

News Release

FAME, Foundation for Art and Music in Education

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NEW NAME FOR FAME:

FAME, Foundation for Art and Music in Education (“Elementary “ was dropped to expand to K-8)

NORTHEAST FAME FESTIVAL

Come to the FAME Festival to celebrate the arts in March with National Youth Art Month and Music in Our Schools Month. This is the 23rd year of FAME. Be part of excitement with over 15,000 children and adults who will be performing and attending the Festival.

FAME Cultural study this year: Fort Wayne’s Sister Cities travel with “FAME’s Amazing Race through the Arts 2010 – Gera, Germany, Plock, Poland and Takaoka Japan”

What: Fort Wayne FAME Festival for children, K – 8th grade from northeast Indiana school districts.

Where: Grand Wayne Convention Center

When: Sat. March 13, Saturday 9 am to 7 pm

Sun. March 14, Sunday noon to 5 pm

How much: Price \$3 for adults, All children are free, 18 and younger

Please bring: Donation of 2 cans (or more) of food for the **Harvest Food Bank**

Mayor Henry attend the festival at 2 pm on Sat. March 13th to welcome everyone and present a Proclamation for FAME and will select student artwork for his Mayor’ s Choice Award that will be exhibited in the Mayor’ s office after the festival-9th floor of the City County Bldg.

Special Parking Rates at the Civic Garage on Jefferson Blvd. and Harrison Square garage per day \$2 (thank you Mayor Henry)

Who will be at the FAME Festival?

- **60 schools** displaying art and sculptures representing approx 1,500 pieces of art.
- **44 choir**, band, dance, drama performances by local schools and organizations representing over 3,000 student performers.
- Performances by FAME’s Visiting Artists , who will be in over 100 school during a three week residency
 - **Children of Plock, Poland** - from Plock, Poland with 20 dancers 12-18 and an
 - **Three Wandering Brothers**– band from Gera, Germany-
 - **Chikuen Kato** –representing Takaoka, Japan in the schools for two weeks
 - **Fort Wayne Taiko**, a local ensemble led by Allison Ballard, Fort Wayne Dance Collective
- **Imaginarium** – Northwest Allen County Schools are hosting the **Imaginarium**, which is an area where many hands-on art projects will be set-up for families to create the art of each of the Sister Cites to celebrate their unique cultures.

On Sunday, March 14 at 3 pm the Fort Wayne Philharmonic in collaboration with FAME and the Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company will be performing the Young People’s Concert.

- A world premiere will be presented of “**Fanfare**” highlighting each of the **Sister Cities**, composed by David Crowe and FAME 4th grade musicians, who were part of the FAME

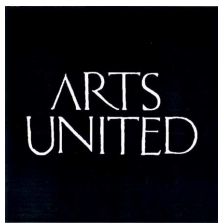
Composition project and danced by the FW Ballet Youth Company with original choreography by Joellen Wojtowicz. The Fort Wayne Philharmonic will also perform "Rain Coming" which is the inspiration for artwork by students, who painted pictures in FAME Fusion of Concert Colors Program. A slide show will be projected while the orchestra plays the piece.

Because of the shortage of food in the Harvest Food Bank, FAME is sponsoring a food drive and asking that every child up to 18 to bring at least two or more canned food items to help our community in need.

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