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Music to Your Peers to Support Harding Fine Arts Academy Music Program

Music students from Harding Fine Arts Academy will be collaborating with the rock/blues band, Nicnōs through their “Music To Your Peers” program.

Oklahoma City-based, regional touring band Nicnōs continues their “Music To Your Peers” program this fall with a special collaboration with the music students of Oklahoma City’s Harding Fine Arts Academy Charter High School. Choir and Band students will each perform a song on stage with Nicnōs for the concert's grand finale.

“Music to Your Peers” is a non-profit charitable organization formed by the Nicnōs. The mission is to inspire all students to strive for personal success, while also showcasing student musicians among their peers in a concert atmosphere. The ticket sales generated from the evening performance go towards supporting underfunded music education programs at Harding Fine Arts Academy and other Oklahoma schools.

Blake Parks is the fiddle player for the Nicnōs and lives close to the Harding High School building. “Since the members of Nicnōs live close to Harding, we are very excited to give back and raise money for our backyard music school!” said Parks.

Following daytime workshops with the Nicnōs band members, the HFAA choir and band students will join Nicnos onstage with an evening performance on Monday, November 7th at 7:30 in the Harding Auditorium. Admission is \$10 and can be purchased from the school office or at the door.

“Half of the ticket proceeds go to the host school’s music program and the other half goes to “Music To Your Peers” to support music education programs in Oklahoma that need instruments, sheet music, money for contest fees, music stands, and other much needed music equipment and supplies.” said Parks.



In addition, the Nicnōs performed a benefit concert for Harding Fine Arts Academy and “Music To Your Peers” on Saturday, October 15th at The Bottle Cap Barn in Edmond. Almost \$1,000 in donations was raised for HFAA music programs

Harding Fine Arts Academy is an Oklahoma City charter school that prepares high school students for college in an academically challenging, arts-integrated environment and has recently been named a 2015 Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education and recently awarded 2016 Governor’s Arts in Education Award. Harding Fine Arts Academy is located at 3333 N. Shartel Blvd, Oklahoma City OK 73118. For questions about the benefit concert or to donate, contact Linda Lightner at 405-702-4322.

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For interview quotes or for additional info, please contact Blake Parks of Music To Your Peers blakecp@gmail.com, 580-467-4398.

Link to donate to Harding Fine Arts Academy & Music to Your Peers:

<http://musictoyourpeers.com/donations/harding/>

Discover more about Music To Your Peers and watch the 3-min overview video:

<http://musictoyourpeers.com/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/musictoyourpeers/?fref=ts>

Facebook Event for Nicnos Performance at Harding:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/191709401253589/>

Discover more about the Harding Fine Arts Academy: <http://hardingfinearts.org/>

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