



GATEWAY MUSIC OUTREACH

Opening the doors of opportunity for youth's personal, social, and scholastic advancement through music.

Date: September 18, 2026

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1. Welcome & Opening Remarks

Welcome families and students to the 2026–2027 program year! As we mark our 10-year milestone, we continue our commitment to empowering students through music education, mentoring, and performance opportunities.

2. Student Highlight- Congratulations to our GMO student/s on their recent audition success! Kudos to:

- **Sabrina Bush: Double Bass-** Successfully auditioned for the Webster University Young Peoples Symphonic Orchestra (YPSO). Webster University
- **Toran Price: Violinist-** Successfully auditioned for the Webster University Young Peoples Concert Orchestra (YPCO). Webster University
- **Avery Ray Violin-** Successfully auditioned for the St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra
- **Teilakay Strong: Double Bass-** Successfully auditioned for the Webster University Young Peoples Symphonic Orchestra (YPSO). Webster University

3. Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

A. GMO 10th Anniversary Kicka-Off: Brushes & Bows



- **Date & Time:** Saturday, October 3, 2026 | 7:30 – 9:30 PM
- **Location:** The Brentwood Community Center, 2505 S Brentwood Blvd, Brentwood, MO 63144
- **Overview:** An evening of art and impact featuring a meet and greet, live performances by our talented students, and a painting experience led by visual artist Kenya Mitchell of Pure Artistry. The meet and greet and student showcase are free and open to the public.
- **Painting Registration:** Guests who wish to participate in the painting experience must register in advance (\$40 fee) by September 26, 2026. Visit <https://gatewaymusicoutreach.com/>

B. Christmas Concerts

- **Pleasant Grove Christmas Performance:** Tentatively Tuesday, December 8, 2026. (Details forthcoming)
- **Annual Christmas St. Louis Art Museum Performance:** (Details forthcoming)

C. African American History Concert

- **Date & Location:** Sunday, February 21, 2027 at 3:00 p.m. at Olivet Missionary Baptist Church, Florissant, MO.
- **Overview:** A celebration of culture, history, and musical excellence.
- **Volunteer Needs:** (2) Setup/breakdown, (2) Ushers/greeters, (2) Donor table support

D. Teacher Appreciation & Informal Mini Recital

- **Date & Location:** May 2027 (TBD) | Volunteer Needs: Planning Committee and refreshment support.

E. Annual Spring Recital & F. Annual Piano Recital

- **Date & Location:** May 2027 (TBD) | Piano Recital Date & Location: TBD

4. Annual GMO Senior Scholarship

Applications will be sent to parents of eligible seniors no later than December 31, 2026, and are due on March 30, 2027. Add your child's name to the scholarship sign-up to receive eligibility details.

5. Parental Support

Goal: Raise \$7,500 by April 1, 2027. Contributions: \$75 for 1 student household, \$100 for 2+ students.

- **Current Opportunities:** Brushes & Bows, Student Sponsorship Competition, Giving Tuesday, Give STL Day, 10th Anniversary Gala Concert.
- **How Funds Support Students:** Instruments/repairs, instructional resources, program scholarships, event production, outreach, field experiences.
- **Ways Parents Can Help:** Donating, sharing fundraiser links, inviting guests, employer matching gifts, volunteering.

6. Parent Advisory Committee Update

- Overview of responsibilities and time commitment; invitation for parents to express interest.

7. Adopt-A-Musician Program

Mandatory application is now due. Parents, please remain at the conclusion of this meeting for a quick touch base.

8. Q&A / Open Discussion

- Parent questions, program improvement suggestions, opportunities for deeper involvement.

9. Closing Remarks

- Appreciation for continued support.
- **Next Meeting Date (Advisory Committee Only):** Saturday, November 21st @ 9:00 a.m.