



Dear first name last name,

As the fall draws near, the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and Music School is gearing up for another great season. Last year, over 22,000 children were brought music through our programs, including 13,000 3rd, 4th and 5th graders who participated in our link up programming, while our music therapy program served over 500 youth statewide. Our work would not be possible without our supportive team of volunteers and donors.

Today I am asking you to join our team and become a donor.

We provide lessons to students from infancy through adulthood and our staff is diverse and well trained to meet our student's varying needs. Our dedicated teachers, conductors, and coaches include members of the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra and graduates and faculty of the best college music programs in the U.S. In fact, we are the largest employer of professional musicians in the state, with over 325 music performing and teaching artists on payroll.

Studies proving the value of music education are plentiful. Active involvement in music education can strengthen improvement of neural processing. Students who are more involved and engaged in music education are also more likely to be engaged in other areas of academic study. Moreover, music education and the experience of learning at the Rhode Island Philharmonic and School is fun and enriches students' appetites for learning and discovery.

Your \$25 donation can provide one scholarship for a 30-minute lesson.

This year we would like to provide our music education programs to 14,000 students and we need your help to make this increase. Take a moment to think about how the arts has affected you in your life. Then please pick up a pen and make a donation to bring music to a student in our state.

In appreciation,

David J. Beauchesne
Executive Director

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