

## The Miami Music Project Announces National Auditions

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Today the Miami Music Project announced its auditions for the upcoming season. We are currently auditioning for dynamic artist/performers to form the core of our ensemble. The main body of the ensemble's work is an in-depth educational performance program, co-written by the musician/performers which will target the middle-school children of Miami.

MMP is an ensemble ready for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The concept is simple. Be of value to the community and let the musicians help create the programming and performance. The Miami Music Project Ensemble is not a traditional performance group. Its focus is education, community engagement and out-reach.

Annually there will be a full collaborative arts festival featuring the group in chamber music performances. The ensemble will also be augmented by international musicians invited by the Artistic Director for larger symphonic works.

Artistic Director **James Judd** said, "We are very excited to put into action a plan that has been a number of years in formation. It is critical for us to find musicians who are not only great instrumentalists, but who can communicate to the community the joy that they have for classical music."

The inaugural season of MMP will see a search for a brass quintet, a string quartet, a keyboard player, and we anticipate annually enlarging the ensemble.

The Miami Music Project ensemble is looking for musicians who are energetic, dynamic and capable of great flexibility - In its performance size, its style and the performance venues it utilizes.

The Miami Music Project was conceived after a commissioned feasibility study by the John S. & James L. Knight Foundation. The study looked to answer the question: Could an ensemble exist in Miami whose focus was education and out-reach? From this report the Miami Music Project was born.

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The Miami Music Project operates as a partner with the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County.