



2021 - 2022 IMPACT:  
**TOGETHER AGAIN**

**JAZZHOUSEKIDS.ORG**  
AN INSTRUMENT FOR CHANGE



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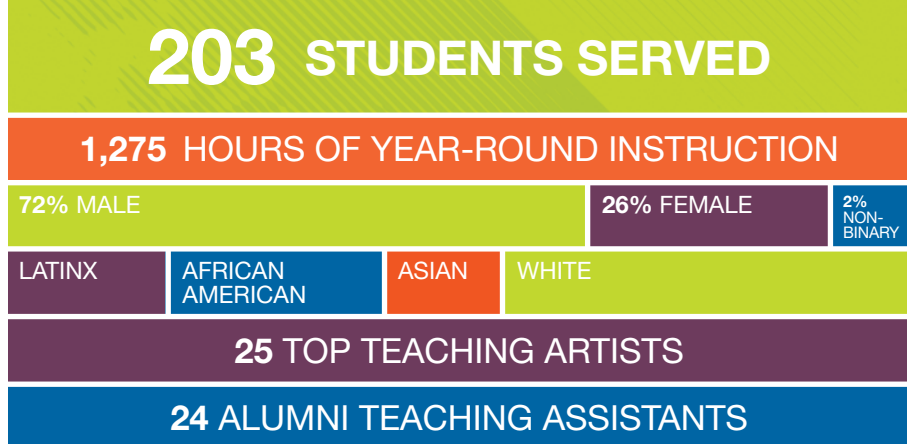


# BACK TOGETHER AGAIN

## @ THE JAZZ HOUSE

**YES, we did it!** Bringing our students back in person was our primary goal after months of learning, making music and sharing community online. Our students were eager to finally play music together, hang with peers and sit alongside faculty once again. Thanks to our friends at Willow Street Partners, we opened the new JAZZ HOUSE Annex in order to bring our team back safely, while maintaining adequate social distancing in our ensemble rehearsals.

- ★ We welcomed students from across the region with weekly small ensembles featuring the compositions of jazz's iconic composers at our in-person Summer Sessions in June + July
- ★ Our alumni and arts team led a series of outdoor Saturday jam sessions
- ★ The JAZZ HOUSE Summer Workshop returned to the Montclair State University campus, immersing students in the art of performance through ensembles, masterclasses and jam sessions with professional teaching artists
- ★ The joy student performances brought to the community at the new 12th annual MONTCLAIR **JAZZ FEST Block Parties** was palpable
- ★ Welcome relief! Our 2021-2022 classes are in full swing at the JAZZ HOUSE



“ I am the mom of Evan and Ephram Dorsey, my two saxophonists. Evan and Ephram have spent two years at the JAZZ HOUSE. They have grown tremendously, learning empathy and how to be humble, and made lifelong friends that cheer them on whether online or in person. Please support JAZZ HOUSE **KIDS**, not only for yourself but for your kids. They will grow, they will share, they will become better human beings, they will care about others. **I can't thank the [JAZZ HOUSE] enough for opening the door to us....Thank you so much from the bottom of our heart!**

*Bernadine Dorsey*  
Bernadine Dorsey, parent



YEARLONG PROGRAMMING

RIGOROUS CURRICULUM

SIGNATURE PERFORMANCES

WORLD-CLASS FACULTY

LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS

### SUMMER PROGRAMMING

- 8 week Jazz in June – July
- 2 week JAZZ HOUSE Summer Workshop
- Two signature day-long outdoor street concerts as part of the MONTCLAIR JAZZ FEST

### CLASSES + ENSEMBLES

- Louis Armstrong
- Blues + Roots
- Organ Messengers
- Dynasty Big Band
- JAZZ HOUSE Messengers
- Vocal Choir
- Community Big Band (adult)
- Community Small Combo (adult)

### INSTRUMENTAL PRE-COLLEGE ACADEMY

- JAZZ HOUSE Big Band
- Organ Ambassadors
- JAZZ HOUSE Ambassadors
- Improvisation

### ELECTIVES

- Roots of Improvisation
- Rhythm Section Workout
- Music Video Production
- Film Scoring
- Composition
- Adult Theory and Improv

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# BOOSTING ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH JAZZ

## IN THE SCHOOLS

**LiVE in the classroom!** After 18 months of virtual classrooms, the JAZZ HOUSE is doubling down on its efforts in the schools to bridge the achievement gap further deepened by the pandemic, using music to boost emotional health and scholastic outcomes in under-resourced schools. Through weekly in-person JAZZ HOUSE Music Scholars Club programs, students receive robust jazz education free of charge and much-needed learning, structure, creativity, and inspiration.



# 770 STUDENTS SERVED

## 900+ HOURS OF YEAR-ROUND MUSIC EDUCATION

51% MALE

49% FEMALE

LATINX

AFRICAN AMERICAN

WHITE

ASIAN  
OTHERS

“The past year has been a difficult one for our family but the support we have received from JAZZ HOUSE **KIDS** has been amazing. Unfortunately, I was diagnosed with cancer, and we ran into some financial difficulties due to my treatment. JAZZ HOUSE **KIDS** provided Miles with tuition assistance so he could continue doing what he loves: playing music. During this difficult time, the JAZZ HOUSE has provided him with a place to have fun and express himself while developing important life skills such as teamwork, and self-discipline. **From the teachers to his fellow students, we are grateful for what the entire JAZZ HOUSE community has done for Miles and look forward to the day that we can pay it forward.**”

*Graham Schreiner*

Graham Schreiner, parent



**UNDERSERVED  
DISTRICTS**

**YEAR-LONG WEEKLY  
INSTRUCTION**

**FREE INSTRUMENTS**

**EARLY  
INTERVENTION**

**FUN!**

### NEWARK

- Oliver Street School
- John F. Kennedy School
- Science Park High School
- East Side High School
- Link Community Charter School
- Abington Avenue School

### UNION

- Jefferson Elementary School

*New for 2021 - 2022*

### MONTCLAIR

- Pre-K Programming

### PATERSON

- Senator Frank Lautenberg School

## GIVE AN INSTRUMENT — BUILD A MUSICIAN

We transform school band programs by providing instruments and music instruction for students with little access to music. Our first truckload of instruments this year is going to Senator Frank Lautenberg School No. 6 in Paterson.

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# MONTCLAIR JAZZ FESTIVAL

PRODUCED BY  
JAZZ HOUSE KIDS



## BRINGING US BACK TOGETHER AGAIN!

We reimagined our annual MONTCLAIR **JAZZ** FEST and the powerful role it could play at this defining moment. After a series of summer concerts, we worked with our town and county officials to close down the main artery of Montclair for one jam-packed thrilling day of free inspiring live music.

Curated by CHRISTIAN McBRIDE, the unique array of professional headliners, the talent and training of our emerging musicians and exceptional festival experience uplifted our community and elevated our local businesses under JAZZ HOUSE **KIDS**' far-reaching mission.



## FAR-REACHING IMPACT

“This was history in the making!”

“We are a niche store, so we'll probably have 50 people come through the doors on a normal Saturday. During Jazz Fest, it had to be at least 500.”

“It was amazing. Beautiful, well-organized, supporting local businesses. Congratulations to all involved!”



“One of our favorite days we've had in Montclair -- so much joy and energy, music and art.”

“Thank you for bringing this wonderful event to our community.”

**Thank you:** presenting sponsors BDP Holdings and Montclair Center BID; County of Essex, Montclair Township, National Endowment for the Arts and New Jersey Tourism and our many supporters.



5

spectacular days

56

hours of free live music

35,000

festival attendees

125+

professional musicians hired

110

student performers showcased

45+

musical acts

80

food + artisan vendors

12

miles from NYC

71%

attendees supported  
vendor booths

67%

attendees patronized  
local businesses

3x WINNER *JerseyArts.com*  
*People's Choice Award for*  
**FAVORITE MUSIC FESTIVAL!**

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