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Dear Elementary School Music Teacher,

Over the past 4 year Chamber Music Charleston (a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization) has shared the magic and excitement of live classical music with children of all ages through the unique and engaging *Classical Kids Concerts*. Each 45-minute concert begins with an introduction of the musicians and their instruments followed by familiar children's songs and a magical reading of a special story set to music. Images to accompany to program are projected onto a screen, and the over multi-sensory presentation has been a hit with students, parents and teachers alike.

For the 2010-2011 school year Chamber Music Charleston will present three different programs that are available for in-school performance. Each program introduces a different musical family, from the October Brass Quintet program based on the classic children's story *Wind in the Willows* to the February String Quartet program based on Margot Raven's *Circle Unbroken* which tells the history of the sweetgrass basket (and is a perfect fit for Black History Month programming). The series concludes with Wind Quintet and a program based on the Russian folk tale *The Fool of the World and the Flying Ship*.

Through financial support from donations to Chamber Music Charleston, we are able to offer these large scale programs at a reduced fee of \$800. In addition, we have a program in place to bring 2-3 musicians to the school the week before the performance to offer a more interactive, hands-on experience in the intimate setting of an individual classroom. The additional fee for this pre-performance visit is \$600 and includes back-to-back visits to up to 3 individual third grade classes (class size 15-30 students). During this pre-performance visit, the musicians provide a more interactive introduction to the instruments, with the opportunity for students to try the instruments and participate in activities with the professional musicians.

We understand that it can be difficult for schools to allocate such funds to bring in these programs. To that end, over the summer we will actively search and apply for grants to further bring down the school's expense to present such programs. At this point, I am trying to determine which schools are interested in collaborating with us to bring these musical programs to the students. Below I have listed the dates available for performances. If you would like to book a performance, if you have questions about the programs and fees or if you are interested in helping us obtain grants to reduce the fee to the schools, please feel free to email me at [sandra@chambermusiccharleston.org](mailto:sandra@chambermusiccharleston.org) or call (843)763-4941. Curriculum guides are available within the month prior to the performance.

Most sincerely,

Sandra Nikolajevs  
Director and Founder, Chamber Music Charleston

2010-2011 Educational Programs

Brass Quintet: "The Adventures of Toad" Dates Available: October 5-8 and 11-15

String Quartet: "Circle Unbroken" Dates Available: February 22-25 and 28

Wind Quintet: "Fool of the World and the Flying Ship" Dates Available: April 11-15 and 18-22