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**WHARTON INSTITUTE
FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS**



Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts

Honors McCarter & English

At Gala in February 2018

Berkeley Heights – Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts (WIPA) will honor the law firm of McCarter & English, LLP at its “Opening Night” Gala on February 23, 2018 at the Madison Hotel in Morristown. McCarter & English is a full service firm with 400 lawyers located in Newark, East Brunswick, and throughout the Northeast. They advise middle market and global clients across a range of industries. McCarter & English has generously supported WIPA through financial contributions as well as pro bono legal work for the past decade.

Also being honored at the “Opening Night” Gala for their generous support of WIPA’s Paterson Music Project are Jed Katz, Robert Ames and Francesc Clar.

The evening, 6:30 - 10:30pm, will feature a cocktail hour, open bar throughout the event, silent/live auctions, awards and brief performances by WIPA students. To learn more about Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts or to purchase tickets to the Gala, visit www.WhartonArts.org.

The Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts’ mission is to provide the highest quality performing arts education to a wide range of students in a supportive and inclusive environment, where striving for personal excellence inspires and connects those we teach to the communities we serve.

Wharton is New Jersey's largest independent non-profit community performing arts education center serving over 1,400 students through a range of classes and ensembles including the 14 ensembles of the **New Jersey Youth Symphony** which serve 500 students in grades 3 - 12. Beginning with Early Childhood music classes for infants and toddlers, WIPA offers private lessons, group classes and ensembles for all ages and all abilities. We believe in the positive and unifying influence of music and the performing arts and believe that arts education should be accessible to all people regardless of their ability to pay. We teach all instruments and voice and have a robust musical theatre program.

The **Paterson Music Project** is Wharton's El Sistema-inspired program held at the Community Charter School of Paterson and Paterson Public School 1/26. Students receive 6 hours of intensive music instruction each week with the goal of creating social change through the ambitious pursuit of musical excellence.

Wharton Institute for the Performing Arts is located in Berkeley Heights, New Providence and Paterson, NJ and reaches students from 13 counties. All of WIPA's extraordinary faculty members and conductors hold degrees in their teaching specialty and have been vetted and trained to enable our students to achieve their personal best.

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