will grow by two more next year. Over 100 students are currently being served through our in-school and after-school program.

We're especially pleased that this program brings together major funders interested in investing in Newark's public school students. Working together, we are helping to solve a district-wide deficit: lack of access to in-school instrumental programs. This lack of access is a catalyst in a declining population of students enjoying the art of making music and not receiving the many achievement and learning advantages that go along with consistent participation in a robust program. This \$125,000 five-district program is perhaps our biggest single initiative to date in the district.

Each of our middle-school programs serves 20 to 40 students. Students receive weekly small group lessons followed by ensemble instruction. Adding to the experience, students participate in music-related field trips and perform in community concerts and school performances. Our goals are to get kids excited about jazz at this stage in their development, keep them pumped to play in high school—and thereby create a talent pipeline for Newark's high school music programs.

Says Dan McNeal, Program Officer at The Prudential Foundation, which awarded \$50,000 towards a Newark summer camp program and adopted a school for the year-long program, "Jazz House Kids' program is fun, it keeps kids engaged when they have free time, and it's a way for them to get together while getting great instruction. Jazz House Kids brings all those aspects together in one neat package, with a phenomenal staff, faculty and great leadership."

*We thank the Prudential, Rivendell and Geraldine R. Dodge Foundations for their help in launching this important initiative.*



**The joy of music! Students in our new after-school Jazz House Kids Music Club at Abington Avenue School in Newark**

### **Jazz Works: In middle school + music instruction = algebra achievement**

Middle-schoolers who take formal instrumental or choral music lessons scored higher on algebra assessment tests than peers who didn't take music, according to a recent study of more than 6000 Maryland students published in the "Journal of Adolescent Research"—and the difference was most pronounced among African-American youngsters. Author Barbara H. Helmrich speculates that while self-discipline, effort and motivation developed through studying music may be factors, the real root lies in the timing: Adolescence coincides with "a proliferation of new synapses" in the developing brain. "Musicians process music in the same cortical regions as adolescents process algebra," she writes. "If music and mathematics utilize the same general cortical areas, then the practice of one should influence the other."

*Journal of Adolescent Research /April 2010*

## BECOME A "JAZZ HOUSE" MEMBER SUPPORT A STUDENT

Among the big news at this fall's BeBop-a-Que was the launch of our membership program, a new way for you to support the exciting and beneficial work we're doing while snagging a few perks for yourself, from class discounts and first dibs on event tickets to exclusive access to performances by some of the biggest names in jazz! Individual memberships start at just \$75. Next year, as we celebrate our 10th anniversary, you have a chance to become a Founding Member of Jazz House Kids! Your contribution will help us extend our reach into communities of need and provide important scholarship support for families studying at the Jazz House while bringing you added benefits.

*For information about our new Membership and Founding Members program, please call 973-744-2273 or visit [www.jazzhousekids.org](http://www.jazzhousekids.org).*



**Students prepare to perform at our annual Montclair Jazz Festival.**

## WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DECADE MAKES...

2011 has been another amazing, incredible and inspirational year for Jazz House Kids — a flurry of fantastic in-school and summer programs, expanding classes for all ages at the Jazz House, placing new instruments in the hands of students, community concerts, the Big Band sweep at the Mingus Awards and a host of wonderful special events, including Inside the Jazz Note with Chick Corea and Christian McBride, and the Montclair Jazz Festival with Monty Alexander. Topping things off, we received a late year gift with some awesome Grammy news! But we just can't help ourselves! We're looking ahead to 2012—Jazz House Kids is Turning 10! We'll be telling you more about that as the new year unfolds.



**Continuing our tradition of bringing world-class artists to young people, NEA Jazz Master Chick Corea with our Big Band at our 4th Annual Inside the Jazz Note hosted by our Artistic Chair, Christian McBride.**

But before the year officially comes to a close, I personally ask you to renew your support so we can continue to expand music education and performance programming to students across New Jersey. On behalf of the entire Jazz House family, I ask that you contribute to our annual campaign by joining our new membership program. Over the past year, generous contributions from foundations and board of directors, as well as support from enthusiastic individual donors, have helped us develop a middle school feeder program; expand our instrument rental program; increase the number of classes we offer at the Jazz House; host a college fair, hold our second annual FREE Montclair Jazz Festival, and much more. We hope that you, too, will help us continue to build our beautiful jazz house and we send a BIG THANK YOU to the many people who have given us so much.

Warmest wishes for the holidays and the new year,

**Founder & Executive Director**

*Jazz House Kids is a community-based organization that provides year-round musical, educational and cultural programs to students K-12, teachers, adults and families from diverse backgrounds.*

*Internationally renowned jazz performers teach alongside our professional staff, offering students a wide range of creative programming that develops musical potential, enhances leadership skills, and strengthens academic performance.*

*The "Jazz House" provides the framework for students to cultivate the talent, discipline, skills and principles they need to play, sing, and appreciate America's original musical art form. Through music, mentoring and education, Jazz House Kids cultivates tomorrow's global citizens so they may build vibrant communities where they live.*



## Upcoming Events

### **Student Winter Concert**

**Sunday, January 29th  
Concert is 3pm-6pm**

Salvation Army Citadel, Montclair, NJ  
JHK students swing in the spring as they showcase their passion for jazz and perform the music they learned in their ensemble classes this semester.

### *Body and Soul*

Two Nights of Fine Wine,  
Superb Cuisine & Classic Jazz

**Thursday, February 23**

Grand Tasting & Dinner at CulinAriane

**Friday, February 24**

The Main Event at Brassworks

### **Summer Jazz Workshop**

**August 6-18**

**Salvation Army Citadel  
Montclair, NJ**

Don't miss your chance to register!  
The camp will fill up fast! Get  
your application on-line.

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# NEW AT THE JAZZ HOUSE

## Register Now!

JAZZ HOUSE CLASSES

Spring 2012

### Sign Up Now for our Spring 2012 Semester

The sixteen-week semester begins the week of February 27th through June 10, 2012. Space is limited.

Visit our website: [jazzhousekids.org](http://jazzhousekids.org) for more information on all of our adult and youth classes or call:

973.744.2273



SUMMER JAZZ WORKSHOP

Aug 6 - 18, 2012

Open registration begins on February 1st. Current Jazz House students can take advantage of early enrollment between January 9th-February 1st - Limited Openings - Call today to reserve your seat!

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Body and Soul  
Two Nights of Fine Wine,  
Superb Cuisine & Classic Jazz

Thurs-Fri, February 23 & 24, 2012  
Montclair, NJ



## We've "built" some additions to our Jazz House!

**Vocal Ensemble:** A new teen vocal ensemble is being taught this fall by Tamara Mayers, and will be picked up again in the spring. Tamara is new to Jazz House Kids, but not to jazz or teaching--she's also Assistant Director of the William Paterson University Music After-School Program. We encourage teen vocalists to sign up for next semester's class!

**Additional Adult Ensemble:** Jazz is a multigenerational genre, and we've got the grown-ups to prove it. This fall we introduced an extra adult ensemble, taught by a new instructor, trumpeter Ted Chubb, whose first gig with us was at the 2011 summer workshop and who also heads up a student ensemble. "These are people with very active careers, but they clearly make time to practice, which is amazing to me," notes Ted. "It says a lot about them as individuals that they want to study this deep art form in their free time."

**Upstarts:** At the other end of the spectrum is our second new ensemble, The Jazz House Kids Upstarts, comprising five of our youngest, yet most advanced student musicians for their age. How young? They range in age from 9 to a grand old 12. Mike Lee, head of music instruction, conceived the idea (and the great name) for the class when he noticed we had attracted a number of very young, very skilled players, including his son, Matthew, 10, a drummer. "It's hard when you have very strong, young players to match them with older players, both socially and in terms of skill sets," Mike explains. "The ones who are very advanced, almost prodigies, tend to have uneven skill sets. We saw we had several students at that place, and had the opportunity to put them together." These players are somewhat accustomed to being fussed over, so Mike tries to stick to business. "I'm impressed with them, but I'm not constantly expressing how impressed I am," he says. "I'm just trying to teach the next thing. It's a good opportunity for them to just get down to work with no hype involved."

**Jazz House Big Band II:** Finally, our first Jazz House Big Band, which we started last year under the direction of the very busy Julius Tolentino, was such a hit with both kids and "critics" (such as the Mingus competition judges who gave us all those awards last spring) that we've started another one! Julius says, "We started the Jazz House Big Band II under the direction of Bruce Williams to give more students the important experience of playing in a big band." You won't believe your ears!



Jazz House Kids faculty member Ed Palermo teaches the next jazz generation from the ground up!

## BREAKING NEWS



Left to right: Cameron Macintosh, Coleman Hughes, Julian Lee and Christian McBride with Daryl Johns

**Our Rising Stars!** The Grammy Foundation recently announced that four of our students—Coleman Hughes, Daryl Johns, Julian Lee, and Cameron Macintosh, have been selected to join the prestigious 2012 GRAMMY Camp—Jazz Session ensemble. In addition to this great news, two additional Jazz House Kids students, trumpeter Liam Werner and drummer Conor Malloy were announced as band alternates... congratulations to all!

The Jazz House Kids students were among just 30 talented high schoolers from across the United States chosen to participate in the acclaimed program. Representing 29 cities and 14 states, the students will travel in February to Los Angeles for a week-long music program. *Our students will perform at various GRAMMY Week events and attend the 54th Annual GRAMMY Awards on February 12th as guests of The Recording Academy and will perform at the GRAMMY Celebration® after-party. Congratulations!*

## KENNEDY CENTER HONORS



Jazz legend Sonny Rollins is honored at the 2011 Kennedy Center Honors' Lifetime Achievement Award. Our Artistic Chair Christian McBride served as musical director for the performance at the White House.

**Kennedy Center Honors** - Jazz House Kids' Artistic Chair, Christian McBride, had a busy end of the year! He served as the Musical Director for a special tribute to the great jazz legend Sonny Rollins at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, December 5th. In classic form, Billy Cosby's opening remarks celebrated Mr. Rollins as one of the most recognizable, important and influential musicians around the globe and an innovator of jazz improvisation of unprecedented stature. The 81-year-old iconic tenor saxophonist was honored with the 2011 Kennedy Center Lifetime Achievement Award. Jazz House Kids' Melissa Walker accompanied Christian for all the weekend's festivities including a reception to meet the President and First Lady in the East Room, "Red Carpet" arrivals at the Hall of States and the Kennedy Center Honors Gala, and post Gala Supper. *The Kennedy Center Honors will air on CBS on Tuesday, December 27th, 2011, 9:00 pm to 11:00 pm EST.*

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