

Feb 19, 2021

To the Appropriations Committee:

Just a quick note here from a musician in New Haven who deeply values the work done at Music Haven. My colleagues there are consummately professional musicians and mentors who care deeply about their students and their families. Their work makes a significant impact on all the lives touched there, and often sets disadvantaged youth up for future academic success at the collegiate level.

I was impressed by Committee Chair Toni Walker's promise to correct Music Haven's omission. See end of this article:

<https://www.newhavenarts.org/arts-paper/articles/arts-army-rallies-to-keep-music-haven-in-state-budget>

Music Haven needs and deserves generous continued state funding. Please stand by your commitment to include Music Haven in the state budget.

Sincerely,

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