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Thousands of Students Experience “Hands On with Zig”

Destin, Florida –Recently, through an education grant awarded by the Windgate Charitable Foundation, Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation’s education outreach program, “All Kinds of Art” (AKA) presented 18 interactive music assemblies and workshops to over 4,000 students in Okaloosa and Walton County schools and United Way Agencies.

“Hands on With Zig,” by accomplished musician Zig Wajler, is a program featuring hands-on learning and exploration of musical genres through the art of percussion. Zig leads students in an interactive musical journey, culminating with student participation in a collaborative ensemble. This innovative program not only features Zig’s original compositions, but also encourages creative reasoning and active audience participation. MKAF Education Director, Melanie Moore, stated “Hands on With Zig is exactly the kind of education outreach that typifies the All Kinds of Art program. It is engaging, educational, and impactful to all participants --- including students with special needs. Zig is such an excellent ambassador for the All Kinds of Art program, because he truly connects with all kinds of audiences.”

MKAF CEO, Marcia Hull, stated “All Kinds of Art is funded through private donations, civic organizations and grants to fill the void where arts education is severely limited to children of our community. This program would not have been possible without the grant support of the Windgate Charitable Foundation to bring culturally enriched experiences to children, regardless of socioeconomic status or abilities.”

Since 1995, “All Kinds of Art” has inspired and impacted over 272,000 children in 60 schools and non-profit children’s agencies. Become a “Friend of AKA” today to support future cultural programs by contacting the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation at (850) 650-2226 or donating directly online at www.mattiekellyartsfoundation.org.