

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music upon the occasion of hosting its Music Partners Program's 25th Anniversary Celebration Concert

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those musical organizations that have brought entertainment and cultural enrichment to the citizens of the great State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music upon the occasion of hosting its Music Partners Program's 25th Anniversary Celebration Concert on May 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, On this special day, 300 elementary age students from the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music's partner schools will perform on the steps of the Brooklyn Public Library at Grand Army Plaza for friends, family, and community members; and

WHEREAS, The Brooklyn Conservatory of Music has strived to make music accessible to all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels; Music Partners was established in 1988 to widen the Conservatory's reach and enhance music education in public schools throughout Brooklyn and Queens; today it has programs in 31 schools and community centers, serving 4,600 students; and

WHEREAS, The Conservatory students represent 42 nationalities, speak more than 30 languages, and are of diverse ethnicities, abilities, and skills; of the 4,600 students it serves, 70% live at or below the poverty line, and all attend schools that lack music programs; and

WHEREAS, Through Music Partners, the Conservatory partners with schools to fill this artistic gap; what makes this program unique is that the Conservatory works closely with each school to create a sequential, weekly music curriculum tailored to the school's specific needs; and

WHEREAS, Students who participate in this program acquire the confidence to tackle difficult subjects, and build a strong work ethic and sense of teamwork and skills which transfer to the future workplace; and

WHEREAS, Music study is most worthy of being encouraged and promoted, as it provides an opportunity for students to exhibit their skills to an audience, thereby giving them self-esteem to last a lifetime; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music upon the occasion of hosting its Music Partners Program's 25th Anniversary Celebration Concert; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music.