



2009-10 FAME FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC COMPOSITION PROJECT

Date: September 10, 2009
To: Northeast Area Arts Educators
From: Wendy Bloom, FAME/Fort Wayne Philharmonic Composition Project Coordinator
Re: **IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT FAME ANNOUNCES THE
2009-10 FAME FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC COMPOSITION PROJECT!**

Dear Arts Educators,

WE ARE SEEKING A FAMEOUS STUDENT COMPOSER FROM YOUR SCHOOL to participate in a fabulous, once in a lifetime experience in music composition in the 2009-10 FAME Fort Wayne Philharmonic Composition Project! Please select one talented Fourth Grade student composer to meet for project sessions on Oct. 19, 20, and 21 and Oct. 26, 27, and 28, 2009, from 4:00-6:00 P.M., at Haley Elementary School, in Fort Wayne, with Wendy Bloom, FAME Project Coordinator and then, with FAME Composer-In-Residence, David Crowe, renowned composer and friend of FAME, to collaborate to create an original orchestral composition to be performed by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and the Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company, at the *Fort Wayne Philharmonic Celebration of Youth Concert* on Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 3:00 P.M., in the Anthony Wayne Ballroom, at the Grand Wayne Center, in Fort Wayne.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

During project sessions from 4:00-6:00 P.M., on Oct. 19, 20, and 21, 2009, at Haley Elementary School, in Fort Wayne, the FAMEous Fourth Grade student composers will meet for composition sessions with Wendy Bloom, FAME Project Coordinator, to compose, perform, and notate their very own *musical signature compositions*. Then, on Oct. 26, 27, and 28, 2009 (same time and place), the student composers will meet for "composium" sessions with FAME Composer-In-Residence, David Crowe, where he and the student composers will review their *musical signature compositions* and creatively communicate/collaborate about how their musical ideas will be orchestrated into a final project composition inspired by themes from FAME's 2009-10 cultural focus, *The Amazing Race Through The Arts- Gera Germany, Plock, Poland, and Takaoka, Japan*. Again this year, the composition will be enhanced with choreographed dance movement by the Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company dancers. During one of the "composium" sessions, Joellen Wojtowicz, director of the Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company will creatively communicate/collaborate with the student composers about how their musical ideas for the composition will impact and inspire dance movements that the Youth Company ballet students will create and perform for the project.

Mr. Crowe will score the finished composition for symphonic orchestra, then, on Sat., March 13, 2010, at 10:00 A.M., in the Anthony Wayne Ballroom, at the Grand Wayne Center, the student composers and their parents will attend the composition's official rehearsal, where Mr. Crowe will conduct a final "composium" session (at 9:00 A.M.) with them to analyze their musical ideas in the finished composition. The project will culminate with a 1:45 P.M. mini-rehearsal and the composition's premiere performance by the Fort Wayne Philharmonic and the Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company,

at the *Fort Wayne Philharmonic Celebration of Youth Concert*, on Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 3:00 P.M., in the Anthony Wayne Ballroom, at the Grand Wayne Center, in Fort Wayne.

The student composers will access a project portfolio to complete various reflection assignments to help stimulate creative input and facilitate feedback for assessment during the music composition, rehearsal, and performance process.

Embedded in the 2009-10 FAME Fort Wayne Philharmonic Project are educational objectives to:

- deepen students' understanding and skills in the creative and evaluative processes of music, dance, art, and storytelling
- deepen students' understanding of the cultural connections of music, dance, art, and storytelling
- deepen students' understanding and knowledge of career opportunities in the arts

The 2009-10 FAME Fort Wayne Philharmonic Composition Project will address the following MENC National Standards For Music Education:

1. Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.
2. Performing on instruments, alone or with others, a varied repertoire of music.
3. Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments.
4. Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines.
5. Reading and notating music.
6. Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.
7. Evaluating music and music performance.
8. Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts.
9. Understanding music in relation to history and culture.

The student composer will need to attend six scheduled composition and "composium" sessions on Mon., Oct. 19, Tues., Oct. 20, and Wed., Oct. 21, 2009, from 4:00-6:00 P.M. (digital composition with Wendy Bloom), and on Mon., Oct. 26, Tues., Oct. 27, and Wed., Oct. 28, 2009, from 4:00-6:00 P.M. ("composium" sessions with David Crowe and Joellen Wojtowicz), at Haley Elementary School, 2201 Maplecrest Rd, in Fort Wayne. In addition, the student composer will need to attend the project's official rehearsal on Sat., March 13, 2010, at 10:00 A.M., (with final "composium" session at 9:00 A.M.), in the Anthony Wayne Ballroom, at the Grand Wayne Center, in Fort Wayne and a mini-rehearsal at 1:45 P.M., along with the composition's premiere performance at the *Fort Wayne Philharmonic Celebration of Youth Concert*, on Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 3:00 P.M., in the Anthony Wayne Ballroom, at the Grand Wayne Center, in Fort Wayne.

A phone call of explanation by you to your student composer's parents would be very helpful in ensuring the success of the project for him/her. Also, please personally monitor your selected student's attendance at the composition and "composium" sessions, official rehearsal, mini-rehearsal, and premiere performance.

If your student composer cannot attend a composition session at the last minute, please have him/her contact Wendy Bloom, the project coordinator by phone at: (260) 467-4510 (Haley Elementary School) or via e-mail at: Wendy.Bloom@fwcs.k12.in.us. Your student composer's parents are responsible to transport him/her to and from the composition and "composium" sessions. Please remind parents to be prompt in both dropping off and picking up their child if they do not plan to stay for the duration of each session.

The student composer should be self-disciplined, demonstrate a strong creative nature, and possess the verbal skills needed to communicate musical ideas in large and small group settings. It will also be helpful if the student has had at least limited experience reading music playing the piano, the recorder, or a band/orchestral instrument. Please be aware that FAME hopes to involve students representing a wide range of ethnic backgrounds.

Please feel free to review, monitor, and assist with your student composer's completion of project portfolio assignments, as well as his/her *musical signature composition*. We will encourage him/her to share the entire project portfolio with you.

The FAMEous student composers, along with their parents, music teachers, and school principals will be special guests at the composition's premiere performance at the *Fort Wayne Philharmonic Celebration of Youth Concert* on Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 3:00 P.M., in the Anthony Wayne Ballroom, at the Grand Wayne Center, in Fort Wayne, where they will be formally recognized for their contribution to the project. The student composers and their parents will be seated in a designated area in the front of the audience. Prior to the performance, each student composer will receive a 2009-10 FAME Fort Wayne Philharmonic Project certificate, his/her originally submitted *musical signature composition* and CD, a copy of the final composition's score and *Finale* orchestration CD, and a photograph commemorating his/her participation in the project sessions. **Your student composer will invite you and your school principal to be his/her special guests at the *Fort Wayne Philharmonic Celebration of Youth Concert*, on Sunday, March 14, 2010, at 3:00 P.M., in the Anthony Wayne Ballroom, at the Grand Wayne Center, in Fort Wayne, where you will be publicly recognized for your contribution to the project!** Music teachers, administrators, and parents, sorry, but **no video or audio taping of the concert is allowed** by agreement with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic.

The registration deadline is Friday, October 9, 2009. Registrations will be prioritized by the postmarked or online registration date. Following the registration deadline, registrations will be accepted on a limited basis. You and your student composer will receive a **registration confirmation/reminder E-mail** prior to the first composition session date.

Please have your selected student composer review the attached **information letter** (please print out for him/her) with his/her parents and complete the attached **registration form** and mail it to:

Wendy Bloom
FAME/Fort Wayne Philharmonic Composition Project Coordinator
Haley Elementary School
2201 Maplecrest Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46815.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS YEAR YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER YOUR STUDENT COMPOSER ONLINE AT THE FAME WEB SITE.

However, you will still be able to download additional information letters and registration forms at the Composition Project page at the FAME web site at: <http://www.famearts.org> to print out.

Don't forget to check the **Composition Project FAMEbloggers weblog** at: <http://www.famearts.org/pgsub08/08compoBlog.html> to review information about the project!

As always, parents and music teachers are invited to attend (and help with!) any of the project composition/"composium" sessions, rehearsals, and premiere performance. If you have any

questions or comments about the FAME Fort Wayne Philharmonic Composition Project, please contact Wendy Bloom at: Wendy.Bloom@fwcs.k12.in.us (E-mail) or at: 260 338-1650 (home phone).

Thanks so much for your vital assistance with this fantastic project!

Wendy Bloom
FAME/Fort Wayne Philharmonic Composition Project Coordinator

2009-10 FAME FORT WAYNE PHILHARMONIC PROJECT DATES:

Mon., Oct. 19, 4:00-6:00 P.M.	<i>Composition</i> Session at Haley Elementary School
Tues., Oct. 20, 4:00-6:00 P.M.	<i>Composition</i> Session at Haley Elementary School
Wed., Oct. 21, 4:00-6:00 P.M.	<i>Composition</i> Session at Haley Elementary School
Mon., Oct. 26, 4:00-6:00 P.M.	<i>Composium</i> Session with Composer-In Residence, David Crowe
Tues., Oct. 27, 4:00-6:00 P.M.	<i>Composium</i> Session with Composer-In-Residence, David Crowe, Joellen Wojtowicz, Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company Director (5:30-6:00 P.M.)
Wed., Oct. 28, 4:00-6:00 P.M.	<i>Composium</i> Session with Composer-In Residence, David Crowe
Sat., March 6, 12:30-1:30 P.M.	FAMEous Composers <i>Collaboration</i> Session with Joellen Wojtowicz and the Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company dancers, Fort Wayne Ballet Center
Sat., March 13, 10:00 A.M.	Official Rehearsal, Final "Composium" at 9:00 A.M.), Anthony Wayne Ballroom, Grand Wayne Center
Sunday, March 14, 1:45 P.M.	Mini-Rehearsal, Anthony Wayne Ballroom, Grand Wayne Center
Sunday, March 14, 3:00 P.M.	Premiere Performance at the <i>Fort Wayne Philharmonic Celebration of Youth Concert</i> , Anthony Wayne Ballroom, Grand Wayne Center

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

Haley Elementary School is at 2201 Maplecrest Rd., Fort. Wayne, one block south of E. State St., just west of Georgetown Square Shopping Center. Turn right off Maplecrest Rd. into the school parking lot. Access the school using door #1.

The Fort Wayne Ballet Center is at 324 Penn Ave., off N. Clinton St.

The Grand Wayne Center is on Jefferson Blvd., across from the Embassy Centre, Fort. Wayne. Parking is available in the parking garage or in several lots nearby.