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**Musical  
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Institute**

Dear Friend,

The Musical Arts Institute is beginning another exciting school year. This year, we would like for you to **consider giving the gift of Music** to a child, through the work of the Musical Arts Institute (MAI). **We need your help!**

The Musical Arts Institute remains committed to reaching our community with the benefits and the joy of making music for a lifetime. We are here to provide the highest quality music instruction regardless of the students ability to pay. We need strong supporters like you, who understand the great joy music brings to all our lives. Please support us as we seek to enrich young students of the our community

By supporting the Musical Arts Institute, you are ensuring that there are opportunities for art expression and equal access to the highest quality of music education. We are very grateful for those who have contributed gifts in the past and we would like to urge you to continue your support. If you have not had an opportunity to support, we would love to have you, join our family of supporters, for our current fundraising campaign.

Some of most notable accomplishments are as follows:

- As we start our 4<sup>TH</sup> year, we are excited to say that we now serve over 200 students.
- Our 2013 graduating class has applied and been accepted to various colleges and universities. Collectively they have garnered over \$100,000.00 in scholarship awards to further their music education
- We are one of the Top Rated Non Profits in the country for 2012 -13 (rated by [greatnonprofits.com](http://greatnonprofits.com))
- We are featured by Art Norman and NBC5 Chicago for our accomplishments in the community. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=II9\\_NjvP2EI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=II9_NjvP2EI)
- We have partnered with the music departments of both Chicago State University and the University of Chicago to give our students the finest, most current music instruction models.
- One of our students was awarded a silver medal in the National NAACP ACT-SO awards. This is quite an accomplishment.
- We have organized our Musical Arts Institute String Orchestra Ensemble, Summer Workshop Chorale, Summer Jazz Program, and Drum Line Program in order to provide even more performance opportunities
- We provide **tuition free** classes in Piano and Voice for every student in the community that desires to make music.
- These programs are in addition to our established private lesson/coaching studios and classes in all instruments, band, orchestra, and voice
- We are now partnering with three area Chicago Public Schools to provide music services where programs did not exist or have been greatly reduced. We are providing drum line and string ensembles to these schools and this year we will be expanding our services to include band ensembles.

**Your support is needed at this time.** Our 2013 Fall fundraising goal is \$30,000.00. We are on the way to our goal with many gifts already coming in. All proceeds from this campaign will go towards funding our many community (tuition free) classes and programs. In addition, your gifts will go a long way to ensure that we can reach community schools where music and the arts have been greatly reduced or eliminated.

**Here is how YOU can donate**

- Online donations are received at our website [www.musicalartsinstitute.org](http://www.musicalartsinstitute.org) and click on the donate button.
- Enclosed in this package is a donation form. Please fill in the form and indicate your level of donation, and mail your donation, as well as this form to us, using the self addressed envelop provided.

**Be a part of something BIG that will have a lasting benefit in the lives of our students.** Your tax-deductable gift is tremendously appreciated. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Michael Manson  
Musical Arts Institute, Executive Director

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