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Re: Beaches International Jazz Festival Youth Initiatives Program

Dear Music Educator,

The Beaches International Jazz Festival 'Youth Initiatives Program' is engaging youth (14-28) in Jazz music appreciation, education, performance and collaboration. The Initiative includes various year-round activities such as jam sessions, workshops/ master classes and enhanced performance opportunities. This program is made possible by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

The Youth Initiatives Program would like to work with you to enhance your school's Jazz and music activities. We can do this by financially supporting your efforts and/or acting as a resource for jazz music clinicians, workshops and events.

This program is also working with the University of Toronto Jazz Performance Department to offer a custom tailored performance/workshop and student jam that can take place at your school. This event is designed to engage students in jazz performance in the comfortable environment of their own school. This workshop includes a short performance, workshop and a jazz jam (students will have the opportunity to prepare in advance for the jam). This program will be offered on a cost shared basis between your school and the Beaches Youth Initiatives Program, making it very affordable.

The Initiative is also presenting an all-ages jazz jam the first and third Sunday of each month from 3:00 - 6:00 pm at the Dominion on Queen, (500 Queen St. East, Toronto). We would appreciate you passing on news of this event to your students who might wish to participate.

For more information on the Beaches International Jazz Festival Youth Initiatives Program please email me or visit our website at: beachesjazz.com/youthinitiatives-news.html.

Sincerely,
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