



All About FAME!

FAME, the Foundation for Art and Music in Education, was founded in 1986 with the belief that elementary and middle school students need special opportunities outside of school to create, exhibit, and perform works of art. What started as the FAME Festival in 1987 is now an acclaimed year-round arts education program for children.

In the summer of 1986, Dorothy Kittaka, Music Specialist, and Mike Schmid, Art Specialist at Haverhill Elementary School in Southwest Allen County Schools, were very concerned about the state of arts education with federal and state cuts in the education budget, which translated to the arts being cut or reduced in the schools. There was no public arts advocacy group to promote the value of elementary music and art in the community. Art and music teachers did not have a network to communicate and share ideas with each other. Dorothy and Mike decided to start a countywide arts festival in Fort Wayne in a downtown venue, the Grand Wayne Convention Center. With no funds and a dream, they opened the phone book and looked up the elementary schools in the Allen County area. After sending out 100 letters addressed to “Music and Art Specialist” in each school, they received a 65 percent positive response and FAME had its start.

“FAME began as a result of the governor of Indiana proclaiming it “The year of Elementary Art”. FAME was intended to provide a showcase for elementary arts as well as support for the collaborative growth of arts teachers. It became a collegial coming together of teachers promoting and improving arts education. During the first 8 years, a new program was piloted and still continues today.” Mike Schmid, Co-founder.

Ongoing annual programs focus on a current world arts study and through the following programs FAME brings the study to the classroom: Visiting Artists, Composition Project, Fusion of Concert Colors, FAME Summer Arts Camp, FAME Festivals, Celebration of Youth Concerts, Teacher Workshops, and Culture Kits. The 2018-19 cultural theme will be Sub-Saharan Africa.

Co-founder, Dorothy Kittaka says, *“I am amazed and in wonder as I see what happens when the creativity of students from K-8 are presented with performances and artwork at the annual FAME Festival where we are still the largest single event at the Grand Wayne Convention Center. We have touched over 4,500,000 students with Multicultural Arts for the past 30 years with more than 7 arts programs throughout the year. The arts must be kept alive and well in our schools. FAME is the support organization for arts educators who in turn are the key to teaching the skills and the love of the arts to children. The arts are vital to the education of every child in school for it is a form of communication which is universal and feeds our souls.”* Kittaka adds.



FAME is a traveling journey of the world through the arts for children. Each year FAME studies a different culture through the arts and we share that with our area music and art teachers so that they may share it with their students. It is a “Magical” adventure! Many children won’t be able

to actually travel much during their lives, due to family, social and economic dynamics. FAME wants to make sure children “feel” like they have, through the arts. What a great way to learn about others and accept others for the differences and beauty.

Adventures unfortunately are not free and take so much time to prepare. FAME needs help from our community to make these “Magical” experiences for our children. Would you be able to donate funds and/or your time to help the next generation see the world? We are in search of board members, event and festival volunteers. It could be a couple hours a month or a few days out of the year. We need all kinds of diverse people with multitudes of backgrounds and talents! We need YOU! If you cannot volunteer your time and talents, perhaps you can help us monetarily. You will never regret helping children become the best people they can be!

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FAME would like to welcome back Nicholas Sironka to Fort Wayne in March 2019. Sironka will be visiting our schools teaching our children the art of Batik.

Nicholas Sironka, a self taught Maasai visual artist from Kenya, enjoys teaching the medium of Batik, which is art created with the use of hot wax and cold water fabric dye.

As a child, Sironka enjoyed drawing and painting with supportive parents who encouraged his artistic talents by buying art coloring and drawing books.



Mike Schmid, FAME co-founder with 2006 Visiting Artist, Nicholas Sironka

Sironka started his art career working as a freelance artist illustrating for book publishers and as a graphic artist for local magazines in Kenya. In 1993 Sironka illustrated a book called “*Mcheshi goes to the Market,*” which won the Pan African Children’s Award, the Jomo Kenyatta Award in Nairobi Kenya, and the Exchange Book of Excellence in San Francisco.

In 1993 Sironka was hired by the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) where he taught refugee children from Somalia, Ethiopia and Sudan how to portray their past traumatic experiences using art. The artwork produced by the children where made into a book titled “*One Day We Had to Run!*”

In 2000-2001, Sironka was awarded the prestigious Fullbright Scholar–In-Residence Award by the US Government, to come teach Batik art and Maasai Culture in Spokane, Washington and to several other states in the U.S..

Sironka has taught in many Elementary Sschools, High Schools and universities in the United States and we are pleased to have Sironka sharing his talents and culture with our students.

Sironka will be teaching Batik in classrooms with a limit of 30 students. The cost is \$250 per classroom



The Griot Drum Ensemble

The Griot Drum Ensemble is led by veteran storyteller, Khabir Shareef. The ensemble has been together since 1999 and are regular performers at The Indianapolis Children’s Museum, regional festivals, libraries and community events, and anywhere that African music and storytelling are appreciated. Khabir Shareef is a storyteller, teaching artist with Arts for Learning and ArtMix of Indiana, and a three-time recipient of the Indiana Arts Commission’s individual artist grant.

At the performances, students will understand the meaning of the word “griot”, experience rhythms in West African music and dance, and hear stories and some of the language of West African culture. Students will hear different drum segments. Students will learn patterns, rhythms, the origins of instruments, and the stories of the culture. Students will become active participants by learning language (Swahili), dance steps, and joining into the performances.

The Griot Drum Ensemble will perform for up to 300 students per performance at \$1 per student with a minimum of \$250.

Book your schools now for FAME’s Visiting Artists to perform at your schools.

March 11-17, 2019.

Fort Wayne FAME Festival

The FAME Festival, where it all started.

Since 1987, the Grand Wayne Center in downtown Fort Wayne has been the place to be in March if you were looking for singing, dancing, music and art! March is National Music in Our Schools Month and it seemed only fitting to have the festival at that time. Remember your school days participating in FAME?



March 16 and 17th, 2019 be prepared to be amazed by the talented elementary and middle school students in our area. From singing to dancing to playing a violin- the FAME Festival has it all! Expect to see over 6500 pieces of original artwork, hear over 2300 performers sing, dance and play musical

instruments.

This year FAME's cultural theme is Sub-Saharan Africa and you can look forward to a few special performances by FAME's Visiting Artists, the Griot Drum Ensemble, on Saturday March 16 at **11:00am, 12noon and 2:00pm**. And visit with Nicholas Sironka as he teaches the art of Batik.

Bring the family and enjoy over 15 different make & take art projects, featuring Sub-Saharan Africa, in the FAMEous Imaginarium, try out classical music instruments at the Quinlan & Fabish booth, or rock out at the Sweetwater Sound and Mynett Music booths. There will be a Scavenger Hunt for the children to take part in and a gift basket drawing for some lucky winners.



Mayor Tom Henry will stop by to choose his favorite pieces of art from each school for the Mayor's Choice Awards. The winners chosen will have a reception at the Mayor's office and have their art pieces exhibited at the Mayor's office in Citizen's Square.

At the conclusion of the Festival you won't want to miss the Celebration of Youth Concert featuring FAME's Fusion of Concert Colors and Composition Project.

Fusion of Concert Colors artwork will also be on display with a reception for the Fusion of Concert Colors winning artists.

The FAME Festival is fun for all, stop out on March 16 and 17th at the Grand Wayne Center!

Volunteers are welcome to come to the FAME Festival and help out with this large event. From T-shirts, to Scavenger Hunt to Imaginarium there are a lot of opportunities to volunteer. Go to www.famearts.org for more information on volunteering or email info@famearts.org.

We look forward to seeing you at the 2019 FAME Festival we guarantee your family will have a wonderful time!

**Be sure to put the FAME Festival on your calendar!
March 16 and 17th, 2019**



Celebration of Youth Concert

Fusion of Concert Colors



The **Celebration of Youth Concert** featuring FAME, Fort Wayne Philharmonic Youth Symphony and Concert Orchestras & the Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company is the exciting end to the FAME Festival each year. Held at the Grand Wayne Center on **Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 3:00pm**. It is a concert to celebrate the hard work of our

elementary and middle school children. The concert will feature the FAME Composition Project which up to thirty four talented 4th grade students will participate in.

During “composium” sessions students are able to compose, perform and notate their very own musical signature compositions with the educational objectives to: deepen one’s understanding and skills in the creative and evaluative processes of music, dance and art; deepen one’s understanding of cultural connections of music, art, dance and storytelling; and to deepen ones’ understanding of career opportunities in the arts.



Mr. David Crowe, Composer-in-Residence, then takes each students signature piece and turns these creative ideas into a musical composition. Once the score is complete it is sent to Fort Wayne Philharmonic and Fort Wayne Ballet’s Youth Company to rehearse and perform during the FAME Celebration of Youth Concert. It’s a concert of a lifetime for these students to hear and see their music being played by a symphonic orchestra and interpreted to by a dance company.

“The Celebration of Youth Concert is such an outstanding concert and one that shouldn’t be missed! It’s a concert dedicated to youth and the arts.” From Executive Director, “T” Irmscher. “Where else can you find The Fort Wayne Philharmonic Youth Symphony and Concert Orchestras, Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company, Fort Wayne Children’s Choir and FAME in one event?”



FAME Fusion of Concert Colors is an interdisciplinary project where students learn about a piece of music and it’s composer following the cultural theme of the year. They will then paint, draw or sketch what the music inspires them to see. Music and art specialists guide students through the FAME Fusion program to better promote an understanding of the arts by encouraging students to draw connections between musical selections and the visual arts.

The Fusion of Concert Colors artwork is displayed at the FAME Festival during the FAME Celebration of Youth Concert on a giant slideshow while the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Youth Symphony and Concert Orchestras plays music from African composer Halim El-Dabh.

There will be an Awards Reception for the students that participated in Fusion of Concert Colors on Sunday, March 17th during the FAME Festival.

Fusion of Concert Colors is a traveling exhibit and will also be exhibited at the University of St. Francis, Rolland Arts Center from May-June and also at the First Presbyterian Church Gallery from June-September.



Wabash FAME Festival



Plans are progressing for the Wabash FAME Festival that will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Honeywell Center in Wabash. We will follow the Sub-Saharan Africa cultural focus that was established by the Fort Wayne parent organization.

Students will be selected from Wabash County schools for our 4th grade Fabulous Composer Project. Four after-school sessions will be planned for approximately 20 chosen students to create original musical themes that will be combined into a larger completed musical work by a guest composer. The students will perform their rhythmic projects at the festival.

Student designs for our festival posters are due to the art teachers in the schools by Friday, December 14. The student entries should use the African cultural theme. Rules for the poster submissions are posted on the Wabash FAME Festival FACEBOOK page or teachers may request the information by emailing Judy Ward, our festival chair, at judyw9538@gmail.com.

The Wabash Festival day will include a large display of student artwork in the lobby of the Honeywell Center. This display usually includes approximately 2500 student art projects. Thirty-minute art workshops will be held throughout the day with four guest visual artists. As artists are confirmed, the information will be added to the FAME website and also to the Wabash FAME Festival FACEBOOK page.

Students from private music studios will perform solos and small ensemble numbers in the Honeywell Room on the main floor of Honeywell Center. Private teachers may inquire about scheduling a half hour time period for their studio by contacting the festival chair. Teachers in elementary and middle school/jr. high schools are encouraged to bring performing ensembles for up to a 30 minute show. These performances could be a band, choir, dance ensemble, drumming ensemble, recorders, a Circle the State with Song singing group, an excerpt from a play, other activities from the music class, or a presentation from a grade level classroom. Dance studios or community choirs would also be welcomed to perform. All ensemble performances will be in the Ford Theater and Legacy Hall at Honeywell.

The popular Imaginarium will feature 11 or 12 easy craft projects representing Africa. These short make-it, take-it projects are each usually completed in about 5 minutes.



All activities at the Wabash Festival are presented free of charge to the festival goers. The festival is presented by donations, grants, and underwriting of organizations in the Wabash community. The Honeywell Foundation is very generous in partnering with FAME to enable us to present the festival in their wonderful facility. Wabash FAME is a Wabash County United Fund agency.

Other grants and donations will be solicited after the United Fund black-out period for fundraising is lifted. The festival requires a large number of volunteers to help with the individual activities. Anyone interested in assisting may contact us at the FACEBOOK page or email Judy Ward at the above address.

Besides the March 16 festival date, Wabash FAME will be represented in several community events that help advertise our program: On September 19, we will sponsor one of the tee locations at the Rotary/United Fund Golf Outing. FAME will have a booth "Drumin' Up Chili" at the Wabash Cannonball Chili for Charity event on Saturday, October 20. Our tent will be decorated with an African motif. Wabash FAME is one of the 9 nonprofit organizations that will benefit from this year's fundraising event. We will have an African-themed Christmas tree on display at the Timbercrest Retirement Home in North Manchester. The displays are set up in late November and remain on display until the end of December.





FAME SUMMER ARTS CAMP

FAME Arts Camp is your place to dive into your favorite art in a fun place. Escape into your own artist world—be with friends who see, hear and live in the world as you do.

The FAME Master Artisans certainly enjoyed spending a week with very talented and amazing children with interests in the arts. FAME Summer Arts Camp takes place at the YMCA’s Camp Potawatami on Blackman Lake. This past week in FAME’s Explorer Classes we featured the arts of Australia and Oceania with classes on Aboriginal Dot

Painting, Ocean Drums, Hawaiian Dance, singing Australian Songs like “Waltzing Matilda” and “Tie Me Kangaroo Down” and we even threw in drums and a little Shakespeare too.

Our FAME Summer Arts Camp is the only resident camp in the state where all of the arts are taught by master music, art and dance teachers. “Dorothy Kittaka, co-founder and Master Arts Teacher.

Each camper chose two of their favorite mediums to further their creative talents and worked with Master Arts Specialists to gain that knowledge. Campers studied acting, drums, songwriting, musical theatre, and visual arts.

During Talent Sharing each night we were entertained with singing, dancing, and amazing artwork.

In addition to all the arts, campers went on mud hikes, swimming, rock wall climbing, horse back riding, archery & much, much more!

FAME Summer Arts Camp will take place next year on June 30-July 5, 2019. For more information go to www.famearts.org.

Campers are ages 8-16.



FAME Summer Arts Camp

June 30-July 5, 2019

YMCA’s Camp Potawatami

Ages 8-16

Musical Theatre, Drama, Dance, Visual Arts, Music, Voice & Instrumental, Explorer classes and much more!

6 Days & 5 Nights

For more information call the FAME Office at
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 Wabash Arts Council
 Wabash County United Fund
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 YMCA Camp Potawatami

FAME Calendar of Events

9/18/18 FAME Teacher's Meeting and Workshop
 Hickory Center Elementary School, 3606 Baird Road
 11/8/18 FAME Ornaments due for Festival of Trees
 to FAME office, 300 E. Main Street, ste 130
 12/12/18 FAME Fusion of Concert Colors
 Artwork due to FAME office, 300 E. Main Street
 3/16/19 FAME Festival Fort Wayne
 9am-5pm Grand Wayne Center
 3/16/19 FAME Festival Wabash
 9am-4pm Honeywell Center
 3/17/19 FAME Festival Fort Wayne
 Noon-5pm Grand Wayne Center
 3/17/19 FAME Celebration of Youth Concert
 3pm GWC, Anthony Wayne Ballroom

COMING SOON

FAMEous Artistic Workshops

Do the Arts Feed Your Soul?

The Foundation for Arts and Music in Education is growing and we want you to join us! Learn what you can do to help inspire, strengthen, and foster creative thinking in your community!



FAME Programs:

FAME Festivals-Fort Wayne & Wabash
 Fusion of Concert Colors
 Composition Project & Celebration of Youth Concert
 Visiting Artists
 Summer Arts Camp
 Teachers Workshops
 FAMEous Artists Workshops-New!



Special Events:

Arts United Taste of the Arts Festival
 Embassy Theatre's Festival of Trees
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FAME Mission Statement
To foster and perpetuate creativity through multicultural arts education. We believe in the value and power of the arts to kindle the imagination, encourage creative thinking, and enhance human development.

- The FAME Vision is to:**
- ★ Empower teachers to nurture artistic creativity.
 - ★ Celebrate the artist in every child and develop pathways to explore the arts.
 - ★ Understand and appreciate cultures through experiences with indigenous art forms.
 - ★ Make the arts enjoyable and part of everyday life.

Help FAME bring a brighter future to children through the arts.

Contributing Levels

\$25	Fusion of Concert Colors
\$50	Composition Project
\$100	Visiting Artists
\$200	Festival

All donations go to support FAME's efforts with elementary and middle school children.

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