



OUR GOALS

1. In the current environment of declining support for arts education, we seek to expose elementary and middle school students to the richness of Rochester's cultural and musical environment, and to its diversity of talents and backgrounds, hoping to awaken in them appreciation and aspirations for their own lives.
2. We seek to partner with educators, parents, and the students themselves to present programs that enhance their school's curriculum, and achieve the objectives of the *Learning Standards for Arts Education*.
3. We also endeavor to raise the profile of school arts in the community, by recognizing and fostering the musical and artistic capabilities and achievements of Rochester's public school students.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES relies on voluntary community donations to underwrite artists' program fees, materials, and overhead costs. The program is run by volunteers, but finances are professionally managed by Rochester Education Foundation. We endeavor to attract the interest and financial contributions of Rochester individuals and organizations, who share our commitment to this ongoing program of arts education. We hope to channel the community's vast artistic resources into a targeted program that improves the lives and broadens the horizons of deserving students. Our success so far is a result of dedicated efforts and community support, and we look to a bright future where the arts are available to all in Rochester.

In addition, MTTA will seek out other community musical resources to meet expressed needs for programs in other genres.

All contributions are tax-deductible to the full extent provided by law, and can be made to REF at 250 Mill St. Rochester, NY 14614.

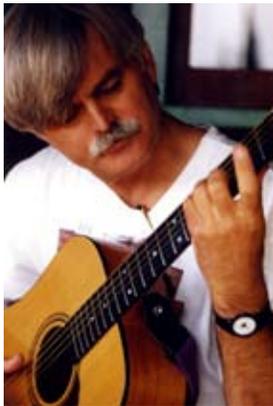


A musical mentoring program for city youth



MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES (MTTA)

is a community arts organization, established to carry on the legacy of Rochester musician and teacher **Dennis Monroe**, by providing access to the arts for underserved students in the Rochester City School District. We are a program of the **Rochester Education Foundation (REF)**, an independent not-for-profit organization providing resources, programs and partnerships on behalf of city students. **MTTA** partners with **Charles Lunsford School #19** on the city's southwest side, where we have provided an ongoing program of musical performances, classes and workshops since 2009. We are supported by voluntary donations from the community.



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Relying on a core group of experienced, talented artists, we have presented over the past four school years, more than two dozen workshops, classes and performances, on subjects ranging from Celtic music and dance, to songwriting, jazz & blues, African-American history, introductory harmonica, and guitar techniques.
2. We have maintained continuous liaison with the administration and faculty of **School #19**, coordinating our planning and program development with the needs of the school community, and the goals and objectives of the City School District.
3. We have sponsored community musical events, to establish our funding base, and to raise community awareness of school arts education and of the **MTTA** program.
4. We have committed to an ongoing partnership with **School #19**, so that its administration, faculty and students can establish and maintain stable relationships with our artists over several school years — providing reliable support, in an era where public funding is increasingly uncertain, and program cutbacks are common.



OUR AFFILIATED ARTISTS

MUSIC THROUGH THE AGES has been fortunate to attract and retain a cadre of experienced music professionals, with talents in a variety of areas, to provide in-school programming:

John & Joe Dady

Celtic music, multi-instrumentalists, recording and performing artists

Nate Rawls

Jazz/blues trumpeter, nationally recognized, experienced in arts education

Steve Piper

Singer, songwriter, photographer, member of Watkins & the Rapiers

Shirlyn Washington

Singer, actress, re-creator of African-American history

Allen Hopkins

Folk musician, multi-instrumentalist, specialist in history and Americana

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