



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

Jazz House Kids, Inc.

JHK Fall/Winter 2007

At Jazz House Kids, we provided educational programs which stimulate creativity, develop collaborative skills, and invigorate our classrooms through the medium of jazz.



5TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

There was a full house at the Montclair Art Museum in New Jersey on Thursday, June 7, 2007. This memorable evening sponsored by Prudential Financial held many splendid surprises for our esteemed guests, from sumptuous food, beautiful blue and green cocktails to celebrate JHK. The swinging sound from the Jazz House Kids Combo greeted guests as they arrived.

Highlights of the evening included a silent auction featuring exciting gems and collectible, and inspiring comments on behalf of our celebrated honorees including the late ABC News anchor, Peter Jennings and late saxophone icon, Jackie McLean. A spectacular performance by Newark New Jersey's Ridge Street School Chorus and an all-star concert with multi-Grammy® winner David Sanborn and an all-star trio rounded out the night. We extend our tremendous gratitude to our generous donors and sponsors!

Members Get Involved!

Executive Director of JHK, Melissa Walker and husband and bassist, Christian McBride, recently hosted an afternoon social at their home to introduce key supporters to the organization. Together, they launched the Donor Resource Development Committee (DRDC) to increase visibility, assist with fundraising and community outreach while maximizing the core strengths and interests of the group.



The Pat Metheny Trio greet a JHK donor's family backstage at a recent concert event.

Contact us at (973)744-2273 or by email at info@jazzhousekids.org to express your interest in the DRDC.



JHK w/ Ridge Street School Choir-Newark

Our Mission

Jazz House Kids is dedicated to improving the quality of life for young people through the medium of jazz, America's original art form. We provide young people with an innovative concept for understanding music and the world around them. Working together with professional jazz musicians and educators we cultivate tomorrow's responsible citizens and community leaders by creating an environment in which positive values such as respect, teamwork, creative thinking and a dedication to excellence are revered.

Build a Jazz House ~ Build a Future!

Education Initiative

Since our establishment in 2002, JHK has provided music education programs in which children from diverse communities are given an opportunity to approach tasks in new and different ways while sharing in America's original art form.

JHK programs compliment school's music and humanities curricula and offers exciting enrichment opportunities at museums and art centers.

Utilizing visual and performing arts core curriculum standards as the foundation of our programs, we are able to enrich school curricula and boost achievement.

Jazz House Kids is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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Recent Activities

JHK Impacts Local Schools and Expands Programming

Jazz House Kids (JHK) has brought musical enrichment to local area schools since returning from summer break. Since summer, we've featured the first segment of our *Let's Build a Jazz House Workshop Series™* at four Newark schools: Abington Avenue School, Chancellor Avenue School, First Avenue School, and Maple Avenue School. Third and fourth graders attended the program and were introduced to the societal, musical and cultural influences at the heart of jazz. The *Building a Jazz House™* workshop will continue to visit schools during the school year, stopping in Montclair before moving to Camden City to create Jazz Homes.

JHK will attend the New Jersey Education Association's annual conference in November. This is the first time JHK will attend this major education event to network with state leaders in education and begin initial steps in expanding the reach of our programs.

A final performance in the Family Discovery Series will close the 2007 calendar year for JHK. Come join us for the Holiday Sing & Play program to be held in Montclair. Details are forthcoming. Please call us at the office for more information.

Several exciting programs are in queue for both students and teachers in 2008. These programs include a 3-day *Jazz Across the Curriculum* professional retreat for teachers across all disciplines thanks in part from a grant from the Dana Foundation. For students, we will also provide extended programs for students in the form of *Vocal Summit* residencies and the *Instrumental Jazz Residency Program* featuring the Christian McBride Band at Arts High School in Newark, NJ. The Christian McBride band appears with thanks in part to the Chamber Music America.

We thank you for your support.

Our Programs Get Results!



After five years of honing our programs, JHK decided to bring in an outside assessment coordinator to help us measure our effectiveness in the schools. Dr. Carol Frierson-Campbell, a professor of music education at William Paterson University, and recognized expert on music

education in urban settings, has agreed to assist us in this area, beginning with an analysis of the assessments. Our teacher and student evaluations indicate that:

- ☑ The programs connected well with various academic areas. As a result the students' interest rose to learn more.
- ☑ JHK took students to another level of experience that they will remember and build on in the future.
- ☑ The program "made me feel great about myself and now I know that I can do something when I put my head to it."

What is a Jazz House?

It is the creative space where we come together with young people, their families, and teachers to appreciate, explore and learn about the jazz experience.

JHK Staff

Melissa Walker, founder and Executive Director of JHK is a graduate of Brown University. Melissa, an internationally recognized jazz vocalist and recording artist, began creating the vision for JHK in 1999 while presenting jazz workshops in elementary schools.

New Additions

Ryan Maloney, MA is an educator and musician. Ryan is responsible for designing our curriculum programs, and relies upon his expertise in Jazz Historiography and Research.

Ause Dyer IV, is an intern for JHK and musician, currently completing studies towards a MA in Jazz Historiography from Rutgers University. Ause crafts many communications documents for us and lends support on various projects.

Kendra Khawaja, MPH is a former musician and brings several years corporate experience to JHK. Kendra supports all operations from fundraising to publicity. P.S. She makes great tea!

DONATE: A monetary contribution to JHK is a great way to make a personal impact through a cause in which you believe. Your donation is 100% tax deductible, and will go fund JHK music education programs.

HOST AN EVENT: Help expand the circle by hosting a JHK jazz party of your very own! You will receive top notch jazz entertainment and we can even help coordinate the details.

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