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## **INTAKE Summer Music Camp Students to Perform for Stamford Mayor David Martin**

**Friday, August 12, 2PM**

**Government Center, 888 Washington Blvd.**

***STAMFORD, CT (August 8, 2016)***—On Friday, August 12th, at 2:00 pm, INTAKE Summer Music Camp students will perform for Stamford Mayor David Martin in the lobby of the Stamford Government Center, as part of their civic-engagement and community-outreach activities. The concert, a showcase for the children’s talents and skills, will be the culmination of the week-long program, which is designed to offer high-quality summer learning experiences to combat the “summer slide” among underserved children.

The week-long camp provides 35 children with mornings of classical music instruction on violin, viola, charango, recorders and guitar for beginning students, and choir, all taught by professional musicians, and afternoons of field trips to local cultural and educational organizations. The afternoon enrichment opportunities are designed to help close the summer “opportunity gap” that many of these children face, so that they retain their skills and enter the coming school year in as strong a position as possible.

The campers will visit:

- SoundWaters, where they will learn about the importance of protecting the Long Island Sound;
- Stamford Museum & Nature Center, where they will visit the working farm and learn about sustainable gardening;
- The Ferguson Library, where they will learn about the importance of reading in Spanish and English, gain library skills, and give a concert for library patrons as part of a new institutional partnership between INTAKE and the library.

The Summer Music Camp is held at the Unitarian Universalist Church in downtown Stamford at 20 Forest Street, and is partially funded by a generous grant from St. John's Community Foundation and the Mayor's Community Arts Partnership Program (CAPP).

### **About INTAKE:**

The INTAKE Organization (Instrumentally Native Taking on the Classics) is a youth development and arts education organization, founded in 2011 by violinist and social entrepreneur Angelica Durrell. INTAKE's mission is to improve the quality of life of underserved children, largely from immigrant families, by providing access to quality classical music education through the use of native instruments that represent the community's diverse cultural backgrounds. INTAKE's innovative flagship program, the Native Instrument Academy, utilizes tuition-free or minimal-tuition instruction on instruments indigenous to Latin American and African countries, as well classical instruments, to make music relevant, accessible and inclusive, while leveraging the skills gained through engaging in the arts, such as discipline and self-esteem, to improve the lives of the children we reach.

In the spring of 2016, the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities and its cultural partners, the National Council of the Arts and the Institute of Museum and Library Services, recognized INTAKE as a 2016 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award Finalist, one of 50 US organizations whose artistic programs promote excellence in the arts and humanities and offer learning opportunities to young people.

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