

MusicCounts! Notebook

First Annual ‘Canton’s Got Talent!’

We are proud to announce the “Canton’s Got Talent” show, on **Friday, May 1st**. This evening of entertainment will showcase the talents within our schools – those of our administrators, teachers and staff. Some may sing or dance, others may choose a scene from a play, and the adventurous may juggle or bring out their jazz combo or rock band.

In addition to the entertainment value of the show, MusicCounts! is raising funds for music programs in the Canton Public Schools such as general music programming, student competitions, ensembles, and the high school music honor society.

Additionally, this year all student activities fees have been eliminated. Because the schools’ budgets don’t currently fund extracurricular music groups, MusicCounts! is fully funding these programs offered free of charge to Canton students:

- ▶ Honors Band, for 5th graders from all elementary schools, directed by Jennifer Tower
- ▶ Canton String Orchestra for 4th and 5th graders from all elementary schools, directed by Annelise Lesser
- ▶ Xylo Ensemble at the Kennedy School, directed by Rebecca Smart
- ▶ Xylo Ensemble at the Luce School, directed by Jennifer Tower
- ▶ Galvin Middle School Jazz Band, directed by John Russell
- ▶ Canton High School A Capella Chorus, directed by Reagan Paras
- ▶ Canton High School Jazz Band, directed by LesleyAnne Newsted



Show your support by attending Canton’s Got Talent! on Friday, May 1st



Appearing Onstage Soon...

The play *The Laramie Project*, in which a theater troupe examines a hate crime using the actual words of the people of Laramie, Wyoming, will be presented at Canton High School’s auditorium on Friday-Saturday March 20-21 at 7:00pm. The play centers around the townspeople’s reactions to the brutal killing of Matthew Shepard, a young gay man. A guest speaker will address the student body to discuss the play and hate crimes, as well as co-existing with people who are different from ourselves in some way. A pre-performance talk about the topic, sponsored by CAPE, is at 6:15 on Friday in the CHS cafeteria.

The following weekend (Friday-Saturday March 27-28) features the students of Galvin Middle School in their production of the Rogers & Hammerstein’s *Oklahoma!* at Canton High School’s auditorium, 7:00pm showtime.

Why Join MusicCounts?

You might be wondering why you should join MusicCounts. Here are a few good reasons: the happy face of a child learning to play a musical instrument, the joyous sound of a jazz band, the magnificent harmonies of an a capella chorus, the excitement of elementary school children learning to master the xylophone or studying a string instrument with an orchestra. MusicCounts funds programming that makes all of this possible for the schoolchildren in Canton, FREE of charge. It is due to MusicCounts funds that ALL students, regardless of income, have access to the joy of learning how to read and play music. If you live in Canton, we think we you will want to support this worthwhile endeavor by joining MusicCounts!

MusicCounts! Continues to Support Tri-M

Tri-M is the international honor society recognizing secondary music students for their musical ability, academic excellence, school involvement, and community service. Canton is proud of its CHS Tri-M members, who have demonstrated hard work and commitment, by achieving this honor. MusicCounts! funds the annual dues and the honor cords for graduating seniors.

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To contact MusicCounts!, you can write to: MusicCounts! c/o Sarah Gardner, Coordinator of Performing Arts, Canton High School, 900 Washington Street, Canton, MA 02021

Or you can call or email: Sarah Gardner at 781-821-5050, ext.105, gardners@cantonma.org or Marla Schay Barker, Co-chair at 781-828-5437, mschay@comcast.net

Visit our website at www.musiccounts.org

Build-a-Band! ...or a Chorus, a String Ensemble, a Jazz Combo!

As part of our first annual "Canton's Got Talent" fundraiser, we are seeking small donations in addition to corporate sponsors. We are keeping with our music theme by offering sponsorship of individual instruments and voice parts for only \$25 a piece. Families and businesses may choose to sponsor either an individual instrument/voice part, or several.

Show your support for your child's musical talents! Do you have a budding diva? Then sponsor a soprano! A future Wynton Marsalis? Sponsor a trumpet! We don't want any musical section left out! You'll be recognized in our event program in each section of the ensemble you sponsor.

Individuals and companies interested in sponsoring an instrument or voice part may contact Millie McClintock at 781-821-3641 or by e-mail, millmclintock@yahoo.com.

We need to receive your sponsorship donation by Wednesday, April 22, 2009 in order to include it in the program. You may sponsor as many instruments or voice parts as you like!

Please mail to Build-a-Band c/o Sarah Gardner, Canton High School, 900 Washington St., Canton MA 02021.

I/my company would like to sponsor a _____ for "Canton's Got Talent"

Please list the sponsor of this instrument/voice part as : _____

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_____ I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$_____ made out to "Town of Canton" (with "MusicCounts" in the memo line) to cover the cost of my sponsorship. Please provide your contact information below:

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

All donations are tax deductible. Please check here _____ if you would like to be sent a receipt.

Don't forget your annual membership!... Show Your Support for Canton's performing future!

Yes, I would like to be a 2008/09 member of MusicCounts! and support music education in the Canton Public Schools:

..... \$10 **Basic Membership** sponsors our efforts for the 2008/09 academic year.

..... \$25 **"Soloist" Membership** would allow us funds to provide additional support to the program.

..... \$50 **"Virtuoso" Membership** provides funds equivalent to almost half the cost of music scores for a large ensemble.

Name Renewal New Member

Address

Telephone E-mail

School affiliation (check any that apply): Hansen Kennedy Luce GMS CHS Other

..... I am interested in becoming involved or am willing to help with a small volunteer task. Feel free to contact me.

..... I would like to make an additional donation to the music lesson **Scholarship Fund** in the amount of \$

Please make your check payable to Town of Canton, and write "MusicCounts!" in the memo line.

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