

## Young Performing Artists (YPAs) Swinging Cats Performing Band



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*Performing Artists Performing Band* will combine music and entertainment by joining coordinated workshops, rehearsals, jazz camp and performance. The Band's mission is to design and interlock all jazz band components, to stimulate bold thought and action in music education for young musicians, sponsors and audiences.

### Who We Are

**Young Performing Artists (YPAs), Inc.** a not-for-profit, 501 (c) (3), state-wide focused and state recognized corporation whose mission is identify and address the specialized needs of young (up to age 22) performing and visual artists as well as provide creative solutions to youth development. Our goals and objectives are: a) to provide art education scholarships, b) provide opportunities for young people to access cultural awareness, enhancement, training and education, c) schedule performances/concerts/competitions for young artists, d) provide assistance to launch careers of young artists in the entertainment and arts Industries.

### What are the benefits?

- To train, motivate and showcase young musicians and vocalists.
- To ensure the young participants receive the coaching and tutelage necessary to become a professional musician.
- To design & interlock all performance band components in order to stimulate bold thought & action in music education for the young participants.
- Develop young musicianship.
- Provide an opportunity to interact with professionals.
- To instill discipline, respect, & pride.
- Provide guidance & assistance in obtaining scholarships.
- Develop self-esteem & outline realistic career options.

### Additional Benefits

The band will add to the young participants, the audience, the sponsors and the organization through music education, awareness and engagement while responding to the public's wish for cultivated, uplifting and enjoyable music.

The band will help strengthen music education, community engagement, sponsorships & audience development via:

- 1) Introducing young talent to the established field
- 2) Providing professional instructions
- 3) Creating new materials, guides & tools
- 4) Enlisting the power of each community where the band performs
- 5) Increase career skills among the young participants
- 6) Strengthening "The Arts" statewide

Imagine this exciting YPAs, Inc. performance in your area!

Become a YPAs, Inc. event sponsor and The Steele Organization (TSO) staff will tailor make and customize your hassle-free local event.

The Steele Organization serves as the Marketing and Management Consulting firm to the YPAs Corporation by executing and overseeing the activities of the band performances. TSO, a firm that markets the needs of children, has handled children focused accounts for corporations, companies and associations from New York to Los Angeles; Washington, DC to Florida, for the past 17+ years.

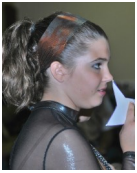
### To sponsor:

Contact: Beverly Steele, CEO, The Steele Organization and YPAs, Inc. Founder & Chair at (352) 748-1536 (voice & fax) or (352) 603-3409 cell.

Donations accepted- your gift today will help young artists continue their artistic education.



## Who benefits from the YPAs Corporation?



Young performers in all disciplines of “The Arts”, young people, families, communities and sponsors.

**The band’s activities** will take place from January to August beginning with auditions, followed by rehearsals culminating in the performing tour, without regards to academic aptitude or social status. **The band** will consist of instrumentalists, lead vocalists, a student director, and an artistic director. **The staff** will consist of professional music clinicians, youth stage managers, youth marketing agent, youth sound & light technicians, YPAs, Inc. Project Manager and TSO Consulting Firm. **The performances** will be held to establish the young musicians, vocalists & student directors. The performances will be planned throughout the State of Florida in both rural and urban locations with an annual Cultural Exchange Concert sponsored by YPAs of West Virginia, Inc. Performances will be held in performing arts centers, fine arts centers, community centers, civic centers and outdoor festivals arranged through noted concert venue presenters. Performances will be 90 minutes allowing flexibility for the presenters. **All performance selections** will be level 3 and above. **One to one instruction and training** for the young musicians. **The musical repertoire** is family oriented crossing all racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

**YPAs, Inc. has featured** its members in numerous showcases from Panama City Beach to Jacksonville to Orlando to Tampa. Young artists entertainment is professional, high quality and a step above a “talent show.” **YPAs, Inc. & TSO** has developed a reputation among schools, educators, presenters, organizers, colleges, universities, churches and communities as supporters and presenters of “The Arts”!



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Christina Kells swings with the Leesburg Jazz Repertoire Jazz Band under the direction of the late Bob Grauso, former drummer for the late jazz great—Connie Francis.

The band's live performance fees contribute to sustaining this program.