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The Hamilton Music Collective receives \$25,000 grant from the Incite Foundation for the Arts in support of the continuation and expansion of the 'An Instrument for Every Child' program.

NOV 11, 2015 The Hamilton Music Collective is pleased to announce it is once again a recipient of a generous grant from the **Incite Foundation for the Arts** for the 2015/2016 program year.

This funding will support both the continuation of the AIFEC program in 8 elementary schools, and the expansion of the program to reach children in the broader community through the Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club of Hamilton, at local community centres, and through new programming at the organization's headquarters, The Gasworks. "The Incite funding allows us to continue to invest in service delivery partnerships across the city with other organizations (Supercrawl, Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra, Boys and Girls Club) and to fulfill our educational goals in the community," **said Astrid Hepner, President, Hamilton Music Collective.**

AIFEC is a visionary music project aimed at providing elementary school children in Hamilton's inner-city schools and community centres with the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. The program promotes the healthy growth and development of children through the study, practice, and performance of music and builds healthier communities by investing in the positive development of children through music. The AIFEC program was founded in 2009, by the Hamilton Music Collective, with a pilot project at King George elementary school. From that class of 20 students, AIFEC expanded to over 450 children in 10 inner-city schools and community centres.

ABOUT INCITE: Founded in 2011, the incite Foundation for the Arts is a non profit organization dedicated to revolutionizing support for the arts in the Hamilton Community. The organization strives to enrich the lives of Hamiltonians and visitors by championing visual and performing arts charitable institutions in the area.

For more information about An Instrument for Every Child, please visit www.aninstrumentforeverychild.ca

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