



Music Heals

A. Healing Initiatives Supported by The ASCAP Foundation

- **Mariana & Paul Williams "Sunlight of the Spirit" Award** (National) Supports individuals under the age of 30 who are exemplary in recovery and music creativity.
- **Institute for Music & Neurologic Functions** (Bronx, NY) **Music Therapy Clinic for Aphasia** -- This program works with patients suffering from Aphasia, which is the loss of speech following a stroke or brain trauma. The Institute for Music and Neurologic Function Music Therapy Clinic for Aphasia aims to improve speech production and communication through music-based therapeutic activities.
- **Music Therapy of the Rockies** (National) – Holds a series of three-day songwriting retreats around the country for veterans diagnosed with PTSD.
- **Operation Song** (Nashville, TN) -- Provides funding for weekly 2 hour classes in songwriting for veterans of Vietnam, Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts who have been referred to the group by counselors and/or therapists.
- **SongwritingWith: Soldiers** (National) -- Provides an opportunity for active duty and former service men/women suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and traumatic brain injuries to participate in a weekend retreat which allows them to tell their stories, explore emotional connections and experience catharsis through songwriting with ASCAP songwriter members.

B. Humanitarian/Community Programs Funded by The ASCAP Foundation

- **Berklee City Music Program** (Boston, MA) **Berklee City Music Advanced Theory 3 Class** -- Offers inner-city high school students an intensive 32-week program which includes weekly private lessons, classes in musicianship and theory, composition and master classes taught by visiting artists.
- **Education Through Music** -- **LA Music Education Program** (Los Angeles, CA) -- Provides access for elementary school children, from the inner city of Los Angeles to weekly music education programs focusing on songwriting from ASCAP member teaching artists. In addition two teacher training workshops are held annually for teachers on teaching composition and improvisational skills to students.
- **The Fresh Air Fund** (Fishkill, NY) **Summer Guitar Project** -- Provides guitar lessons and exposure to songwriting by ASCAP members to over 3,000 (per summer) inner city elementary and middle school students attending the Fresh Air Fund Camps. For

many it is their first experience with music lessons and instruments. ASCAP members also provide free concerts for the campers.

- **Grand Canyon Music Festival** (Grand Canyon, AZ) **Native American Composer Apprenticeship Project** -- Provides funding for the high profile symphonic group *Ethel* to work with under-served Native American students to develop original symphonic works.
- **Harmony Project** (Los Angeles, CA) **Hollywood Music Education Program** -- Provides honorarium for instructors for a 12-week after-school program for 30 at-risk middle and high school teens who already play instruments, but lack formal training.
- **International Alliance for the Advancement of Children** (Brooklyn, NY) **Music for Inspiration and Healing for Children** -- This program supports economically disadvantaged children, and in particular Haitian children and children of Haitian descent, ages 5-22, who were victims of the 2010 earthquake. The purpose of the project is to introduce music creation through a summer enrichment program in which the children are taught the rudiments of music and guided to write their own songs as an outlet for telling their stories, gaining confidence and healing trauma.
- **Jazzmobile** (New York City) **Saturday Jazz Workshop** -- Through this 16-week program, students from ages 7 and up from throughout NYC and the Tri-State area are able to develop their technical and musical skills by working with highly experienced artist-instructors free of charge.
- **Louis "Satcho" Armstrong Summer Jazz Camp** (New Orleans, LA) -- Provides a jazz education program to underserved student helping to develop the next generation of Jazz artists and preserving the great American art form.
- **Lovewell Institute for the Creative Arts** (Fort Lauderdale, FL) -- Provides scholarships for under-served middle school students to attend this 3-week summer program which enables them, along with teaching artists, to create an original musical, which they then perform.
- **Music & Improv Composition Program for senior citizens** (Queens, NY) -- Provides an opportunity for senior citizens to participate in composition and performance programs.
- **St. John School of the Arts** (St. John, Virgin Islands) **Songwriting and Composition Workshop**-- A 20-week in-school music education program focuses on the art of creating songs utilizing four music genres: jazz, folk, rock and hip hop as well as four aspects of songwriting: melody, harmony, rhythm and lyrics. The program targets at risk, under-served youth in grades 6, 7 and 8 from two schools on the island of St. John.
- **WriteGirl** (Los Angeles, CA) **Write Girl Songwriting Workshop** -- Provides stipends for ASCAP songwriters to work one-on-one with teenage girls in the inner city of Los Angeles to teach the craft of songwriting, resulting in a day-long workshop in LA's Disney Hall where the songs are performed.