



## **JMIH ANNOUNCES SPRING 2017 ACTIVITIES**

*Music Education, Concerts, Events, Mission, Support*

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DeKalb - Just Make It Happen Productions announces the spring roster of public performances.

It includes 6 preschools, a DeKalb County elementary/middle school and Oak Crest's annual '**Brass Birthday Party**', Thursday, April 20 7 p.m.

Thanks to a Mary E. Stevens Concert /Lecture Fund partial funding, the DeKalb Brass will be featured at a 7 p.m. public concert, Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> in Oak Crest's Vista Room.

It is a perfect opportunity for families to experience the lively sounds of the Canadian Brass, New Orleans Jazz and classic brass quintet literature.

6 DeKalb County preschools will experience an introduction to 'string sound' education by DeKalb's Linc and Ann Smelser. Public access is limited.

Thanks to a Wurlitzer Foundation Grant, the program provides a partial balance to JMIH's fall 'Tis the Season' Kishwaukee Brass Quintet programs.

Expanded 'Artist in Residence' programs can include percussion, woodwind, and voice.

Programs are brain research designed to provide young children access to music's natural interactive building blocks for successful schooling, K – 12.

On May 16 DeKalb's John Smith and Shananigans Big Band supported by a Fanny R. Wurlitzer Foundation grant will perform at DeKalb's St. Mary's School. Grades K – 3 and 4 – 8 will host the unique 'Artist in Residence' program titled 'America's Gift to the World: Jazz and Dance.'. Beloit's Ken and Dorothy Stroud will be the featured ballroom dancer team. The public is invited to call the school for available seating.

Shananigans' latest recording ***It's Saturday Night, Let's Dance Vol. 5*** is available from Sycamore Women's Club, Made Just for You retail store or the JMIH website.

College of DuPage's WDCB Jazz Station 90.9 FM. continues to feature tracks NIU's Duke Ellington Ballroom live recording. A sample montage is available on our website. Interested non-profit entities may become a Sales Partner at 50% net.

Citizens interested in live jazz and ballroom dancing are encouraged to register for 1 of 3 **best deal** options prior to May 1 for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual “Let’s Dance” Big Band Weekend July 21 – 23, 2017 in NIU’s Holmes Student Center. [www:justmakeithappen-dekalb.com](http://www.justmakeithappen-dekalb.com).

Interested citizens may consider supporting JMIH via [www.Amazon Smile.org](http://www.AmazonSmile.org) or DeKalb’s Bill White’s Car Hospital corporate partnership funding programs. Questions? visit website.

Residents interested in JMIH are encouraged to participate in a **one-day, 24 hour** support campaign Thursday, May 4 in the DCCF **Give Local** program.

Our mission is the professional entertainment campaign to benefit the community. 100% of designated donations will be dedicated to 4 project areas.

JMIH’s ‘break even’ policy encourages grants or paid events to engage public participation in cherishing professional musicians while experiencing a fun classic program. We treasure showcasing talent and compensating each musician with humble appreciation.

JMIH has a ‘no assets’ and a ‘no paid employee’ policy. This is accomplished by ‘incentive’ ticket pricing, grants, partnerships and production efficiencies. Win – Win – Win net results.

Each project area is designed to enhance DeKalb County’s children, family, and senior’s access to creative and exciting classic professional music programming.

On May 4 the 24 hour **Give Local campaign** encourages generous citizens to partner or sponsor 9 JMIH community project programs.

- ~ Provide 2 JMIH programs for DeKalb’s Farmer’s Market summer series
- ~ Grant match pre school ‘Artist in Residence’ programs in DeKalb County
- ~ Partner fund ‘Tis the Season’ for County Jail, Hope Haven, BCM, Club 55
- ~ Offer ‘dinner music’ at yearly **Let’s Dance** event
- ~ Balance budget for ‘tips only’ **Cabaret Dance**
- ~ Offer New Orleans and contemporary jazz access venue diversity and format.
- ~ Establish recording fund to create unique CD’s for nonprofit’s community fund raising
- ~ Fund JMIH Egyptian Theatre series of public programs.
- ~ Underwrite JMIH teen – adult **‘Practice Dances’** to build confident healthy lives.

We encourage every age to enjoy ‘Just Make It Happen’ fun in DeKalb County.

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Just Make It Happen, Inc is a 501 C 3 nonprofit entity since 2005.

- Our mission is the professional entertainment campaign to benefit our community.

~ 4 project areas: education, building healthy lifestyles, jazz, community outreach

~ Zero assets or paid employees

~ Project budgets funded by event sales, grants and donations

~ Cost control of projects via break even motto

~ Hire and pay professional musicians at fair price points.

~ All-volunteer board of directors.

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Current corporate partners 501 c 3 : Amazon Smile, Bill White's Car Hospital, DCCF Give Local DeKalb County campaign

Current 'cost containment' partners: NIU, HSC, Musicians of Local 10-208, friends of JMIH

"We love to just make it happen"