

CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES THROUGH MUSIC

An evening to benefit Community Music School

Honoring Tom McGuire



MAY 5, 2026
6:00PM-8:00PM

Please sponsor the musical event held at the A.J. Fletcher Opera Theater in downtown Raleigh. Proceeds benefit Community Music School (CMS), whose mission is to enrich and inspire children through access to and delivery of high-quality music instruction. This event is open to the community.

HONORING TOM McGUIRE

This annual event honors the late Tom McGuire's passion for music and dedication to children's well-being. Tom was steadfast in his commitment to building a better world through his philanthropy.



BRIGHTER FUTURES THROUGH MUSIC



Community Music School is proud to carry forward Tom McGuire's legacy. For over 31 years, CMS has delivered high-quality, affordable, one-on-one music instruction to Wake County youth, reaching more than 250 students in the past year.



YOUR GIFT OF MUSIC

The event fundraising goal of \$175,000 will strengthen experiences for students as Community Music School expands partnerships and offerings.

Community Music School is the only organization in Wake County that provides private, personalized high-quality music instruction in multiple genres exclusively to students whose families cannot otherwise afford lessons. Professional instruction on multiple types of instruments is as little as \$1 per week.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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Organization website: cmsraleigh.org

Executive Director Melanie Doerner

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Every child should have access to the life-changing benefits of music education



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Proceeds benefit Community Music School, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit.

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SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

| | \$35,000 MAESTRO SPONSORS | \$25,000 PRESENTING SPONSORS | \$15,000 PLATINUM SPONSORS | \$10,000 GOLD SPONSORS | \$5,000 SILVER SPONSORS | \$2,500 BRONZE SPONSORS | \$1,000 SUPPORTERS | \$500 FRIENDS |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Recognition in event invitation, signage, digital promotions, website | Presented by... & logo | | Sponsored by...at each level (Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze) | | | | Donor listing per support level | |
| Number of guests *Preferred seating | 12* | 10* | 8* | 6* | 6 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Private tour of Community Music School and opportunity to interact with faculty and students | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| ½ hour private music lessons with CMS faculty | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | |
| OR Host student and faculty performance | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |

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Sponsorship Agreement Form

I/we will support Community Music School by sponsoring “Brighter Futures Through Music: An Evening to Benefit Community Music School Honoring Tom McGuire” to be held May 5, 2026, at the following level:

- \$35,000 Maestro Sponsors
- \$25,000 Presenting Sponsors
- \$15,000 Platinum Sponsors
- \$10,000 Gold Sponsors
- \$5,000 Silver Sponsors
- \$2,500 Bronze Sponsors
- \$1,000 Supporters
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Name

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Address

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Signature

Note: sign electronically by typing your name in the box above

Please complete and send to Executive Director Melanie by mail at Community Music School, 322 Chapanoke Road Raleigh, NC 27603 or by email at mdoerner@cmsraleigh.org.

Thank you for your support! This special event honors the late Tom McGuire’s passion for music and his dedication to children’s welfare. All proceeds benefit Community Music School, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Federal Identification Number: 59-2098168. Upon receipt of this form, Community Music School will invoice your organization for this donation.

If you have any questions, contact Executive Director Melanie Doerner at (919) 832-0900 or mdoerner@cmsraleigh.org

In the unlikely event of extreme weather or other disaster that results in the cancellation of this event, sponsorship payments shall not be refunded but remain a donation to the work of Community Music School, with donation publicized by CMS in addition to pre-event publicity.



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INSPIRING YOUTH
THROUGH ACCESS
TO AND DELIVERY OF
HIGH-QUALITY MUSIC
INSTRUCTION

Our IMPACT



One-on-one

Music
Instruction

Lessons

As low as \$1

Student

Demographics

Children
Ages **7-18**

Students
Enrolled **278**

Graduating
Seniors **8**

Satellite
Sites **2**

36%

Latinx/
Hispanic

32%

Black/
African
American

12%

Mixed
Race

10%

White

4%

Asian

1%

American
Indian/
Alaska Native

5%

Other/
Undisclosed

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



SOURCES: \$659,684

FOUNDATION & PRIVATE SUPPORT 31%
\$202,556

RESERVES* 12%
\$81,105

FUNDRAISING EVENTS 17%
\$113,573

CORPORATIONS 3%
\$21,900

INDIVIDUALS 16%
\$104,097

PROGRAM FEES & OTHER 7%
\$42,749

GOVERNMENT 14%
\$93,704

*budget shortfall covered by
reserves

USES: \$659,684

PROGRAM SERVICES 75%
\$493,255

FUNDRAISING 19%
\$125,934

GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE 6%
\$40,495

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July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

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\$10,000+

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