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**Berklee College of Music and Jazz Aspen Snowmass
Host Workshop On College and Career Preparation in Music**

Aspen, CO (September 18, 2023) - On Tuesday, October 10, 2023 from 5-7 pm Berklee College of Music / Berklee City Music and Jazz Aspen Snowmass (JAS) will host a workshop for middle and high school students focused on pursuing a college education and careers in music and the music industry. The workshop will be held at Glenwood Springs High School, and co-hosted by Jazz Aspen Snowmass, a member of the Berklee City Music Network, an association of 46 organizations across the United States, Canada, and Latin America that leverages the power of contemporary music to empower young people from underserved communities.

This workshop will be facilitated by Arin Canbolat, Berklee Associate Dean for Education Outreach; Natara Gray, Berklee Assistant Dean of Admissions, Diversity and Inclusion Recruitment; Kaimy Masse, Berklee Associate Professor; and Chris Bank, JAS In-Schools Director.

“Success for Berklee City Music is for students to realize their potential and take the steps necessary to accomplish their goals wherever that leads them. What we've noticed with these workshops is how appreciative students and parents are for information delivered in a meaningful way so that they feel confident as they take the next step of their educational journey,” said Arin Canbolat.

The workshop will feature breakout sessions for students, parents, and guardians that will provide materials, interactive guidance, Q&A, and an opportunity to record musical pieces, including spoken word and hip-hop, to be in their audition packages. Also, each participant will have a mock college audition and interview.

“JAS is so excited to partner with Berklee City Music in bringing this unique experience to local student artists,” said JAS Senior Vice President Andrea Beard. “The hands-on guidance they will receive from the Berklee College of Music faculty and staff is an extremely special opportunity that should assist them greatly as they begin applying for college. We are so grateful for JAS’ ongoing partnership with Berklee City Music and the many amazing opportunities they have provided to Valley students.”

Through this partnership JAS has been able to send 12 Valley students to the prestigious Berklee 5-Week Music Performance Intensive, the world’s most comprehensive summer music performance program. JAS covers student travel, lodging and incidentals, while Berklee covers tuition. Many of these students have gone on to attend Berklee School of Music, including one who received a 4-year scholarship from Berklee City Music.. In total, Berklee City Music has provided JAS students with over \$228,000 in scholarship funds.

About Berklee City Music

Berklee City Music® is a non-profit organization that leverages the power of contemporary music to empower youth from underserved communities to develop musically, academically, socially, and emotionally. Founded over 30 years ago by Berklee College of Music, the organization reaches over 60,000 students annually through a variety of programs and initiatives including City Music Network, City Music Boston, and the innovative PULSE® online music method. By using culturally relevant music as a vehicle for holistic youth development, Berklee City Music helps young people flourish as students, musicians, and—perhaps most importantly—confident and well-rounded individuals ready to shape the world. <https://www.berklee.edu/> or <https://www.berklee.edu/city-music>

About Jazz Aspen Snowmass

Founded in 1991 and just completing its 32nd season, Jazz Aspen Snowmass (JAS) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. The Mission of JAS is to present and preserve jazz and related forms of music through world-class events, performances, and education programs. JAS operates a series of companion music education programs, Local Education Initiatives (LEI), which have become the backbone of public school music funding in the Roaring Fork Valley. Since 1993 JAS has donated over \$8.5 million to music education in the Roaring Fork Valley and beyond. <https://jazzaspensnowmass.org/>

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