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Music For All Seasons Awarded Grant from The Westfield Foundation to Support “The Wide World of Music Project”

Scotch Plains, NJ - Music For All Seasons is thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a generous grant from The Westfield Foundation. This funding will support the launch of the organization’s exciting new initiative, *The Wide World of Music Project*, a dynamic and educational program designed to introduce young people to the diverse world of music through interactive, hands-on learning experiences.

The Westfield Foundation, an organization dedicated to supporting nonprofit organizations that foster positive change and elevate Westfield, New Jersey, and surrounding communities in areas such as Education, The Arts, Community Development, and Health and Social Services. Katie Darcy, Executive Director of The Westfield Foundation, said, “We are excited to deepen our partnership with Music for All Seasons and look forward to witnessing the meaningful collaboration among other Westfield Foundation grantees. Together, they are inspiring and empowering our youth through the transformative power of expression and teamwork.”

The funding from the Westfield Foundation will enable Music For All Seasons to provide 30 new programs and to bring in 10 professional musicians from a variety of backgrounds, ensuring the project is both educational and entertaining. Through hands-on activities and performances, participants will have the chance to explore instruments, rhythms, and musical traditions from around the world, all while developing important life skills such as collaboration and problem-solving.

“Music For All Seasons is excited to receive this grant from The Westfield Foundation, enabling us to bring a new and innovative educational program to children in three local communities. Our *Voices of Change* program was successfully launched last year through a grant from The Westfield Foundation, and this new project, *The Wide World of Music*, will provide a much-needed introduction to the broad international world of music,” said Rena Fruchter, Executive Director of Music for All Seasons.

The *Wide World of Music Project* will be held at three local facilities: **Miriam’s Heart** in Bound Brook, NJ, **Josephine’s Place** in Elizabeth, NJ, and the **Boys and Girls Club** in Union, NJ. These community centers provide an ideal setting for the program, offering a welcoming space for youth to come together, connect with others, and immerse themselves in the world of music.

The project is designed to be inclusive, welcoming all youth, regardless of experience or background. It is an opportunity for children and teens to discover the power of music, broaden their cultural horizons, and build confidence in their abilities.

About Music For All Seasons

Music For All Seasons (MFAS) is dedicated to fostering human interaction and healing through the transformative power of live musical performance. Since its incorporation in June of 1991, MFAS has presented over 200 live interactive musical programs each year, offering access to live music for those who are institutionalized. By facilitating performances in a wide range of institutions—including veteran homes, children's hospitals, victims of domestic violence, retirement facilities, juvenile detention centers, nursing homes, medical centers, halfway houses, and prisons—MFAS helps support the healing process on physical, mental, and spiritual levels. In addition, MFAS strengthens communities by engaging young professional artists to serve special audiences and creating volunteer opportunities that build deeper, more interconnected local communities. For more information, please visit: <https://www.musicforallseasons.org>

About The Westfield Foundation

The Westfield Foundation, established in 1975, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Westfield and its surrounding communities. Through purposeful investments in Education, The Arts, Community Development, and Health and Social Services, The Foundation is committed to addressing critical community challenges, fostering opportunities for growth and equity, and cultivating strong, collaborative partnerships to create lasting impact. The Westfield Foundation's commitment to empowering local organizations enables them to provide vital resources and create lasting impact for residents across the region. For more information, please visit: <https://thewestfieldfoundation.org>

