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City Welcomes Student Musicians to Downtown Park for Lunchtime Performance

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The City of New Bedford will welcome the Global Learning Charter Public School (GLCPS) student band and student jazz ensemble to Custom House Square on Friday, June 13, 2014 at noon for a lunchtime performance.

In the event of inclement weather the performance will be moved indoors to the New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park Visitors Center located at 33 William Street.

The performance by the GLCPS students will be the culmination of a year of hard work for the founding members of the school's instrumental program. Under the direction of GLCPS music teacher and band director Ian Gollub, the 40-member band has practiced all year and performed at several events both at the school and off-campus, including a Providence Bruins game and at the School Choice Fair earlier this year. The band includes students in grades 5-12. Most recently the band attended a workshop at the Boston Conservatory where they performed for and worked with Conservatory professors.



The student jazz ensemble, whose six members participate in the school band, has also performed on several occasions, including for the Global Gala scholarship fundraiser and more recently at an event at the Rotch Jones Duff House that featured jazz groups from several area schools.

“This is not a beginning band any more. They sound like an advanced ensemble; their hard work shows,” said Gollub.

The Custom House Square performance by the student musicians on Friday is made possible in part by a STARS Residencies (Students and Teachers Working with Artists, Scientists, and Scholars) grant through the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The grant enabled the School to enlist veteran band educator Loren Palmer of Rhode Island to work with GLCPS students to improve their skills.

“We are grateful to the Mayor's Office for the opportunity to showcase a year of hard work and incredible music making,” added Gollub.

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