



S p i r i t o f H a r m o n y F o u n d a t i o n

The Spirit of Harmony Foundation supports the moral imperative of music education, weaving together the social, biological, economic, and academic benefits to young people who are involved in consistent instrument-based music lessons and performance. Our organization focuses on networking, as we help match the practical and varied needs of music education programs with the resources that will help them excel.

We believe in providing opportunities for personal development and self-expression through the support of music and music education for young people regardless of socioeconomic status, geographic location, or ability.

Our Vision: Instrument-based music education available for all children in the United States, beginning at the earliest age possible, offered in schools or as after-school programs for a significant length of time (minimum two years and four hours per week), so all children experience the measurable social, biological, economic, academic, and creative benefits of music education, the pillars of the Moral Imperative of Music Education.

Our Accomplishments and Goals

- **Play Like a Champion Today, TR@ND.** Todd Rundgren will be visiting the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana for an Artist In Residency and an array of public and private events September/October 2016. An underlying theme of the visit is “Play Like a Champion Today,” Notre Dame’s iconic athletics slogan, expanding its meaning to include the importance of Music Education.
- **Symposium for the Moral Imperative of Music Education.** Our Foundation hosted a panel to showcase and explore the compelling reasons why children should have access to music education, sponsored by the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service, NAMM Foundation, and others.
- **Advocacy Toolkit.** Web based and continually updated information to assist individuals and organizations for grassroots efforts to support music education.
- **Economic Benefit Study.** New research being designed with George Ford, Ph.D. in Economics, studying the impact of music education on earnings potential.
- **Board and Advisory Board.** Board and Advisory Board include music, nonprofit, business, and academic professionals, providing a full range of skillsets. IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status granted June 4, 2014.
- **Special Events.** Local events in Cleveland, Seattle, Santa Ana, CA, Chicago, Brooklyn, and Kansas City, as well as online.

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