



The National String Project Consortium Receives Grant from The NAMM Foundation

Watkins Glen, NY – (08/16/19) — The National String Project Consortium has been named a grant recipient of The NAMM Foundation. The organization was selected as one of 28 music-making organizations to receive a grant to fund vital programs that provide access to music-making opportunities across a variety of different communities and demographics.

"Through the transformative work of these organizations, thousands of people will discover or advance their love and desires for making music," said Mary Luehrens, Executive Director of The NAMM Foundation. "And these projects also advance new music learning experiences and capacity – all essential for creating more music makers."

The grants serve to underscore the Foundation's mission to advance participation in music making and offer quality access to all people. As one of 28 recipients, National String Project Consortium will utilize the resource to support the organization's mission to train college students to be our prepared future teachers of tomorrow and provide accessible and affordable instruction to community youth. This grant will allow a new national String Project site to emerge at the University of Northern Colorado (Lindsay Fulcher, Director) and to offer continued emerging site support to String Projects at San Jose State University (Sarah Jones, Director), Tennessee Tech University (Mia Hagarty, Director), University of Texas at El Paso (Stephanie Meyers, Director), and Texas State University (Ames Asbell, Director).

"The National String Project Consortium, now in its 20th year, continues to build excellence in future string music educators across the country as well as provide string instruction to communities that seek enrichment in the arts," said Dr. Elizabeth Reed, Executive Director. "We value the NAMM Foundation's continued generous support of our mission to further increase the value of string music education across the country."

Since its inception in 1994, The NAMM Foundation's annual grant program has donated more than \$18 million in support to domestic and international music education programs, scientific research, advocacy and public service programs related to music-making. The grants are funded in part by donations from the National Association of Music Merchants and its 10,400 member companies worldwide.

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About the National String Project Consortium

The National String Project Consortium (NSPC) is a coalition of String Project sites based at colleges and universities across the United States. The NSPC is dedicated to increasing the number of children playing stringed instruments and addressing the critical shortage of string teachers across the country. The NSPC is affiliated with institutions of higher education, communities, businesses, foundations, professional music organizations, and individuals who support these goals. For more information about the NSPC, please visit www.stringprojects.org.

About The NAMM Foundation

The NAMM Foundation is a nonprofit organization funded in part by the National Association of

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