

February 3, 2011

Dear Friends and Supporters of FAME:

The Foundation for the Advancement of Music and Education, Inc. (FAME), in partnership with the *Prince George's Reading Council*, is sponsoring *A Family Literacy Day at the Theatre*, a fun educational bus trip for 180 children. They will experience the world premiere of *Mirandy and Brother Wind*, a new African-American children's musical. *Mirandy and Brother Wind*, produced by the Adventure Theatre and the African Continuum Theatre, is adapted from the Caldecott Honor and Coretta Scott King Award winning book of the same name. The musical, which has an African-American cast and production team, has received awards from the Maryland State Arts Council, the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County and The National Endowment for the Arts.

As you are aware, *FAME* is dedicated to providing equal access to the arts for all children. Thus, *FAME* is sponsoring a bus trip on Saturday, March 5, 2011, for children to attend the production at the historical Atlas Theatre in Washington, DC. In order to ensure that this event is rich and fulfilling for each student attending, we are asking you to make a tax-deductible donation to help enrich and expose a young person to musical theatre. Your donation will also help cover trip expenses: transportation, tickets to the show, a book for each child, and a healthy snack at the end of the trip.

To further enhance the reading and theatre experience for the youth, teachers, tutors and parents will use the *Mirandy and Brother Wind* study guide to prepare the children prior to the performance. The author, Patricia McKissack, has agreed to autograph a book for each child, and the cast will meet with the children after the show.

Please complete the attached donation form and return it to us by Tuesday, February 22, 2011.

Thanks in advance for your continued support to educate and to engage our children in the cultural arts.

Sincerely,

A. Toni Lewis
Founder/CEO

PS This musical production has received rave reviews from several media outlets, including:

At children's musical 'Mirandy and Brother Wind,' exuberance in the air:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wpdyn/content/article/2011/01/27/AR2011012707001.html>

WITH GUSTO: In the lead role, Felicia Curry:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/photo/2011/01/27/PH2011012707028.html>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/photo/2011/02/01/PH2011020105979.html>

