



MEDIA RELEASE

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Hamilton Music Collective Expands Programming to Include Professional Recording

Hamilton, Ontario – Hamilton Music Collective is thrilled to announce the successful culmination of a grant recognition event held last night at the HMC Centre for Performance and Education (141 Park St. N.) to recognize and celebrate the \$199,900 Resilient Community Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

The evening was filled with gratitude, inspiring speeches, and a shared sense of purpose as we reflected on the transformative potential of this grant. Attendees had the opportunity to learn more about our upcoming projects and how this funding will directly contribute to the betterment of our community.

This grant will be used to expand the HMC's *Musical Futures Music Production and Recording Program* for the recently funded and newly built state-of-the-art recording studio/classroom that enables the HMC to offer professional instruction in modern digital recording and mastery to youth in Hamilton.

The funding provided will allow the HMC to hire additional staff to develop and manage the new facility and programs offered as part of the new curriculum, including a studio manager, an acoustic consultant and additional teaching staff.

The studio manager will oversee the final development and design of the studio, continuing to liaison with tech consultants who have been instrumental in all aspects of the recording studio as well as the development and execution of a sustainable strategic plan for the Professional Recording Program. Included in the strategic plan, and funded by this grant will be the establishment of a volunteer program for the studio, that capitalizes on the HMC's solid partnerships with Mohawk College and Hamilton and area high schools.

The OTF grant also enables the development of a fulsome curriculum building upon the HMC's already established and successful Beat Making program. While offered as a stand-alone program, this exciting, new recording initiative is a natural extension of the HMC's An Instrument for Every Child (AIFEC) programs' musical instruction for younger children. Programs such as Jambassadors, String Ensembles, Orchestral Music, Musical Summer Camps and Beat Making are created specifically for older children and teens. Keeping youth engaged throughout some of their most challenging years is one of the most important goals of HMC's programming. Consistent with the mandate of the HMC, the Professional Recording Program will continue to benefit diverse communities and underrepresented populations, including many new Canadian families, helping them to better integrate into the community.

HMC, through its AIFEC program has provided musical instruction and free instruments for over 15,000 children, living in under-resourced neighbourhoods in Hamilton working in conjunction with the Hamilton School Boards, Kiwanis Boys and Girls Club, Hamilton Health Sciences, McMaster University, Mohawk College and the City of Hamilton. To



find out how you can help support HMC's "life affirming" programs or to your register for an AIFEC program visit hamiltonmusiccollective.ca.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations celebrates 40 years of grantmaking in Ontario and making a lasting impact in communities. Last year, OTF invested nearly \$209M into 2,042 community projects and partnerships, which included funding for the Government of Ontario's Community Building Fund. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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