

WOODSONGS

CLASSROOM PROGRAM

To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of arts."

Henry David Thoreau

"Above all, we are coming to understand that the arts incarnate the creativity of a free people. When the creative impulse cannot flourish, when it cannot freely select its methods and objects, when it is deprived of spontaneity, then society severs the root of art."

John F. Kennedy

Dear Teachers:

Thank you for using the **WoodSongs Classroom Project**. We completely trust your knowledge and instincts regarding your school, your students and what they need.

FACT: We are living among the first generation in human history that gets most of its art and music as a two-dimensional form. Think of it: your students have a friend email them an MP3, they Google the band, YouTube the band, iTunes the band, download the band ... and they're done. They've never actually seen the band in person.

WoodSongs is a two-dimensional delivery but our intent is to encourage a three dimensional experience for the students. We want them to play ... not for money, but for the human spirit. For art. For community.

Some conversation points as the project progresses:

a) Music should be part of their life, not necessarily their livelihood.

"If art is to nourish the roots of our culture, society must set the artist free to follow his vision wherever it takes him." **John F. Kennedy**

b) Songwriters and musicians are the worlds greatest peacemakers ... because when people listen, they do not fight. Musicians get the world to stop .. and listen

"Bluegrass has brought more people together and made more friends than any music in the world." **Bill Monroe**

c) Love is the greatest transaction of the arts. It is more important than money.

"Rather than love, than money, than fame, give me truth." **Henry David Thoreau**

Finally, we encourage self expression. For this you might have to be patient as students overcome shyness or struggle to recognize their boundaries. It will come with your good guidance. Please let us know how you are doing! Email us at **Teachers@WoodSongs.com**

