

# InConcert

with the Cochran Wrenn Duo

## PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- Interactive Community Chamber Music Concerts
- Musical Story Times with K-1 Students
- Workshops with Music Students in the School District
- Student Input to Influence the Process of Creating the Composition
- Rehearse and Perform New Composition with MHS Wind Ensemble
- Multimedia Blog to Document the Project



## WHAT IS INCONCERT?

### AN INVESTMENT IN YOUTH AND THE COMMUNITY

Harvard Education Professor Howard Gardner describes effective arts education programs as those where artistic learning is organized around “meaningful projects, which are carried out over a significant period of time, and allow ample opportunity for feedback, discussion, and reflection.”

In line with this, InConcert, a partnership between the Cochran Wrenn Duo and Marlborough Public Schools (MPS), will introduce students and the community to the process of composing and performing a piece of music for flute and guitar with band. This collaboration will broaden the community’s understanding of chamber music and the composition process, engage students in the creative process, foster creativity, inspire interest in new music, and enhance the profile of the MPS music program.

The core of InConcert is the commissioning of a new piece to be performed by the Cochran Wrenn Duo with the Marlborough High School Wind Ensemble. We will commission the composition from Cody Forrest, an early career composer and recent graduate from New England Conservatory.

But this project is more than a commission—it’s an educational initiative, a platform for community engagement and an opportunity to inspire emotional investment in the arts. The commissioned composer will gather student input to influence the process of creating the composition, lead discussions about the composition process with the students, participate in the multimedia blog, participate in rehearsals with the wind ensemble, and attend the premiere.

### Q: When will InConcert take place?

A: The Cochran Wrenn Duo and composer Cody Forrest will begin working with MPS students in May 2017 and continue through the world premiere of the composition in May 2018.

*InConcert's innovative approach to music education has been recognized recently with a Boston Conservatory Alumni Entrepreneurial Award, a Marlborough Cultural Council Grant and as a finalist in the 2016 National Flute Association Arts Venture Competition.*



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**For anyone to grow up complete, music is imperative."**

*– Paul Harvey,  
Broadcaster/Commentator*

## Q: How can I help support this Initiative?

A: First and foremost, come to our community concerts! Follow our [multimedia blog](#), and attend the world premiere of the new composition in May 2018. Also, InConcert will only happen through the generosity of sponsors and individuals. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution by giving online [here](#).

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*"What is particularly beneficial with this endeavor is the far-reaching impact this will have on our students. . . The musical story times at the elementary level is a clear testament to the well roundedness of the project as all grades will experience the power of the universal language." – Gary Piazza, Wind Ensemble Director, Marlborough High School*

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## WHY INCONCERT?

The collaboration between the Cochran Wrenn Duo and MHS Wind Ensemble will engage the public with excellent art and learning activities for children and adults. These goals will be achieved through thoughtful concert programming, community collaborations to engage children and adults, student and community access to professional musicians, educational events, hands-on learning, and performance activities. This initiative will bring the musicians, composer and band program together in new and meaningful ways, and will use music to bridge gaps between diverse groups.

InConcert has the potential to impact a broad range of students and members of the community. It is well-documented that intensive arts involvement has long-lasting benefits for students, especially in communities like Marlborough with a diverse socioeconomic landscape. With so many cuts to school music programs recently, projects like InConcert become even more crucial in our society to inspire creativity and humanity in the next generation.

## PROJECT LAUNCH CONCERT

Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 3:00 PM at David French Music Company in Westborough.