



Funding for **Evans High School** violinists **Daymoir, Michaela, Debrah** and **Bacarri** to attend the FSU College of Music's String Orchestra camp.



In middle school, **James Adkins** wanted to be a drummer. He had a great ear but did not know how to read music.

He joined his school band and began learning how to be a complete percussionist. To excel, he knew he needed a drum kit at home, but he could not afford it.

HAPCO gifted the 13-year-old with his first drums in 2014.

Today, he is touring the world as part of the Bob James Trio. James is known for his "boundary-pushing, eclectic style."

Clockwise: James receiving his first drums. James with Bob James and Michael Palazzolo. James joined us onstage at the Florida Smooth Jazz Weekend where he was performing with Bob James.



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Mickey Smith, Jr.
Keep on Going Master Class
 Hope / Legacy Charter School, Ocoee

Best sounds, best steps: mental health tools to feel more resilient, more significant, less fearful, and ready to leverage change.

“We implemented many of the concepts Mickey shared, helping to make our first year a great success. We retained about 95% of the students in band and will be adding over half of the upcoming 7th grade class to our program.”
 Shonna Dannels, Band Director



Powered **Music Walk at McCollum Hall**
 presented by the Fort Myers CRA.

Music Director:
Brandon Robertson, director of jazz studies
 Florida Gulf Coast University.

Entertainment:
 Brandon Robertson Quintet, FGCU Jazz Ensemble,
 Naples Philharmonic Youth Jazz Orchestra, Lew Del
 Gatto Quartet, Vinson “Wordsworth” Johnson, The PK
 Trio and La Lucha.

Built in 1938, McCollum Hall was a popular stop for
 touring Black entertainers on the Chitlin’ Circuit of the
 1930s-50s.



*In Central Florida, the arts create
 \$500+ million in direct economic benefits,
 sustain 9,400+ local jobs, and enrich
 the lives of 600,000+ children through
 expanded arts education experiences.*



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Third annual **HAPCO Jazz Fest Ocoee**
Ocoee Lakeshore Center
Free concert

Presented by HAPCO and the City of Ocoee.

Music by the Jim Young Jazz Project and the Ocoee High School Jazz Band.

Our Wine & Dine for the Arts featured classic tastes with a Caribbean flair from Sage's Kitchen. Wines provided by West Orange Creamery.



International Jazz Day 2025
Apopka Amphitheater
Free concert

Presented by HAPCO and the City of Apopka's Saturday Sounds series.

Funding provided by The Music Performance Trust Fund.

Music by the Eighth Note Collective.



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Through the **Orlando Magic's Share the Magic** program, HAPCO gifted game ticket packages to **Evans High School Music String students** and the **Town of Oakland Youth Group**. Programs like this expand young people's world views and understanding of our local communities.

HAPCO lost a dear friend in February 2025, **State Senator Geraldine Thompson**. She championed a community environment that helped to lift up individuals, families and businesses.



Scholarship helping clarinet player **Josiah Hall** achieve his Music Performance degree with a minor in Religious Studies from Stetson University.

Chef Sage shared tasty bites at the **West Orange Chamber Best Fest**. Attendees voted HAPCO the Best Business at the event. We were also at **Oakland's Heritage Day** in partnership with **Healthy West Orange**.



As a partner with the 2025 Collaborative Campaign for the Arts by **United Arts of Central Florida**, HAPCO helped raise over \$10.33 million in support for 40 arts, science and history organizations.

Evans High School

Mario Ford, Director of Bands
Berklee College of Music & Boston Conservatory at Berklee Program Info
 Natara Gray, Assistant Dean of Admissions for Diversity and Inclusion Recruitment



Derrick Harris

Master Class
Jones High School band camp
 Naomi J. Nelson, Director of Bands



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HAPCO Winter Jazz Band Clinic

Ocoee High School

Middle and high school jazz band students learned from Bernie Hendricks, Jr., Ocoee Band Director, and other pro clinicians who emphasize technique, creativity and teamwork.

HAPCO scholarship recipient Jhori Ahnae graduated from Berklee NYC in June 2025 with a Master's in Creative Media and Technology. She wants to write and perform in musical theater on Broadway.



HAPCO Founder Joseph McMullen caught up with **Bruce Antone**, Florida State Rep, District 41 in Tallahassee.

HAPCO Swing & Groove Jazz Party

FAMU Homecoming 2024

Music by **Joël Johnson Quartet**

Our first HAPCO Legends award winner: **Dr. Julian E. White**, retired Distinguished Professor of Music, FAMU Director of Bands and Music Department Chairman



Bernie Hendricks, Jr. was a finalist for the 2025 GRAMMY Music Educator Award. The 10 finalists were selected from 2,400+ nominations submitted from 49 states.

HAPCO Founder **Joseph McMullen** spoke at a **City of Ocoee** Commissioners Meeting. He talked about the positive impacts of master classes, clinics, scholarships, public performances, private lessons and instrument donations on young musicians.



The AdventHealth's Design and Construction Team

built electric guitars as a team building project. They donated them to HAPCO. We gifted five of them to students Cresbin, Isaiah, Joel, Jayon and Smith at Evans High School so they would have guitars at home to practice with.

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