

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**Date: May 19, 2008**

**From: THE METHENY MUSIC FOUNDATION  
PO Box 7004  
Lee's Summit, MO 64064**

**Re: 2008 METHENY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS**

On March 7, 2008, the Metheny Music Foundation of Lee's Summit (MO) held its first major fundraiser at the Unity Village Activities Center. The concert featured the Pat Metheny Trio, Mike Metheny, and musicians from the Lee's Summit R-7 school district. Proceeds from the sold out event were set aside for summer music camp scholarships to be awarded to qualifying Lee's Summit students in the fields of band, jazz, orchestra, vocal, "and any other area of music where the student shows passion and potential," said Foundation chairperson Kathy Smith.

On May 17, at Lee's Summit City Hall, Metheny Foundation scholarships for 2008 were presented to eleven students. "The March 7th event was so successful that we were able give cash awards to every Lee's Summit music student who applied," said Foundation board member Mike Metheny. "We also decided to let the recipients pick which camp they would like to attend." This year those choices included the University of Missouri/Kansas City (UMKC), the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Michigan, and summer sessions at Boston's Berklee College of Music.

Metheny Music Foundation scholarship recipients for 2008 are: Kelsey Bingham (Lee's Summit West High School), Dre Concepcion (Lee's Summit High School), Rebeka Cooper (LSHS), Hannah Frye (LS-W), Allan Gray III (UMKC student/LSHS graduate; Continuing Studies Scholarship), Steven Lynn (LSHS), Collin Russell (LSHS), Andrew Schwartz (LSHS), Colter Snethen (Lee's Summit Community Christian School), David Tourtellot (LS-W), and Caleb Zimmerschied (LSHS).

For additional information about the Metheny Foundation or to make a donation, please visit the website at [www.methenymusicfoundation.org](http://www.methenymusicfoundation.org).

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Pictured (see attachment) are:

(back row L-R)

Mike Metheny (board member)

Dre Concepcion (Lee's Summit High School)

Kelsey Bingham (Lee's Summit West High School)

Rebeka Cooper (LSHS)

Hannah Frye (LS-W)

Colter Snethen (Lee's Summit Community Christian School)

Kathy Smith (board chairperson)

(front row L-R)

Andrew Schwartz (LSHS)

Caleb Zimmerschied (LSHS)

Collin Russell (LSHS)

David Tourtellot (LS-W)

Steven Lynn (LSHS)

Not pictured: Allan Gray III (UMKC student/LSHS grad: Continuing Studies Award)

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