ANNOUNCING A MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR RCSD STUDENTS AND CHILDREN WHO RESIDE IN THE CITY OF ROCHESTER

Dear Students and Parents,

Have you always wanted to learn an instrument? Play music? Be in an orchestra? This is all possible through the ROCmusic scholarship program, a continuing partnership between the Hochstein School of Music & Dance, the Eastman School of Music (U of R), the Eastman Community Music School, the City of Rochester, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, & the Rochester City School District.

ROCmusic is an El Sistema-inspired after-school and summer music education program in Rochester, NY that provides tuition-free classical music and instrument instruction to urban youth in the neighborhoods in which they live. ROCmusic is an innovative arts-outreach program that engages children and their families in the experience of making and appreciating classical music. The program is designed to instill a love of learning, responsibility, respect, and academic success ultimately positively affecting social change.

During the school year, ROCmusic operates in two locations:
1. Edgerton R-Center, 41 Backus Street, grades 1-4 focus, 2-days a week on Tu/Th
   *option to attend Wednesday ‘Specials’ day at Gantt R-Center
2. Gantt R-Center, 700 North Street, grades 1-4 focus plus orchestras grades 4-12, 3 days a week on Mon/Wed/Fri

Eligibility:
- ROCmusic is divided into three different teaching levels based on experience/age and includes students in 1st-12th grade.
- Applicants who already play a bowed-stringed instrument can apply at any age/grade (violin, viola, cello, and/or double bass)
- No performance audition required! Only phone and in-person interviews.
- New applicants to the program must be in 1st-6th grade
- All members of ROCmusic must reside in the City of Rochester

Financial Information:
- All students receive a full scholarship for study, materials and events.
- No fee for application, interview, or participation
- Once applications are received, interviews are scheduled, and students are accepted – the student ‘pays-their way’ by showing up ready to learn for every rehearsal with a smile and a good attitude.
Application Procedure:

1. **September 1-September 18:** complete and submit the *ROCmusic* 2015-2016 application and Homeroom/Music Teacher Recommendation.
   - **MAIL:** *ROCmusic*, 26 Gibbs Street, Rochester NY 14604
   - **FAX:** 585-274-1005
   - **EMAIL:** ROCmusicKids@gmail.com

2. **September 1-25:** You will be called by a teacher/director to do a phone interview. During this time we will make sure that you meet eligibility requirements to attend our program. You will be scheduled for a 20-minute interview to follow.
   - **PHONE:** (585) 490-1559

3. **September 1-30:** You will be scheduled for a 20-minute interview where student and parents/family are requested to attend.
   - Please be prepared to bring a copy of previous student report card

***Once accepted, after phone and in-person interviews:***

- Student/Family Orientation at Gantt R-Center
  - Monday, September 21\(^{st}\) at 5pm
- Student/Family Orientation at Edgerton R-Center
  - Friday, October 1\(^{st}\) at 5pm
- Start date for teaching/rehearsals at Gantt R-Center
  - Wednesday, September 23\(^{rd}\) at 4pm
- Start date for teaching/rehearsals at Edgerton R-Center
  - Tuesday, September 6\(^{th}\) at 4pm

For more information, check our website @ www.ROCmusic.org! Also on Facebook!

Call us at (585) 490-1559.

Space Limited, apply now!

Partnering Organizations