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Joyous Community Piano Unveiling at Flint Bishop Airport

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(Flint, Michigan) The Flint School of Performing Arts (FSPA) in collaboration with Flint Bishop Airport invite community members, FSPA families, airport passengers and the press to attend the grand reveal press conference of the 3rd community piano on Tuesday, February 26, 10:00am at the Flint Bishop Airport.

With two pianos currently being enjoyed at the Flint Farmers Market and Genesee Valley Mall, FSPA is excited to continue giving back to the community through the power of music. While enjoying a day of shopping— and now when arriving or departing Flint!— anyone is welcome to strike a chord, play a melody, and tickle the ivories.

“It’s been so rewarding to see the popularity of the community pianos at Genesee Valley Mall and the Flint Farmers’ Market. And now, with the piano at Bishop Airport, passengers and their families, and the airport staff, too will enjoy the live music” says Davin Pierson Torre, Director of the Flint School of Performing Arts.

To begin this artistic journey, a well-loved piano was given new life with a whimsical and colorful makeover courtesy of local Flint artist Isiah Lattimore. “The possibility of flight has always captivated human imagination,” says Lattimore. “The combination of innovation, creativity, and fantasy are as prevalent in aviation as they are in music or painting. I drew inspiration from these concepts while working on this project.”

For the FSPA, the piano project is the latest in a series of efforts to get people involved in the arts outside the confines of the classroom or home. “I have traveled through dozens of airports and I can’t tell you how wonderful it is to hear someone playing the piano. I am thrilled we will now be able to share this form of live music with our passengers at Flint Bishop,” says Craig Williams, Bishop's Airport Director. “The positive impact that something as simple as a piano can have on the community is truly transformative.”

And a final word from FSPA Director Davin Torre sums it all up: “Will there be a fourth piano? As Flint

continues its renaissance, more art of all forms is key. Where will the fourth piano be located? Stay tuned!”

Flint School of Performing Arts

The Flint School of Performing Arts (FSPA) is Michigan’s largest community school of the arts and among the largest in the United States. More than 3,500 students from 21 counties across mid-Michigan discover an amazing world of music and dance in our state-of-the-art facility. The FSPA teaching philosophy was developed by faculty and staff through extensive research in student achievement. This innovative approach, Beyond Boundaries, utilizes non-judgmental teaching techniques designed to encourage and support the individual goals and learning styles of students. Esteemed artists in their own disciplines, FSPA teachers provide world-class instruction in a fun, supportive atmosphere. Additionally, students have the option to participate in performance ensembles and community partnership programs.

Flint Institute of Music

Dedicated to changing lives through a lifelong continuum of music, dance and theatre, the Flint Institute of Music includes the Flint Symphony Orchestra, Flint School of Performing Arts and Flint Repertory Theatre. A professional orchestra led by world-renowned music director Enrique Diemecke, the FSO enjoys a more than 100-year history. The FSPA is the eighth largest community arts school in the U.S. and provides outstanding music and dance opportunities for all ages and abilities, and offers tuition assistance. Flint Rep is a nationally-acclaimed, award-winning resident theatre company and drama school, providing inter-generational, live theatre arts since 1957. A nonprofit organization, the FIM receives support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

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