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The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and the Hamilton Music Collective announce expansion of Community Partnership

The Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and The Hamilton Music Collective are thrilled to embark on a formalized partnership to achieve their mutual goals in the community. Both organizations share the vision to bring about social transformation through music, providing young people with opportunities to explore their creative potential and share in the joy of music.

The **Hamilton Music Collective (HMC)** is located in Hamilton's Downtown, and is the founder of **An Instrument For Every Child (AIFEC)**, a unique program that provides children in Hamilton's inner city schools and community centres with free musical instruction and access to musical instruments.

In a show of support for the outstanding music education program being offered by the HMC, the **Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra** is pleased to share its musical and educational resources with students of the **An Instrument for Every Child** program through the following opportunities: *Active listening workshops with HPO Composer-in-Residence Abigail Richardson-Schulte in AIFEC schools; HPO Musicians guest performances to demonstrate orchestral instruments in AIFEC schools throughout the year; invitations to the students and families of AIFEC students to attend HPO concerts; hosting of the AIFEC Instrument Petting Zoo during HPO family concert events.*

Says **Carol Kehoe, HPO Executive Director**: "We're very excited to expand our partnership with AIFEC this year and integrate our musicians and artists into AIFEC's programming, fulfilling both AIFEC and the HPO's educational goals in the community."

"The Hamilton Music Collective is thrilled to receive the support of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, welcoming us as community partners and providing us with new resources and opportunities for the many children in Hamilton's inner city we serve through our program," said **Astrid Hepner, President, Hamilton Music Collective**.

About the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra: The HPO is a leader in Hamilton's robust arts community where it provides professional orchestral services and music education programs to address the needs of the community. The HPO continues to commission and premiere works and is one of the artistic jewels of the Hamilton/Burlington area. The combined musical talents of its artists continue to enrich the community and enhance the quality of life for its residents.

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