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The Gift of Music Foundation officially launches in Atlanta!

Atlanta, GA: After many months of planning and preparation, "The Gift of Music Foundation" officially launched May 15th, 2015 beginning an ambitious project to help young musicians and music programs of ALL types with instruments, grants, scholarships, educational resources, and funding opportunities.

Founder and Executive Director Chris Monroe was excited to see this venture get off the ground: "It's long overdue, actually. As funding for music and fine arts programs continues to dwindle in our schools, I knew something had to be done. Music education has been proven over and over again to be one of the most beneficial programs for students in their overall development into productive adults." Mr. Monroe has been a freelance music teacher, arranger, instructor, and consultant for 23 years and has seen the problem first hand: "I've been in a lot of band rooms and visited many music programs across metro Atlanta and Georgia and have personally seen the need for more funding and instruments-- and the need is getting even greater."

The Gift of Music Foundation is built on the following Mission, Purpose, and Vision:

- 1. To support young musicians and music programs of ALL types with instruments, grants, scholarships, educational resources, and fund-raising opportunities.
- 2. To ensure that a lack of resources NEVER prevents a young musician from participating in a music program and it's many positive life lessons and benefits.
- 3. To ensure that diverse and quality music programs remain available to students in their schools, churches, and communities.
- 4. To educate the public about the MANY benefits of music education and its positive impact on students.
- 5. To make sure that the "Gift of Music" is kept alive for generations to come; For both the musicians, and those who simply listen and enjoy.

"This is going to be a game-changing foundation for music and the arts, but we need donations of money, instruments, and time to bring our many programs on-line" said Mr. Monroe.

Chris Monroe is available for media appearances, interviews, and to answer any questions you may have about TGOMF. Please contact him directly at cmonroe@giftofmusic.org or (888) 551-0077 X-101 with your deadline to schedule.

The Gift of Music Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, incorporated in the State of Georgia. All donations are tax-deductible to the extent of current tax law and individual personal tax situations.

For more information about The Gift of Music Foundation and their programs:

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