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MUSIC LAB AFTER SCHOOL 2012

Thank you for your interest in making music at Willie Mae Music Lab! We're expanding our programming in 2011-12 to include **lessons** on even more instruments, plus *all new weekend workshops* to complement music lessons and ensemble (also available as a free-standing course). Please note: there is limited availability in some classes, but we'll do our best to fit you in!

The winter/spring semester will include a **kick-off party**, a mid-semester **open studio week**, and an end-of-semester **spring festival**. More music, more fun, and more ways to rock out!

Willie Mae Music Lab is a year-round community music and mentoring center in the Clinton Hill/Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. Music Lab provides a range of affordable programs and services for girls. All programs are taught by female musicians, in a supportive, fun and positive environment.

✂ PROGRAMS

Music Lessons

We now offer lessons in **drums, guitar, bass, vocals, and keyboards**. With a goal of developing musical proficiency, collaboration skills, and self-confidence, group music lessons at Willie Mae Music Lab are a chance to learn a brand new instrument, or hone your skills on the one you already play!

For the winter/spring semester, there are limited spots in classes. Please indicate if you'd like to be notified if a spot becomes available in classes. All students enrolled in Lessons are required to attend the **Weekend Workshop** series, where they will learn about Protest Art & Music and meet Music Lab students from other classes. Weekend Workshop takes place once a month, and is included at no extra cost.

Who: Students in grades 3 - 12 (minimum age 8). Vocals is open to students in grades 3 - 6. Bass is open to students in grades 7 - 12.

When: Once a week for one hour (see schedule below). Plus semester kick-off party, Weekend Workshop, and final recital at our spring festival.

Skill level: Students will be asked to complete a brief self-assessment on their enrollment form to gauge experience level. Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls reserves the right to adjust which section is appropriate.

Tuition: Full tuition for Music Lessons (including Weekend Workshops) is \$340 for the semester. All programs are offered on a sliding scale, so please fill out the Financial Aid request if you can't afford full tuition.

Registration: First-come, first-served.

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Ensemble

Be in a band! Ensemble is a chance to be in a real band. The Ensemble program includes workshops on songwriting and sound-checks, as well as coaching throughout the songwriting process. With a goal of fostering creativity, collaboration, and self-confidence, the Ensemble program encourages students to write original songs and perform them at the end-of-semester spring festival!

All students enrolled in Ensemble are required to attend the **Weekend Workshop** series, where they will learn about Protest Art & Music and meet Music Lab students from other classes. Weekend Workshop takes place once a month, and is included at no extra cost.

If you are interested in being contacted if a spot opens up in Ensemble, please indicate that on the sign-up form. Please note: Ensemble is still an application process, so the waitlist is rolling, rather than first-come, first-served.

Who: Students in grades 3 - 6 (minimum age 8).

When: Once a week for two hours (see schedule below). Plus Kick-off Party, Weekend Workshop, and final recital at our spring festival.

Skill level: Preference given to girls who have been playing their instrument for more than 2 years. Students will be asked to complete a brief self-assessment on their enrollment form, in addition to a quick phone check-in with the lesson teacher to gauge experience level.

Tuition: Full tuition for Ensemble (including Weekend Workshops) is \$420 for the semester. All programs are offered on a sliding scale, so please fill out the Financial Aid request if you can't afford full tuition.

Registration: By application only. Preference given to girls who have been playing their instrument for more than 2 years, are attending instrument classes, or have been to Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls summer camp.

Weekend Workshop

Available as an independent course, or in conjunction with Lessons/Ensemble, Weekend Workshop is a chance to learn and gain hands-on experience. Workshops are held over the course of four Saturday sessions once a month.

Students will gain valuable skills, while working collaboratively with other Music Lab students, with the goal of developing a cohesive community of young women musicians at Willie Mae Music Lab.

Who: Students in grades 3 - 12 (minimum age 8).

When: Once a month for two hours. January 28th, February 11th, March 31st, and April 21st, 12:30pm to 2:30pm. Plus student kick-off party and final recital at our spring festival.

Skill level: Open to all levels of experience.

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Tuition: Full tuition for Weekend Workshops (if NOT enrolled in Music Lessons or Ensemble) is \$60 for the semester. All programs are offered on a sliding scale, so please fill out the Financial Aid request if you can't afford full tuition.

Registration: First-come, first-served if registering as an independent course. Automatic registration if enrolling in Lessons or Ensemble.

✎ WHEN

Monday		Keyboards	4pm - 5pm
Drums	4pm - 5pm	Keyboards	5:10pm - 6:10pm
Drums	5:10pm - 6:10pm		
Tuesday		Friday	
Vocals NEW	Time TBD	Ensemble	4:30pm - 6:30pm
Bass	Time TBD		
Wednesday		Saturday	
Guitar	4pm - 5pm	(1/21, 2/11, 3/31, 4/21)	
Guitar	5:10pm - 6:10pm	12:30pm - 2:30pm	
Thursday		Protest Art & Music	

✎ IMPORTANT DATES

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Semester Kick-off Party: Sunday, January 8th, 2pm - 4pm

Semester Begins: Tuesday, January 17th (no class on Monday, January 16th)

Weekend Workshop I: Saturday, January 28th, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Weekend Workshop II: Saturday, February 11th, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Open Studios (Parent Visits): week of February 13th

No classes: week of February 20th

No classes: March 6th - 9th (Drum class on Monday, March 5th to make up for MLK Day)

Weekend Workshop III: Saturday, March 31st, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

No classes: week of April 9th

Weekend Workshop IV: Saturday, April 21st, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Final Recital at Spring Festival: Saturday, April 28th, time TBA

✂ **WHERE**

All programs are held at Willie Mae Music Lab, which is located at 87 Irving Place, in Clinton Hill, Brooklyn. The nearest trains are the C at Clinton-Washington or the C/S at Franklin Ave.

✂ **TUITION**

Music Lessons + Workshops

Full tuition: \$340 - 0, sliding scale
(12 lessons + 4 workshops)

Ensemble + Workshops

Full tuition: \$420 - 0, sliding scale
(12 practices + 4 workshops)

Music Lessons + Ensemble + Workshops

Full tuition: \$700 - 0, sliding scale
(12 lessons + 12 practices + 4 workshops)

Workshops Only

Full tuition: \$60 - 0, sliding scale
(4 workshops)

All programs are offered on a sliding scale, so please fill out the Financial Aid request if you can't afford full tuition.

✂ **WHO MAY SIGN UP**

Music Lab classes are open to students in grades 3- 12 (minimum age 8). High school-aged students do not need to be enrolled in school to participate in Willie Mae Music Lab.

Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls welcomes campers who self-identify as female, trans, and gender non-conforming.

✂ **ENROLLMENT**

Spots for **Music Lessons & Weekend Workshops** will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will receive confirmation of enrollment within a week of filling out the registration form. Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls reserves the right to adjust a student's placement in classes.

Spots for **Ensemble** are filled by application only. Notifications will be sent within 3 weeks of receiving the application.

Tuition is due upon confirmed registration (unless arranged otherwise with staff). No tuition refunds will be issued except in the case of medical emergency preventing student from starting or completing the semester.

✂ **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national and/or ethnic origin, citizenship, marital status, sexual orientation, mental or physical ability, or gender identity/expression in the administration of any of its educational programs, admissions policies, financial aid, and other Program-related policies and programs, as well as volunteer and employment-related policies and activities.

WINTER/SPRING 2012 MUSIC LAB APPLICATION

ABOUT THE STUDENT

Name of Student: _____

If student goes by a nickname, please indicate it here: _____

D.O.B. (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of primary contact / parent / guardian:

Relationship to student: _____

Primary Phone Number: _____ Home Cell Work

Secondary Phone Number: _____ Home Cell Work

Parent / guardian's e-mail address: _____

Student's e-mail address: _____

Name of siblings or relatives also applying: _____

Name of student's school: _____

This school is: Public Private Parochial

The name of the neighborhood we live in: _____

PROGRAM

Which program(s) are you signing up for? (Check all that apply)

- Music Lessons: Drums (Mondays 4pm - 5pm + Saturday workshops)
- Music Lessons: Drums (Mondays 5:10pm - 6:10pm + Saturday workshops)
- Music Lessons: Guitar (Tuesdays 4pm - 5pm + Saturday workshops)
- Music Lessons: Vocals (Tuesdays 5:10 - 6:10pm + Saturday workshops)
- Music Lessons: Guitar (Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm + Saturday workshops)
- Music Lessons: Guitar (Wednesdays 5:10pm - 6:10pm + Saturday workshops)
- Music Lessons: Keyboards (Thursdays 4pm - 5pm + Saturday workshops)
- Music Lessons: Keyboards (Thursdays 5:10pm - 6:10pm + Saturday workshops)
- Ensemble (Fridays 4pm - 6pm + Saturday workshops)
- Weekend Workshops ONLY
(Saturdays, 9/24, 10/22, 11/19, and 12/10, 12:30pm - 2:30pm)

PROGRAM HISTORY

Have you attended summer camp at Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls before?

- Yes No

Have you attended classes at Willie Mae Music Lab before?

- Yes No

How did you hear about Willie Mae Music Lab classes?

MUSICAL BACKGROUND

These questions are for the student.

Do you play an instrument now?

- Yes, I play drums
 Yes, I play guitar
 Yes, I play bass
 Yes, I play keyboard
 Yes, I play another instrument _____
 No

If yes, please indicate how long you've been playing that instrument:

Do you take music lessons?

- Yes, I take drum lessons
 Yes, I take guitar lessons
 Yes, I take bass lessons
 Yes, I take keyboard lessons
 Yes, I take lessons on a different instrument
 No, but I used to take lessons
 No, I've never taken music lessons before

Do you play in a band?

- Yes
 No, but I'd like to!
 No, not interested

Do you have your own instrument at home?

(All students enrolled in Willie Mae Music Lab after-school are entitled to participate in our Gear Loan Program free of charge)

- Yes
 No

If yes, what instrument do you have?

Please list other musical experience here:

What do you like about music?

What do you hope to learn in class, ensemble, or weekend workshops? Are there particular musical skills you are interested in developing?

MEDICAL / BEHAVIORAL ISSUES

This question is for the parent / guardian.

Does the student have any medical conditions, allergies, emotional/behavioral issues, or any other issues that the staff should know about? This is very important information, as it helps us provide the best care and supervision we can. All medical/behavioral information will be kept confidential, and shared only with the staff as necessary to provide proper care. Please include any medications the student is taking.

RACIAL / ETHNIC IDENTITY (Optional)

This information helps us understand our student base and who we're reaching. Please check ANY and ALL that apply OR write in your preferred identity:

- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black/African-American/Caribbean-American
- Chicana/Latina
- Middle Eastern/Arab American
- Native American
- White/ European American
- My preferred racial/ethnic identity is: _____

TUITION

Families who can afford to do so are asked to pay full tuition. We ask all families to provide us with their annual household incomes so that we can learn about our student base.

Estimated household income (gross annual) _____

Tuition (please check one):

- I am paying full tuition I am applying for financial aid (see below)

I would like more information about paying in monthly installments. Please check one:

- Yes No

FINANCIAL AID

If you are interested in applying for financial aid, please read on and fill out the questions below. If you are paying full tuition, you do not have to fill out this section.

Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls operates with very limited resources and we rely heavily on donations and support from the community to sustain our programs, so we ask those who can afford to pay full price to do so.

However, we realize that not everyone can afford the fee, so we have determined a sliding scale that includes a range of tuition amounts. Please consider your family income, resources, and dependents in the household when determining your financial aid request amount. This process is honor-based and confidential. We do not require any supporting documentation for financial aid consideration, so we expect you to be honest in your assessment and statement of financial need.

Due to our limited funds, we cannot afford to grant every financial aid request. So please, pay what you can. However, if you do need financial assistance, please don't hesitate to ask for it – that's why we offer it.

Financial Aid Guidelines

Household income under \$40,000

Most of our full financial aid goes to students from households with a total annual income of less than \$40,000. If your household income is less than \$20,000, you may request full financial aid without any further explanation. If your income falls between \$20,000 and \$40,000, please request full financial aid if needed, or if you are able to pay tuition, please tell us how much you can pay.

Household income between \$40,000 and \$80,000

Most partial financial aid goes to girls from households with a total annual income between \$40,000 and \$80,000. Please request full financial aid if needed, or if you are able to pay tuition, please tell us how much you can pay.

Household income above \$80,000

We are generally able to consider financial aid for households with a total income of greater than \$80,000 only in extreme, extenuating circumstances, such as medical hardship, recent job loss, or a large number of dependents (i.e. financial responsibility for extended family members). We cannot grant financial aid due to the student being enrolled in multiple after-school programs, or other situations involving elective activities. However, if you feel you need financial assistance, please submit a financial aid form with an explanation, and we will review it.

Rock Camp also offers payment plans for people who would like to pay their tuition in installments. For more information on payment plans, please write to info@williemaerockcamp.org.

How much can you afford to pay toward your student's tuition for the semester?:

(Please only fill this out if you're requesting financial aid.)

For reference, full tuition for each program is as follows: Music Lessons \$340; Ensemble \$420; Music Lessons + Ensemble \$700; ONLY Weekend Workshops \$60

- \$600
- \$500
- \$420
- \$340
- \$200
- \$100
- \$60
- \$20
- I cannot pay any tuition.
- Other: _____

Feel free to explain your situation further here:

QUESTIONS?

Questions about the application? Write to info@williemaerockcamp.org or leave a message at 347-599-0716 and we will call you back as soon as possible.