

# ECJR's Academy of the Arts & Enrichment Center

East Coast Jazz Revue will establish a community arts academy in Eastern North Carolina to provide instruction in the arts to enhance the knowledge base and skill set of youngsters ages 3 to 18.

In a landscape of global economics, shrinking borders, the Internet and social media, our young citizens must be prepared culturally as well as academically for success.

It is our vision to help impact futures and change perspectives of youth from rural and/or low-wealth communities through **music**, **voice**, **dance** and **theater**. The Academy will offer group and individual lessons, and develop a musical instrument program by scholarships.



"The arts teach us that there is something that connects us all and is bigger than each of us."

*Yo-Yo Ma*

*Grammy Award  
winning Cellist  
Huffington Post*



## RESEARCH SHOWS...

Studies conducted by cognitive neuroscientists from seven leading U.S. universities, correlates music training with improved cognition, motivation, attention, memory, and other developmental benefits. *Learning, Arts, and the Brain*

## Arts education develops thinking skills and capacities key to success in the 21st Century workforce.

- Equips students to be creative.
- Strengthens problem solving ability.
- Builds collaboration and communication skills.
- Increases capacity for leadership

Source: Arts Education Partnership



## ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

1. Improvement in academic achievement in math, reading and concentration for youngsters
2. Reduction of youth violence among Academy participants
3. Creation of intergenerational learning environments with guest and indigenous instructors
4. Reinvigorate a sense of community pride in the students, their families and neighbors
5. Enhance perception of the Academy neighborhoods and the development of mutual respect between communities crossing the divides of race and income
6. Transform the lives of the students by changing their perspective of self through music and the arts

