

“Music has a power of forming the character, and should therefore be introduced into the education of the young.”

- Aristotle

“The Arts and Sciences, essential to the prosperity of the State and to the ornament of human life, have a primary claim to the encouragement of every lover of his country and mankind.”

- George Washington

“Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education, because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul.”

- Plato

“Music is an agreeable harmony for the honor of God and the permissible delights of the soul.”

- Johann Sebastian Bach

“In my own philanthropy and business endeavors, I have seen the critical role that the arts play in stimulating creativity and in developing vital communities....the arts have a crucial impact on our economy and are an important catalyst for learning, discovery, and achievement in our country.”

- Paul G. Allen, Co-Founder, Microsoft

“Music is an essential part of everything we do. Like puppetry, music has an abstract quality which speaks to a worldwide audience in a wonderful way that nourishes the soul.”

- Jim Henson – TV Producer and Puppeteer

“Music produces a kind of pleasure which human nature cannot do without.”

- Confucius, The Book of Rites

“Music is the universal language of mankind.”

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow