

MUSICTHON 2012

Dear Sponsors:

Plans are under way for Broward County Music Teachers Association's (BCMATA) 21st annual fundraiser. This year our motto is ***"Kids Playing 4KIDS in Crisis."*** All proceeds will benefit both **BCMATA** student activities and **4KIDS of South Florida**, a non-profit organization ***"providing hope for kids in crisis."***

BCMATA is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Florida State Music Teachers Association and Music Teachers National Association. Your tax deductible donation will help provide funding for music scholarships to the students of BCMATA members and support many other vital student activities. As an organization, BCMATA is dedicated to promoting the growth and professional development of its members by providing educational resources and programs that encourage and support the highest level of teaching, performance, and study of the art of music.

MUSICTHON is **BCMATA's** primary fundraiser partnering with a local charity each year. Twenty to thirty percent (or more) of our net proceeds will be donated to **4KIDS of South Florida** this year. The staff and board of directors of **4KIDS of South Florida** either volunteer or provide financial support. Only about 29 percent of their working budget comes from state support and the rest comes from donations.

From the website of 4KIDS:

4KIDS has cared for over 15,000 kids in the past 13 years and currently has 100 licensed foster homes and foster families providing love and care to the foster kids in our community. In addition, **4KIDS** has twelve family-style homes that serve young adults, teens, and difficult to place sibling groups.

Each month, 4KIDS provides foster parent training (Model Approach to Partnership in Parenting) to more than 30 individuals seeking to take a child into their homes.

For more information on this wonderful cause, please visit: <http://www.4kidsofsfl.org>

MUSICTHON will be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, January 27, 28, and 29, 2012, at the Galleria Mall, 2414 E. Sunrise Blvd in Fort Lauderdale. Our local BCMATA teachers will each be presenting their students in back to back half-hour performances throughout the weekend. Situated in a focal point of the mall, many passers-by will enjoy exciting live performances and also be given the opportunity to learn about **BCMATA** and **4KIDS**. **BCMATA** encourages our students to take part in helping charitable organizations by sharing their musical gifts and talents. Please contribute what you can to support their performances. For more information about **BCMATA**, please visit our website: www.bcmta.org.

Respectfully yours,

Sheri Garlock *BCMATA President*, Wanda Wiranis *Musicthon Chairman*,
Annamarie Cockreham, Mary Beth Purchase, Sue Colvert, Barbara Muze *Committee Members*

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