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January 30, 2024

Dr. Karla Guseman, Superintendent  
Joliet Township High School District 204  
300 Caterpillar Drive  
Joliet, IL, 60436

Dear Dr. Guseman:

I am writing to you both as an alum of the Joliet Township High Schools and in my current capacity as President of Legacy Fine Arts Inc., NFP. Our organization is committed to enriching the lives of youth through music, theatre, dance, visual arts, and other fine and performing arts. We are particularly focused on serving students aged 5-18 in the Joliet area, regardless of their income level.

I am reaching out to propose a collaborative effort with Joliet Township High School District 204 for our upcoming Joliet Young Musicians Mentor Band program. This initiative is inspired by the success of similar programs and is designed to offer enriching musical experiences to middle and high school students, with a special emphasis on supporting low-income and underserved youth.

Our board comprises individuals deeply invested in the success of our youth, including a former District 86 school finance person, a professional with a master's in non-profit administration, and distinguished alums of the school currently thriving in Hollywood. This diverse expertise ensures our commitment to excellence and community service, values I embraced as a student within your district.

For the successful implementation of this program, we seek the district's support primarily in providing a space for rehearsals and performances. Additionally, we would appreciate the use of percussion instruments, music stands, and chairs. As the band director at Joliet Central High School, please be assured that I and my team will take special care of the equipment. Please be assured that while JTHS students will significantly benefit from this program, Legacy Fine Arts Inc. will cover all financial aspects, including but not limited to programmatic costs, staffing, insurance, and advertising. Our educators are esteemed teachers currently serving in Joliet 204, District 86, and other neighboring districts.

I would like to clarify that although I receive some summer hours through the district for band preparation, this program will run independently and will not overlap with my duties within the district. This initiative stands as a testament to our commitment to giving back to the community that shaped us. It is a way of nurturing the next generation, fostering a sense of responsibility, and enhancing community bonds through the arts.

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We believe this partnership will not only benefit the participating students but will also serve as a positive reflection of the district's commitment to supporting the arts and community engagement. We are ready to formalize this collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), outlining the responsibilities and expectations of both Legacy Fine Arts Inc NFP. and the Joliet Township High School District 204.

Thank you for considering this proposal. We are enthusiastic about the prospect of working together to make a lasting impact on our community's youth. I am available to discuss this further at your convenience and look forward to the possibility of a fruitful partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Stinson', with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Don Stinson  
President, Legacy Fine Arts Inc., NFP  
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Enclosures:

1. Proposal for Joliet Young Musicians Mentor Band Program
2. List of Board Members of Legacy Fine Arts Inc., NFP
3. Proof of Federal Tax-Exempt Status

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### **1. Project Name: Joliet Young Musicians Mentor Band**

- **Objective:** The Joliet Young Musicians Mentor Band aims to enrich the musical skills and overall development of 6th-12th grade instrumental musicians in the Joliet area, prioritizing support for low-income and underserved students. The program's objectives include:
  1. Providing a free, quality summer music program for young instrumentalists.
  2. Facilitating mentorship for middle school students to encourage sustained engagement in music.
  3. Offering leadership and performance opportunities for high school students within the band program.
- **Activities:**
  1. The ensemble will hold eight rehearsals over the summer of 2024, culminating with a public performance at Bicentennial Park, alongside the local American Legion Band and Community Mariachi Group (pending approval).
  2. Staff will lead preparatory leadership training sessions for high school mentors before July. All staff will be background checked and fingerprinted.
  3. A field trip to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Grant Park is planned, offering students a unique exposure to professional orchestral performance.

### **2. List of Current Board Members:**

- Don Stinson: donstinson@legacyfinearts.org
- Karen Lega: karenlega@yahoo.com
- Wesley Russell: wcrussell@mac.com
- Jermaine Stegall: mail@jermainestegall.com
- Brian Fruits: brianfruits@gmail.com

### **3. Federal Tax Identification Number:**

- 86-3592038



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Internal Revenue Service  
Tax Exempt and Government Entities  
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Cincinnati, OH 45201

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Date:  
03/03/2022  
Employer ID number:  
86-3592038  
Person to contact:  
Name: Customer Service  
ID number: 31954  
Telephone: (877) 829-5500  
Accounting period ending:  
December 31  
Public charity status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:  
Yes  
Effective date of exemption:  
March 29, 2021  
Contribution deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum applies:  
No  
DLN:  
26053701008731

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements