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NMS Launches Capital Campaign

The Board of Directors of Neighborhood Music School is pleased to announce an ambitious \$3.4 million Capital Campaign to renovate and upgrade our unique Audubon Street facility. According to Executive Director Larry Zukof, "The time is right to go forward. Under the focused and spirited leadership of Board President and Campaign Chair Carol Ross, a strong Board and staff, and a dedicated group of volunteers, the School is experiencing a renaissance and must address the pressing needs of an aging building."

Highlights of the project include:

- An expanded and refurbished Recital Hall with more seating, improved lighting and acoustic enhancements
- Reconfiguration of the School's entryway with a spacious and appealing entrance and handicap ramp
- Replacement of the heating and air-conditioning system, now at the end of its usable service
- Modern lighting in studios, corridors, and stairwells—a dramatic improvement over the current antiquated fixtures

When it was built in 1968, NMS was one of the first conservatory-style buildings designed for a community music school and was nationally recognized as a model venue for community-based music education. Thirty-six years later, after thousands of students have passed through its halls and studios practicing scales, donning ballet shoes, rosinning bows, tuning strings and drumming on tymps, the School is in need of a major capital reinvestment to improve its mechanical system, reconfigure its public and administrative spaces, and expand its recital hall.

Major Grants Awarded

Two hours before its Annual Meeting in June 2004, Executive Director Larry Zukof received a telephone call from Elizabeth Sullivan, Vice President of The Kresge Foundation reporting that the Foundation had just approved a \$250,000 Challenge Grant for the Campaign for Neighborhood Music School.

NMS's Kresge award came directly following local foundation support of \$250,000 from the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and \$250,000 from the NewAlliance Foundation. In announcing these awards, Campaign Chair Carol Ross noted, "The Kresge Foundation, the major national foundation supporting construction projects in the non-profit sector, required substantial local support as a condition of its funding, and we are thrilled that these two New Haven-based foundations invested in this substantial way

in NMS. Their gifts, along with leadership gifts from individuals and \$100,000 each from The Carolyn Foundation and The Connecticut Health & Education Facilities Association (CHEFA), have moved us closer to our campaign goal. With \$2.9 million already raised, the \$250,000 from The Kresge Foundation challenges us to secure the remaining \$500,000.

At the time of its June grant announcements, The Kresge Foundation had

awarded 79 grants in 2004 for a total of \$45,094,354. John E. Marshall, III, President



Executive Director Kim A. Healey of The NewAlliance Foundation celebrates the Foundation's \$250,000 commitment to the Campaign for NMS with NMS Director Larry Zukof, NewAlliance Bank CEO Peyton R. Patterson and NMS Campaign Chair Carol Ross.

and CEO of The Kresge Foundation, indicated, "In this cycle of grantmaking, our Trustees were pleased to support a large range of organizations... responding to the new challenges presented by their communities ... in areas of higher education, health and long-term care, arts and humanities, human services, science and the environment, and public affairs."

N is for Neighborhood: Meet our New Logo



At this exciting time when NMS is announcing the public phase of the Campaign for Neighborhood Music School, we are also unveiling a lively and energetic Campaign logo that represents music and dance.

The 'N' for 'Neighborhood' is constructed of musical notes evocative of joyful, playful dancing rhythms. The asymmetry of the 'N'

suggests movement forward and back, left and right that is captured in a vibrant, encompassing sphere connecting us to the past and propelling us into the future.

Jessye Norman to Serve as Honorary Campaign Chair

NMS is honored that internationally renowned soprano Jessye Norman will serve as Honorary Chair of the Campaign for Neighborhood Music School. In opera, in recital and in concert appearances with symphony orchestras and chamber music collaborators, Jessye Norman's thoughtful music-making, innovative programming, and fervent advocacy of contemporary music share equal acclaim with the majesty of her voice. Recognized worldwide for her remarkable humanitarian efforts as well as her artistic accomplishments, Ms. Norman became the youngest recipient of the United States Kennedy Center Honor in 1997. She has received numerous honorary doctorates as well as recognition from governments around the world. Ms. Norman was actively involved with Neighborhood Music School when NMS brought the Girls Choir of Harlem to perform for the Greater New Haven community in 2001.

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