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To Whom it May Concern,

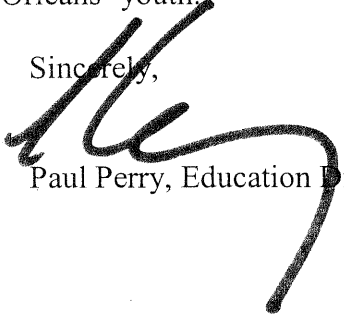
I am writing in support of Wade Barnes and the Brooklyn 4 + 1's grant to provide a three-day music workshop and educational program at the Louisiana State Museum, and in partnership with the Satchmo Summerfest for July 2009.

In July 2008, the Brooklyn 4 + 1 partnered with the Louisiana State Museum Education Department to provide a very successful music education program that tied the lessons and curriculum into the Satchmo Summerfest event. The program included four different performance workshops with groups of 120 students from the New Orleans public schools. The program was very successfully planned by the LSM and the Brooklyn 4+1 and close to 500 students experienced this wonderful music education opportunity.

Given the success of the 2008 program and the great need for students' exposure to music education in the New Orleans public schools, the LSM is very supportive of this effort to expand the Brooklyn 4+1 program to three days. Leader Wade Barnes is an experienced educator who engages the students so that they participate in song performance and understand the different rhythms that Mr. Barnes uses to illustrate jazz history. His lessons incorporate the history of the African musical diaspora and the evolution of jazz. The LSM staff has known Mr. Barnes for ten years, and is always eager to support any educational partnership with educator-artists such as Mr. Barnes, who prioritize educational outreach to youth from disadvantaged schools.

We believe that this partnership has the potential to create a significant impact on the music education and exposure of students in the New Orleans Recovery School District. In post-Katrina New Orleans, the need is especially great for outside funding to assist in educational outreach for students in the public schools. I urge you to support the Brooklyn 4+1's efforts to provide this special education and performance opportunity for New Orleans' youth.

Sincerely,


Paul Perry, Education Director