

## May 5, 2015 Music in Schools Committee Meeting

Class members present: Peter Capra, Tom Chittenden, Rod Correll, Morris Raker and Jan Wohlberg, Phil Richards, Bob Smith, Nick Tingley, John Watling and Steve Wittenberg

Yale School of Music staff present: Michael Yaffe, Ruben Rodriguez, Kate Gonzales

Special guest: Jacqlyn Rudderow- Program and Communications Manager of VH-1 Save the Music Foundation

### New Haven Program and Expanding Footprint into Fair Haven:

- (1) 37 “teaching artists” spending av. 4 hrs/week in schools
- (2) Served 23 programs in 20 schools involving 375-400 children/wk
- (3) Additional 200 children/wk in Sat “Honors Ensembles” rehearsals- most not included in the 375-400 cited above
- (4) Total of 600-800 children served/week
- (5) New program in Fair Haven- Winter and Spring Festival- held during week long winter and spring breaks involving 2½ hrs/day Mon-Fri during school break with end of week performance
- (6) 35 children (winter break) 54 children (spring break)

Program Evaluation: Data is being collected for 2yr eval. period

### Upcoming Symposium June 4-7:

- (1) 76 partnerships between public school and outside organizations applied
- (2) 38 accepted
- (3) Outside organizations included symphony orchestras, opera companies, performing arts organizations
- (4) Theme will be the Role of Music Partnerships

VH1- Save the Music Foundation:

- (1) Non-profit organization dedicated to sustaining instrumental music education in US public schools
- (2) Partners with school districts- districts commit to certified Music teachers- VH1- gives \$30,000/school to buy new instruments from local music retailers
- (3) Since its founding in 1997, it has provided \$51 million dollars of instruments to 1,900 public schools in 192 school districts nationally, serving 213 million children
- (4) In New Haven, the foundation has given two schools/yr \$30,000 grants. The foundation works with a district until all schools have music programs with instruments. To date 15 New Haven schools have received grants-
- (5) VH1 is an important partner to our program and an important national resource for public school music education

Respectfully Submitted: Stephen M Wittenberg