



PEER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM DESCRIPTION APPLICATIONS DUE JANUARY 22, 2010

WE'RE LOOKING FOR 10 YOUNG MUSICIANS WHO WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Are you between the ages of 14 and 18? Do you love classical music? Have you dedicated yourself to becoming a better musician? Then as a musician, role model, and leader, you can make a difference in your community – by sharing your music with all kinds of audiences, mentoring younger children, advocating for music education, or raising money for a good cause, and in the process showing people that teenagers have a lot to contribute to the world. How do we know this works? Because From the Top has been training young musicians to share their gifts in just these ways for more than six years. Read about some success stories at www.iowamakesmusic.com.

HOW IT WORKS

The **Iowa Makes Music Peer Leadership Program** will support ten teenage classical musicians from Cedar Rapids, Iowa City and the surrounding communities who are chosen as Peer Leaders. If you are chosen:

- You will receive six hours of training by From the Top staff in leadership and interactive performance techniques, multimedia training to document your project, along with follow-up support from an adult coach.
- You will design your own community service project to carry out in Spring 2010. Funds to support local travel and materials will be available once your project plan has been approved by your coach.
- You will document your project (in text, photos, video, or another medium) for the iowamakesmusic.org web site and other publicity outlets.
- You will be recognized for your accomplishments and will receive a Certificate of Leadership.

CRITICAL DATES

Application deadline:	January 29, 2010
Decision deadline:	February 8, 2010
Training date:	February 21, 2010 (in Cedar Rapids)
Projects completed by:	June 11, 2010

TIME COMMITMENTS

- One six-hour group training Sunday, February 21, 2010
- Follow-up communication with adult coach via phone, email, or in person
- Time required to successfully complete and document your community service project

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APPLICANTS SHOULD BE

- Between the ages of 14 and 18 (as of the January 22, 2010 application deadline)
- At an advanced level of classical musicianship
- Interested in community outreach
- Able to complete the requirements of the program

DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION AT www.iowamakesmusic.org!

For more information, contact Jenny Meyburg, jmeyburg@fromthetop.org, (617) 437-0707 x111.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

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NOTE: Before filling out this application, please read the "Peer Leadership Program Description" document.

BASIC INFORMATION

Name: _____ Today's date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cellular Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Academic School (note if you are home-schooled): _____ Grade: _____

Date of Birth: _____

TELL US ABOUT YOU

1. Please briefly tell us why you are interested in participating in the Peer Leadership Program of Iowa Makes Music.

2. Do you have any experience working in a leadership role (musical or non-musical) with younger students? If so, please describe.

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3. Do you have any budding ideas of projects you'd be interested in exploring as a leadership project (ex. sectionals with elementary level musicians, free private lessons, arts education advocacy campaign, etc.)?

4. What three specific strengths, skills or traits of yours would uniquely contribute to this program? How?

YOUR MUSICAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

5. How did you become interested and involved in classical music?

6. Please list any involvement in orchestras, bands, choruses, private studies, music programs, etc.

7. Please list one or two recent musical accomplishments.

8. Have you ever applied to be on From the Top's radio or television show? If yes, when?

9. Are you a From the Top alumnus/a? _____

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OTHER EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION

10. Please list any academic or community awards or honors you have received within the last four years.

11. What is your current G.P.A. in school? _____(If you are home-schooled, please leave blank.)

12. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

PLEASE EMAIL THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

jmeyburg@fromthetop.org

QUESTIONS?

(617) 437-0707 x111, or send a message to jmeyburg@fromthetop.org

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