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The Les Paul Foundation Funds School Initiatives, Music Camps, Classroom Projects, and Hearing Health Programs

Recent 2017 Grant Recipients Announced

New York, New York – April 19, 2017 - The Les Paul Foundation, whose mission is to share the legacy of Les Paul, has continued its commitment to provide funding to projects that share Les Paul's spirit. In 2017, recipient organizations are furthering Les Paul's dreams and sharing his vision and innovation with their programs.

Of the eleven grants awarded across the country, four Wisconsin organizations received funding from the most recent Les Paul Foundation grants, including Les Paul Middle School in Waukesha, Sharon Lynne Wilson Center of Brookfield, Shell Lake Arts Center of Shell Lake, and Door County's Birch Creek Music Performance Center.

Birch Creek Music Performance Center of Egg Harbor, WI, received a grant to underwrite the guitar portion of its jazz education sessions and accompanying master classes, which include instruction and discussions of Les Paul's inventions, experiments and recording techniques. Birch Creek supports this instruction with additional Les Paul materials available to students and faculty in the campus' Listening/Media Library.

ABOUT THE LES PAUL FOUNDATION:

The mission of the Les Paul Foundation is to honor and share the life, spirit and legacy of Les Paul by supporting music education, engineering and innovation as well as medical research. The Les Paul Foundation is an approved IRC 501(c)3 organization that awards grants to music, music engineering and sound programs that serve youths. This year The Les Paul Foundation continues its celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Les Paul. The foundation also provides grants for medical research. The Les Paul Foundation also supports public exhibits which display Les Paul's life achievements, events that engage fans and students and music releases and related launches which bring about excitement for the sound of Les Paul. For more information go to www.lespaulfoundation.org

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