



Promoting education and collaboration
as a means to grow a more
diverse and innovative music community

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Student Musicians Raise Money for Alzheimer's Association

Kingston, New York –Bridge Arts and Education, a local non-profit dedicated to arts education and community, is happy to announce that their Play-a-Thon fundraiser raised \$3,365.08 for the Alzheimer's Association of the Hudson Valley.

Lauren Voorhees, Special Events Manager at the Alzheimer's Association, Hudson Valley, explains how this donation will help our community, "During the pandemic, our programs, services and community engagement teams have been able to pivot to leading support groups, wellness retreats, and educational programs online. Every dollar raised helps the Alzheimer's Association provide free programs, services, care and support for families impacted by Alzheimer's and all other dementia. We're grateful for the continued support of our generous constituents now more than ever during these unprecedented times."

Public and private school music programs, as well as private music education studios, were encouraged to create a fundraising team. The top earning programs were awarded grants for music education. The top fundraising school program was Onteora High School Orchestra from Boiceville, NY, directed by Erica Boyer, which was awarded a \$500 grant for music education. Miller Middle School Band from Lake Katrine, NY (in the Kingston School District), directed by Vicki Youlio, won the second place grant for \$250.

Youlio says, "We are so excited to be able to expand our band library during this uncertain time with the help of the Bridge Arts grant. We will use the funds to purchase new music to better serve our students in this virtual ensemble world."

Bridge Arts and Education sincerely thanks the school and private music programs for their participation and the event sponsors for their contributions.

About Us: Bridge Arts and Education is new arts organization focused on promoting education and collaboration as a means to grow a more diverse and innovative music community.

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