

2003-2004 Horwitt Piano Scholarship Applications Available

Special Opportunity for MPS Middle and High School Students

Application materials are now available for the Mary Horwitt Piano Scholarship, which provides middle and high school students enrolled in the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) with up to \$1,000 in financial assistance for piano lessons at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music.

Materials are to be submitted to the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music by February 2 2004. Interested students can obtain an application from the Conservatory (414/276-5760), the MPS Music Department (414/475-8050) or the MPS Guidance Department (414/475-8174). A copy of the application is also available on the Conservatory website at www.wcmusic.org , via the Enrollment Info page.

Although students of all ability levels are encouraged to apply, the scholarship is aimed at those who demonstrate serious interest in and dedication to the study of classical, jazz, or other styles of piano music. Along with a completed registration form, applicants must provide a written 250-word statement explaining his or her musical experiences and goals, a three to five minute audio or videotape of the student's piano playing, and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or other appropriate adult. Finalists will be invited to an audition at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music in the spring. After a year of study, Scholarship winners will be asked to share their talents by performing at a local nursing home.

Mary Horwitt was a graduate of MPS who began her life-long love of the piano by taking lessons as a young girl. This scholarship was established in 2000 by her family and friends to celebrate the love, kindness, and great spirit that she expressed through her music and in so many other ways.

The Wisconsin Conservatory of Music is the oldest and largest non-profit community school of music in Wisconsin and is dedicated to providing the finest music education and performance opportunities to the aspiring professional performer as well as to children and adults who simply want to enjoy making music. Classes and lessons are offered in all instruments and voice in all styles.