



## **Instruments in the Attic Musical Ambassadors Program**

George Mason University's Potomac Arts Academy is pleased to announce a new major initiative, ***Instruments in the Attic Musical Ambassadors Program***, a significant community outreach program initially focusing on our military veterans community. During the 2010-2011 academic year selected music students, who participate in current or newly established small ensembles, have the opportunity to apply to become a Musical Ambassadors. Ambassadors will receive a monetary stipend and act as representatives of the School of Music through the Potomac Arts Academy Instruments in the Attic Program. Performances will be followed by an interactive musical experience, such as a jam session, group lesson or drum circle organized by the Ambassador ensembles. Participants and their families will be encouraged to play, sing and clap along utilizing instruments from our Instruments in the Attic program. The intent of this program is three- fold:

1. Providing community outreach performance opportunities for Mason students.
2. Reaching out to selected community organizations who could benefit from an interactive musical experience.
3. Utilizing IIA instruments for meaningful community outreach programs

Our 2010-2011 focus on our military veterans will include such venues as the Wounded Warriors at Walter Reed Hospital and local American Legion Posts. The USO will also be asked for assistance with identifying appropriate venues for performances.

### Program Overview

- Ambassadors will be responsible for organizing and rehearsing their ensembles and preparing an interactive activity. They will select appropriate repertoire and require adequate rehearsal preparation to assure a quality performance..
- Military Veterans will be the main focus for the 2010-2011 academic year.
- Instruments will be provided by IIA for participants' use during the interactive time after the performances.
- Ambassadors will be responsible for their own transportation.
- Each Ambassador will receive \$250 per person, per performance

## IIA Musical Ambassadors Selection Process

### Ambassador application requirements:

- A brief letter of interest from one member of the group stating why you would like to participate in the Musical Ambassadors program
- Sample program, including literature, length of each work, composers
- A letter of recommendation (e mail is fine) from their private instructor and/or ensemble director (for each member of the group) attesting to the performance abilities of each ensemble member
- Interview with selection panel made up from members of the faculty, administration and Potomac Arts Academy staff.

### Ambassador Qualifications

- 2010-2011 academic year applicants must be a string, woodwind, brass or guitar instrumentalist, and be a member or willing to form a small performing ensemble such as; a brass quartet, string trio, guitar duo, woodwind quintet, etc. Mixed instrumental ensembles (guitar/flute duo, for example) would also be appropriate. Mixed vocal ensembles are also welcome to apply.
- Applicant must be in their third or fourth year of undergraduate student studies or enrolled in a graduate program in the Mason School of Music.
- Minimum GPA requirement of 3.0
- Selected musical Ambassadors must possess the ability to work independently, organize schedules and represent the School of Music and the University with the highest professional standards.

Application materials should be submitted to Prof. John Kilkenny [jkilken1@gmu.edu](mailto:jkilken1@gmu.edu)  
Questions, please call 703-993-9889 or 571-286-2796.

Please submit your materials by **October 1, 2010** for consideration in the fall semester. Ensembles not selected for the fall semester may be considered for spring 2011 performance dates.