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MUSIC FOR ALL RECEIVES SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT FROM INDIANAPOLIS-BASED LDI, LTD.

Music for All, along with 15 other Indianapolis arts and cultural organizations, has received a special project grant from Indianapolis-based LDI, Ltd. LDI, Ltd. is marking 100 years in business by giving more than \$1.2 million back to Indianapolis through the LDI 100th Anniversary Celebration Cultural Partnerships Gift Program. Cultural arts projects funded by this gift program will happen throughout the city for an entire year.

“LDI wanted to create a gift to the Indianapolis community that nurtured our company and allowed us to grow and thrive for 100 years,” says Andre Lacy, Chairman of the Board. LDI’s predecessor company, U.S. Corrugated-Fibre Box Company, was established in 1912 by Howard J. Lacy and two partners. Today LDI is a Forbes-ranked holding company specializing in value-added distribution and logistics-supply chain businesses.

This special project grant will allow Music for All to create a community drum circle initiative for downtown business professionals in Indianapolis so professionals of all ages can get connected to the arts community, network with one another and gain benefits from actively participating in music making – all on one day a month during a lunch hour. MFA will partner with Bongo Boy Music School (<http://www.bongoboymusic.com/>) to provide instruments and a professional experience. Music for All plans to offer this opportunity to the public free of charge.

With gifts totaling more than \$1 million, the LDI 100th Anniversary Celebration Cultural Partnership Gift Program has engaged longtime partners as well as new organizations in the community.

“We asked these organizations to ‘dream big’ for projects that would extend cultural arts programs to build bridges across our city to engage all members of our community. We are proud to partner with them,” Margot Lacy Eccles, Vice President of LDI, says.

Music for All hopes that regular downtown drum circles will provide a unique “win” for Indianapolis while showcasing its status as a home and destination for music and arts community engagement.

“We would like to express our appreciation to LDI, Ltd. for allowing Music for All the opportunity to pursue this unique program,” Eric Martin, Music for All President and CEO, says. “In addition to providing an opportunity to engage in music making, our drum circles will also provide recreational engagement and offer the Indianapolis business community the documented benefits of ‘wellness,’ stress relief, and community connection and support. We’re extremely grateful for the opportunity to partner with Bongo Boy Music School to offer these unique musical experiences to a new audience.”

About Music for All

Music for All (MFA) is one of the nation’s largest and most influential organizations in support of active music making. Since 1975, MFA, through its Bands of America and Orchestra America programs, has been a destination and set the standard for scholastic music ensemble performance and music education advocacy. A 501(c)3 not-for-profit educational organization, MFA uses its national profile programming to recognize, model, showcase and provide individual, teacher and organizational examples of music performance excellence and achievement. MFA’s programs include 20 annual events, including the Bands of America Grand National Championships and Regional Championships for marching band both held in Lucas Oil Stadium; the Music for All Summer Symposium camp for students and teachers at Ball State University in Muncie; and the Music for All National Festival for concert bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles. Music for All’s programmatic model is designed to mirror and supplement the classroom and performance model adopted in most American scholastic settings.

Music for All’s efforts are supported through sponsorships, including current partnerships with National Presenting Sponsor, Yamaha Corporation of America; Official Uniform Sponsor, Fred J. Miller, Inc.; Official Equipment Sponsor, Wenger Corporation; Official Student Travel Partner, Music Travel Consultants; Corporate Sponsor, Remo, Inc.; Strategic Advocacy Partner, NAMM; Associate Sponsors, Vic Firth, Inc., Vandoren and SmartMusic®; and Program Sponsor, Center X Productions. Music for All is also supported by the Arts Council of Indianapolis and the City of Indianapolis, by the Indianapolis Cultural Development Commission, the Ball Brothers Foundation, Chase Community Giving, LDI 100th Anniversary Celebration Cultural Partnerships Gift Program and by the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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