I want to take a moment to share with you a brief update on what’s been happening at FAME during the past few months and how your support has enabled us to persevere throughout the pandemic.

The 2020-2021 school year continued with many challenges and uncertainties caused by COVID-19. With strong determination and support provided by parents, instructors and staff, our students went safely about their day to day lives and continued the numerous activities that they love, via Zoom. Our FAME Jazz Band Program Class of 2021 stayed the course and successfully completed their senior year. They all are enrolled in colleges of their choice, with little or no debt.

For student musicians who want a unique music experience and networking opportunities with other youth musicians, we invite you to join the year-round tuition-free FAME Jazz Band Program. Applications will be accepted until Saturday, October 2, 2021. Visit FAMEmusic.org for details.

On July 15th FAME turned 17 years old! We were fortunate to have a small in-person celebration (after 2 years) of our graduates and community awardees on July 24th with the FAME Family at the Samuel Riggs Center at the University of Maryland.

While we continue to navigate these unprecedented times, we will celebrate the resilience of our students and teachers and remain dedicated to our mission to give youth musicians the best opportunity to succeed in life with music instruction and academic support.

As you make your annual contribution to the Combined Federal Campaign, CFC (31398) United Way (9404), DC One Fund (9404) please consider supporting FAME – Foundation for the Advancement of Music & Education.

Sincerely,
A. Toni Lewis
Founder/CEO
Thank you, UPS Employees!

Earlier this year, members of the FAME Jazz Ensemble used their musical talents to thank UPS employees for donating countless volunteer hours and supporting FAME programs through United Way. Flanked by shipping boxes and UPS trucks, the four-piece band played soothing sounds as employees sorted packages at the DC and UPS Landover facilities. The student musicians also got a chance to meet Kevin Warren, UPS Chief Marketing Officer from Atlanta and Damion Hunter, UPS Division Manager for the Potomac Division, which includes Alexandria and Newington, VA, and Waldorf, MD.

Making A Difference

Leadership Greater Washington

FAME’s Founder & CEO, A. Toni Lewis, was among a group of more than 50 participants to complete the Leadership Greater Washington (LGW) program in June. The LGW Class of 2021 - “Resilient 21” - included accomplished leaders from across the area who came together to share knowledge and resources that can make a positive impact in the Washington metropolitan region. View additional info at Leadership Greater Washington at www.lgwdc.org.

Catalog for Philanthropy

FAME is honored to be among the reputable organizations selected by the Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington, the region’s only “locally-focused guide to giving and volunteering.” The goal of the catalog is to provide visibility for vetted charities, fuel their growth with philanthropic dollars, and create a movement for social good throughout the region. View additional details at Catalogue for Philanthropy. www.cfp-dc.org.

Standards for Excellence Institute

FAME is honored to be recognized and accredited by Maryland Nonprofits Standards for Excellence Institute. The Standards for Excellence Institute® is a national initiative established to promote the highest standards of ethics, effectiveness, and accountability in nonprofit governance, management, and operations, and to help all nonprofit organizations meet these high benchmarks.
On May 31st, FAME musicians honored veterans and senior citizens with performances at several senior homes in Prince George's County, Maryland. The events were sponsored by County Council Members Derrick Leon Davis (District 6) and Todd Turner (District 4) representatives from the county police and fire departments participated. The Memorial Day performances took place at facilities in Bowie and Upper Marlboro: Cameron Grove, Evergreen Senior Community, Willows Senior Community, and Pin Oak Villages. FAME musicians included: Langston Hughes II (music director & Alumni attending Howard University), Lawrence Wingfield (junior), Devin Bryan (senior), Toccoa Kyler (senior), Lanté Evans (senior), Jared Jefferson (junior), Jabari Smith (junior), Bryant Thomas II (senior), Julian Wilson (alumni, attending Berklee College of Music), and Brandon Seaforth (alumni, attending North Carolina Central).
After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, FAME held its 17th Anniversary & Awards Celebration in person July 24th at the University of Maryland Samuel Riggs Alumni Center. The event celebrated FAME’s 17 years of service and honored community members and educators who are making significant contributions to the academic and musical excellence for youth. In addition, the event recognized the FAME Jazz Band Program graduates who are heading to college. The evening featured performances by the FAME Jazz Band, FAME Jazz Ensemble and the inaugural performance of FAME’s entry level ensemble, the Musicians in Training. 🎶
In July FAME held two successful music technology workshops for middle and high school students. The virtual sessions were led by instructors Mike Maddox, William Kenlon and Julian Wilson. During the one-week workshop, students explored cloud-based digital audio workstations and music notation software. They also learned the fundamentals of music composition, from writing a melody to analyzing popular song structures and forms. Other workshop topics covered music production, sampling, mixing, and mastering. By the end of the workshop, the students produced finished MP3 files to share digitally or to publish online. Each student also received a one-year subscription to MusicFirst Software.

Alphonso Jiles conducted the Instrumental Intensive Workshop “Beyond the Notes”, for the FAME Jazz Band Program musicians, the week of July 19-23, 2021, at Henry Wise High School. He was supported by Mark Copeland, Berklee College of Music Professor, Brandon Maclin, FAME alumni Brandon Seaforth, Julian Wilson, Langston Hughes II, and Rohan Gabay, Jr. The workshop culminated with a performance for the community.
Congratulations 2021
FAME Jazz Band Graduates

Cydni Brown
Alto Saxophone
FAME Jazz Band Captain
College Attending in Fall 2021:
Cleveland Institute of Arts
Major: Animation

Devin Bryan
Piano
College Attending in Fall 2021:
Towson University
Major/Minor: Jazz Studies;
Commercial Performance

Lanté Evans
Trombone
College Attending in Fall 2021:
Towson University
Major: Music Performance

Toccoa Kyler
Alto Saxophone, Baritone
Saxophone, Flute
College Attending in Fall 2021:
Grambling State University
Major: Music

William Lawrence
Tenor Sax
College Attending in Fall 2021:
Auburn University
Major: Biochemistry

Donovan Speight
Trumpet
College Attending in Fall 2021:
Howard University
Minor: Management Information
Systems

Bryant Thomas II
Drums
College Attending in Fall 2021:
Berklee College of Music
Major/Minor: Music Performance;
Music Production

Due to the lack of school resources and current economic conditions, many parents do not have the financial resources to purchase or rent instruments for their children to practice with at home.

Your generous donation of an instrument will provide learning opportunities and joy for many years. If possible, have your instrument(s) appraised or inspected by a qualified professional, typically a music store or repair shop. Provide the appraisal with the instrument and accessories and we will provide a letter for tax purposes that specifies the value of your donation.

Contact us regarding your instrument donation.
Email: info@FAMEmusic.org Or call us 301-805-5358.

Donated musical instruments are welcomed.
Apply and Audition for the FAME Jazz Band Program

Beginning August 23rd, FAME will be accepting applications for Season 7 of the FAME Jazz Band Program. The tuition-free after-school program is open to middle and high school music students who live and/or attend school in Prince George’s County, Maryland. Auditions are required. Selected students must commit to practicing with their musical instrument, performing at concerts, and excelling in jazz music. The application is available at FAMEmusic.org.

Participation in the FAME Jazz Band Program (FJBP) is open to all Prince George’s County Maryland middle & high school students who are eager to grow in their artistic expression, as well as maintain high academic standards in the classroom. Applicants must live and/or attend school in Prince George’s County. All Jazz Band instruments are invited. Homeschooled students are encouraged to apply. This is a tuition Free program.

Subcomponents of the FJBP include STEM tutoring, music theory, college prep, career planning and FAME’s signature Summer Music workshops: Music Technology, Instrumental Intensive, Vocals and Songwriting.

REGISTRATION:
Open: August 23, 2021 Closes: September 25, 2021

AUDITIONS: Saturday, October 2, 2021

WHERE: We are currently offering virtual and in-person programming in line with the Center for Disease Control and State COVID-19 Guidelines. Location to be confirmed.

APPLY AND GET PROGRAM INFORMATION:
www.FAMEmusic.org
Email info@famejazzband.org • Call 301-805-5358
Ways to Support FAME

FAME relies on private support to fund and maintain its music and education programs. These are just some of the ways to help keep the music playing in the hearts of our youth:

**Establish a memorial gift or honorary tribute,** or make other charitable contributions using one of our convenient methods of giving, including:

- CashApp: $FAMEMusic,
- PayPal.

To submit your contribution by mail, complete the donation form: [http://famemusic.org/fame-donation-form.pdf](http://famemusic.org/fame-donation-form.pdf)

Mail to: FAME
P.O. Box 2228
Bowie, MD 20718-2228

To contribute via phone, please contact FAME at: 301-805-5358

**Corporate and matching gifts** can double or triple your own personal gift.

To participate in your company’s matching program, contact your human resources department and complete the required form. Submit the form to FAME with your gift.