

*"The "Music in Me" program would be of benefit to any student - regardless if they have had regular school music instruction or not. A program based on a planned curriculum designed to immerse kids in music and music making is an exciting prospect and would go a long way in connecting students with each other and the community. With energetic and dedicated teaching artists, an enrichment program like this can make a huge difference in the lives of participating students and their families."* – Jon B. Gilliland, Ed.D., Adjunct Lecturer in Music Education at University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee

*"The opportunity to reach young artists through this standards-based program is amazing! Where current curricular performing arts opportunities may be in jeopardy or non-existent, this experience has the chance to awaken or further enhance the artistic soul of any student, launching them into a creative journey of discovery, leadership and performance."* - Tim Karth-Music Educator, Music Publishing Specialist and Professional Milwaukee Musician,

*"The program is clearly laid out and the goals are clear. What you are trying to do within schools is incredibly important and am happy to promote within my circles."* - Katie Cummings-Executive Director/Founder of Pink Umbrella Theater Co., former First Stage Academy Director

*"Here is a program to celebrate! Music can be life-changing and Music in Me guides students in using the power of music to learn and grow in new ways that can change their lives. The Music in Me program helps each student realize their unique creativity, gain new skills, communicate with others in new ways, and discover new levels of joy and excitement. It enhances the experiences of a student that can lead to a more well-rounded education. Music in Me is a high-quality program that assures every child has access to quality music education in their lives."*- S. Jay Kennedy-PhD., Vice President for Academic Affairs/Vice Provost, Berklee College of Music

*"In tough times, arts education is often the first area that is cut. When this terrible situation arises, Kids from Wisconsin has created a program not to solve it, but to provide that spark that inevitably happens when a child is exposed to the arts."* James Beckman – Muskego High School Director of Bands, Civic Music Association of Milwaukee's Annual Educator Award winner for 2018

*"I love what you are offering. I think the students who participate in the residency will enjoy the program as well as learn some important aspects of music. It is significantly different than the ACE program already provided. It will offer much more enrichment and good understanding of music principles. "* – Dennis Najoom, Pops Principal Trumpet Emeritus at Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Hartt School of Music, University of Hartford

*"As a music educator and former Kid From Wisconsin, I was thrilled to learn about this new opportunity for students. Knowing the KIDS organization and having seen the Realize Your Dream team in action, I am confident the product they have crafted will both educate and inspire our youth. What sets this curriculum apart is that it was designed using the Wisconsin State Music Standards and functions as a general music class, as opposed to a music appreciation course. As an educator who has taught all levels of music K-12, I believe that Music In Me is an invaluable resource being offered to schools in need."*- Jodi Mealey-Choral Director, Auditorium Manager, Music Department Head, New Richmond High School