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## SUPPORTMUSIC COALITION NEWSLETTER JULY 2011

Welcome to the SupportMusic Coalition July 2011 newsletter, the first of two summer newsletters. Please stay connected over the next couple of months and share your music education strategies and stories on [facebook](#), [twitter](#) and through email [supportmusic@namm.org](mailto:supportmusic@namm.org) as we work to keep music education strong.

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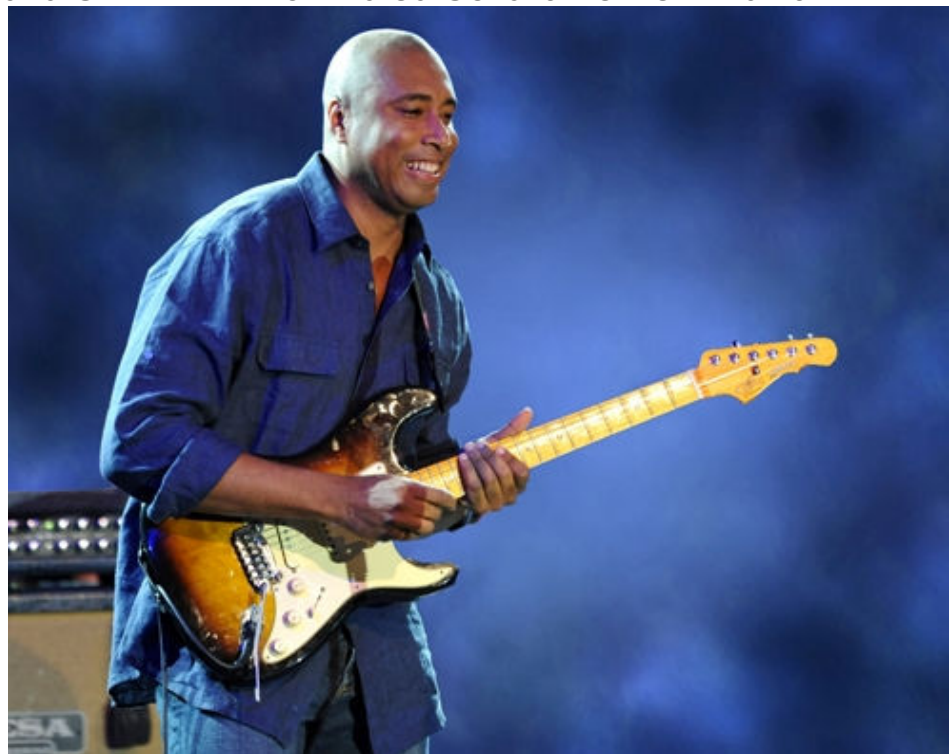
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### 2011 Summer NAMM

**Summer NAMM Event Will Feature Former N.Y. Yankee Great and GRAMMY® -Nominated Guitarist Bernie Williams**



#### **Bernie Williams appearances**

N.Y. Yankee great and Latin-GRAMMY® -nominated guitarist Bernie Williams will speak and play, Saturday, July 23, 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Foundation Lounge, Room #210, and from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the NAMM Idea Center, Booth #837. Immediately following this session,

[Twitter](#)

**Not a member of the SupportMusic Coalition?**  
[Join today - it's free!](#)

**PLAN AHEAD, SAVE THE DATES! 2011-2012 SupportMusic Coalition Conference Call Dates:**

**2011**

Thursday, September 8  
Tuesday, October 18  
Thursday, November 17  
Wednesday, December 14

**2012**

Thursday, January 19  
Tuesday, February 21

Thursday, March 22  
Tuesday, April 24  
Tuesday, May 22  
Tuesday, June 19

**Note:** In lieu of conference calls, a summer newsletter will be published for the months of July and August 2012.

Bernie will sign copies of his new book, "Rhythms of the Game; The Link Between Musical and Athletic Performance," in the Hal Leonard Booth #1018, across from the NAMM Idea Center. For more information about "Rhythms of the Game" [LINK HERE](#)

To register for Summer NAMM send an email to [charesew@namm.org](mailto:charesew@namm.org) with your first and last name, personal email address and name of organization no later than Friday, July 8. All badge registrations after this date will incur a \$25 late fee (no exceptions).

To secure your hotel room during your stay in Nashville, visit <http://www.namm.org/summer/2011/hotels>

For general information about 2011 Summer NAMM, visit [www.namm.org/summer](http://www.namm.org/summer)

## On SupportMusic.com

· Our **Affiliate Spotlight** shines on the Indiana State School Music Association, Inc. (ISSMA), which provides educationally evaluated music performance activities for Indiana teachers and their 20,000+ students at 120 sites each school year.

· This month's **CounterPoint** article, *National Awards for 'Best Communities for Music Education' Help Preserve Programs for Students*, was written by Debra Bresnan, communications consultant for

SupportMusic.com. Interviews with six award recipients reveal how earning the BCME designation bolstered spirits and strengthened efforts to protect music education in local communities. Each winner shares great ideas to try in your district - get inspired this summer!



## School Band & Orchestra 2011 Essay Contest Winners

NAMM and SupportMusic.com are proud sponsors of SBO's 2011 Scholarship and Essay Contest. This year's topic, "How my music teacher has influenced me and my goals in school..." Here are the top 5 High School student winners and excerpts from their winning essays.

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Name: **Sarah McGill**  
Grade: 12

Hixson High School  
Hixson, TN

"Mr. McHenry has helped me to become the player that I am today and placed one ultimate goal in my sight: fulfilling the potential that he so often reminds me that I possess." [read more](#)

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Name: **Caleb Carr**  
Grade: 12  
Bozeman High School  
Bozeman, MT

"My music teacher, Mr. Berdahl has stated, "Perfection is expected, but excellence is accepted." This taught me to never settle for mediocrity, to always strive for the best. With his words of advice in mind, I have since become first chair euphonium in the school's symphonic band and lead trombone in the school's top jazz band." [read more](#)

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Name: **Adam M. McClendon**  
Grade: 12  
Morgan Park High School  
Chicago, IL

"Ms. Nash encourages me to practice so that I am a well-rounded student and consistently reinforces the fact in me and the students that WE CAN achieve our goals, we can be productive citizens, we can live good lives and be proud of our accomplishments." [read more](#)

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Name: **Ryan Fox**  
Grade: 12  
Sultan High School  
Monroe, WA

*"Music is how I connect with the world; it's how I express myself. I now want to major in music performance in college because of the opportunities given to me, and I want to reach out and make the world better through my music because music makes people happy. I know my disability might not allow me to teach, but I can definitely perform. My dream is to become a professional timpanist."* [read more](#)

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Name: **Valerie Stickles**  
Grade: 12  
Coventry High School  
Coventry, CT

*"My high school band teacher, Mr. Ned Smith, has truly been a significant influence in my life; he has inspired me to pursue music education in college. Never before had I recognized the comfort, healing, and hope that could be offered through music, and never before had I loved music so much. My love for music has strengthened each year of high school because of Mr. Smith. By my junior year, I began to realize just how much pursuing music education as a career would suit me."* [read more](#)

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Near Seattle.

**Kids stage sing-in to protest cuts in school's music program**

[www.komonews.com](http://www.komonews.com)

Students and parents upset about budget cuts to their elementary school's music program raised their voices at the Marysville School District on

Thursday.

July 1, 2011

**Free Technology for Teachers: 7 Tools Students Can Use to Create Music Online**

[www.freetech4teachers.com](http://www.freetech4teachers.com)

Yesterday, I gave a short presentation on digital storytelling to the folks in attendance at the Ed Tech Teacher Teaching History With Technology workshop. One of the points I made to participants is that when creating multimedia digital stories the best way to avoid any kind of copyright issues is....

June 30, 2011

Let's do this already - re-authorize the federal education law!

**Opinion: Revamp No Child Left Behind - now - Arne Duncan**

[www.politico.com](http://www.politico.com) Opinion: The law is creating an educational train wreck for children, parents and teachers.

June 12, 2011

## MENC Advocacy Groundswell



Check out [what's happening](#) at MENC Advocacy Groundswell, an online community of music teachers and music education advocates.

## Summer Reading and Listening

Here is a list of recommended summer reads:

**"The Power of Music" by Elena Mannes**

*"An important book for anyone who loves music, from the professional performer to the young person listening on earbuds."*

- Deborah Voigt, internationally acclaimed opera soprano

Read more of what people are saying about this book [here](#).

For more information go to:

<http://www.walkerbooks.com/books/catalog.php?key=886>

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"What School Leaders Can Do to Increase Arts Education (2011)", a guide

for school leaders to increase arts education in their schools prepared by Arts Education Partnership (AEP).

This guide offers three concrete actions school principals can take to increase arts education in their schools:

- A** - establish a school-wide commitment to arts learning
- B** - create an arts-rich learning environment
- C** - rethink the use of time and resources

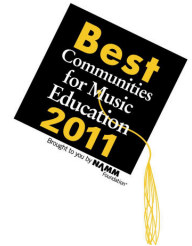
**For more information go to:** <http://www.nammfoundation.org/support-music/now-available-what-school-leaders-can-do-increase-arts-education>

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**Missed a previous coalition conference call? Search the [archives](#) for audio files and transcripts.**

## 12th Annual Best Communities for Music Education

The NAMM Foundation's 12th annual Best Communities for Music Education (BCME) survey acknowledged 179 communities in 32 states - including 172 school districts and, for the first time, seven individual schools - for their support and commitment to music education in schools. [Read more...](#)



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