

HERE AND THERE



Quest will be hosting another year of SYEP at MS 61, 400 Empire Blvd., providing participants with valuable paid internship experience. This summer we are focusing on organizing our music library of over three hundred songs arranged and/or composed in the Finale Music Notation Program!



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MS 61 Band Program Opening



Quest has expanded our services to School District 17, The Dr. Gladstone H. Atwell Middle School 61 located at 400 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11225. The school is led by Principal Daidis whom is a welcoming advocate for community engagement and partnership. MS 61 is a member of Senator Hamilton's initiative "The Campus" which is now offering music and vocal services to the district. Currently, the Quest staff is preparing MS 61 band students for their second public performance with the senior class chorus for the 2018 graduation ceremony.



Band students meet every Monday and Tuesday from 2:30pm to 5:30pm learning the fundamentals of music, music theory, sight reading, instrument playing and vocal instruction. Plans are in development for summer programming with SASF to provide the students with an eclectic array of project based activities for the summer break.

A COMMUNITY WITHIN A COMMUNITY



Q City Soundz

Quest signature program "Q City Soundz" is off to a great competitive start with five talent competitions completed and approximately eight scheduled performances with more being added through our summer program. We believe friendly competition promotes a culture of innovation and continuous improvement which is evident as our students have accelerated in program outcomes and student understanding of curriculum material since we joined the competitive field of music performance. Students react differently when a single objective is expected and reacted on by the group. It tends to motivate the achievement process, creates synergy, and pulls the group in the same direc-

tion, fostering a sense of unity, team spirit, caring and nurturing for the good of the group. With competition we have seen a spike in attendance, performance execution of the studied compositions, increased engagement between members and an overall positive audience exchange of energy. The audience not only sees and hears them, they feel THEM!



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SUMMER PROGRAM SITE

MS 61
400 Empire Boulevard, Room B38
Brooklyn, NY 11225
(New York Ave. & Empire Blvd.)

YEAR ROUND OPEN REGISTRATION
"Q CITY SOUNDZ" STAGE BAND!
2018 SUMMER SCHEDULE NOW OPEN!
MS 61, 400 EMPIRE BLVD.



3rd Annual Youth Jazz Jamboree Competition

A Program Sponsored by Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium (CBJC)

Facilitated by Quest Youth Organization



What an electrifying day! On Saturday, April 28, 2018, the Third Annual “Youth Jazz Jamboree Competition” was held at MS 35, The Stephen Decatur School. As part of the month long Jazz Festival, the event was sponsored by “Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium” (CBJC). Music youth groups competed by performing jazz repertoires. This event is part of CBJC’s efforts to ensure the continuation of jazz music through the development of youth. .

The program began with solo performances by various youth musicians. There were several categories and musical instruments were awarded as prizes for various categories.

When it was then time for performances by the jazz bands. Q City Soundz” stage band headquartered at MS 35, Brooklyn, New York was first to perform. Q City Soundz is a performing music and vocal ensemble. Their jazz repertoire was excellently presented and the group received a great response from the audience.

Next up was the “BassMent” consisting of high school students that attend Beacon High School located in New York City. The judges were very impressed by their original composition and awarded them with the first prize, consisting of \$500.



During the program, the “Upon The Shoulders of Our Elders Award” was presented to Richard Rafik Williamson, a professional pianist for over 58 years. At the finale, all members of the youth bands, as well as seasoned music professionals, came together on the stage to perform Randy Weston’s “Hy-Fly” with Mr. Williamson as lead pianist and conducted by Irwin Hall. It was a resounding performance very much appreciated by the audience and musicians. CBJC looks forward to fostering the continued growth of the Youth Jazz Jamboree Competition.



Upon The Shoulders of our Elders Award

“Upon The Shoulders of our Elders Award”, presented by Quest at the Youth Jazz Jamboree Competition, sponsored by Central Brooklyn Jazz Consortium on Saturday April 28, 2018. Pictured are Richard Rafik Williamson, Honoree—William DeWalt, Quest Music Director, Clarence Moseley, Chairperson, CBJC and Band Leader Kenny John of the Kenny John Orchestra.

It is a humble attempt to acknowledge an elder in whose character, life journey and legacy, we recognize for the qualities of innovation, industry and excellence. The awardee for the year 2018 is pianist and educator, Mr. Richard Rafik Williamson, a man who has sacrificed fame and fortune for the integrity of the art and skills of jazz, ensuring its preservation by passing on the skills and history of jazz, “The Music of a Spirit”, to our youth and community. It is our true honor to recognize Mr. Williamson for his outstanding contribution to the world of jazz.

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