



## 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

Founded in 2013, Todd Rundgren's Spirit of Harmony advocates for the moral imperative of music education and music performance for youth, offered in schools or as after-school programs. We forge meaningful partnerships among music programs, corporations, and other music education non-profits, engaging supporters and music fans to become involved in working with music education programs nationally and in their communities.

The Foundation weaves together the social, biological, economic, and academic benefits accrued by students who are involved in consistent instrument-based music education, regardless of socioeconomic status, geographic location, or ability.

- Providing children's music programs with information, ideas, resources, and advice to help them address their needs.
- Providing music education advocates with referrals/connections within their own communities so they are able to support local music programs in meaningful and impactful ways.

**Our Vision:** Grassroots and nation-wide support of 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).

### **Our Work**

- **Partnerships.** SOHF is the “mortar, not the bricks” and “filling in the cracks” to leverage our networks to provide music programs with the resources they need to excel. Instead of monetary grants, the Foundation provides music programs with best-practice resources and one-on-one assistance in capacity building and realizing their needs. Our wide range of partnerships include: instrument manufacturing and repair, businesses and corporations, school systems, academic institutions, service clubs, nonprofits, community leaders, music groups and artist fan bases, etc.
- **Ongoing Musical Instrument Collections.** The primary and most universal need of music programs is musical instruments. The Foundation utilizes its networks to find placements for donated instruments and conducts instrument collections across the country.
- **Advocacy.** Our Advocacy Toolkit is website-based and continually updated information to assist individuals and organizations for grassroots efforts to support music education. Also, the Foundation is involved with advocacy among elected officials, as appropriate.
- **Social Media.** The Foundation has an active presence on social media to spread awareness and build community about the importance of Music Education in particular and music in general.
- **Awards.** The Foundation has earned a PLATINUM Seal of Transparency from CANDID (formerly Guidestar) which is the highest rating level and a TOP NON-PROFIT designation from Great NonProfits, also the highest rating level.
- **Board and Advisory Board.** Board and Advisory Board include music, nonprofit, business, and academic professionals, providing a full range of skillsets to promote music education. IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. FEIN 46-4000828.

### **Leadership**

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