March 31, 2014

To Whom it May Concern

This letter is to confirm the partnership between Miami Music Project and the Florida International University School of Music.

Miami Music Project is committed to partnering toward whole-child development, using music to advance values of community, sharing and teamwork, develop creativity, discipline, self-esteem and perseverance; inspire children to reach excellence through their own efforts; improve the performance of children in school; and strengthen the unity of families. The primary objective of the program is social transformation through the pursuit of musical excellence. The program is accessible to all children in the community as it is free of charge and admission is not selective based on prior musical knowledge. Additionally, children draw the benefit of connecting with their peers of other chapters, bridging Miami communities and cultures.

Through the established scholarship program, the FIU’s School of Music supplies a pool of students, recognized as Miami Music Project Scholars, to work with and train children participating in the Miami Music Project’s Children’s Orchestra program. Additionally, during the 2013-14 season, FIU School of Music appointed Maestro James Judd, the Founding Artistic Director of the Miami Music Project, as Guest Artist-in-Residence. As part of the residency, our partnership will be celebrated in an annual side-by-side performance of the FIU Symphony Orchestra and the Miami Music Project’s students.

Furthermore, our valuable collaboration provides a platform and a unique opportunity for FIU students to gain experience as music educators and instructors. Our collective success will result in social transformation, creation of opportunity and access for children in the most need in our community and ultimately an improved quality of life, today and in the future.

We are certain that the partnership between Miami Music Project and the FIU School of Music will have a lasting, positive impact on the entire population of Miami-Dade County. We very much look forward to future collaboration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Orlando Jacinto Garcia, Director
FIU School of Music
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As a longtime partner with Miami Music Project (MMP) and an advocate for arts education for learners of all ages in our community, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County supports MMP's efforts to seek support for its excellent music education programs.

MMP and the Arsht Center have been collaborating since MMP was created in the fall of 2008. Our partnership has grown stronger with each season.

MMP is committed to the development of the whole child, using music to advance community values, sharing and teamwork, creativity, discipline, self-esteem and perseverance. MMP's programming inspires children to reach excellence through their own efforts and helps strengthen the unity of families through the pursuit of this musical excellence. We believe the work of MMP enhances our mission to remove barriers of access and make the arts accessible to all young people.

Through the partnership with the Arsht Center, MMP students and their families receive multiple enrichment opportunities as young musicians and active audience members. The Center makes available its state-of-the-art rehearsal and performance facilities for MMP's ensembles, including the Youth Orchestra, which, under the leadership of Maestro James Judd, has been showcased annually at the Center since 2009. Additionally, MMP students and their families benefit from a free ticket program that offers local youth the opportunity to experience live classical music in the Center's renowned Knight Concert Hall. An Arsht Center director joined the MMP Board of Trustees in 2013, further deepening this relationship.

We recognize the importance and the impact of MMP in our South Florida community, and we are proud and excited to continue to grow this partnership.

Sincerely,

Liz Wallace,
Assistant Vice-President, Programming