



TURTLE BAY
MUSIC SCHOOL

THE SATURDAY MUSIC PROJECT TEACHER RECOMMENDATION FORM

TO THE STUDENT/FAMILY: Please complete the first line and then give this form to your teacher.
Return the completed form in the envelope with your application.

STUDENT NAME

FIRST

MIDDLE

LAST

To the Teacher: The above student is applying for a place in Turtle Bay Music School's Saturday Music Project (SMP). SMP is a highly-competitive four-year music education program offered to motivated and dedicated students (grades 3 through 5) from across the five boroughs, who otherwise have little or no access to music education. Each student accepted into the SMP program is awarded a full-tuition scholarship, and receives 30 weeks per year of small group instruction in a primary instrument (cello, clarinet, flute, saxophone or violin) as well as a rotating schedule of courses in our "Core Curriculum", designed to foster musicianship and give students a well-rounded understanding of music-making as an art form.

We are looking for motivated and dedicated students with an interest in music, who would benefit from participation in an enrichment program. Turtle Bay Music School and the SMP program would greatly appreciate your commentary on the applicant and family. Please be detailed and specific in answering the questions, and feel free to attach an extra sheet if necessary. If you would like to read more about our program, please visit our website at <http://tbms.org/pages/saturday-music-project.html>. If you have questions regarding this form or the Saturday Music Project, please contact Katie Mazzari, Director of School and Community Programs (212.753.8811 x21 / katie@tbms.org). Thank you very much for your assistance.

TEACHER NAME:

SCHOOL NAME:

GRADE(S) TAUGHT:

How long have you known the applicant? In what context?

Please place check marks in boxes below to reflect your evaluation of the student in the following areas:

	Excellent	Above Average	Average	Below Average	No Basis for Judgement
Academic Potential					
Creativity					
Intellectual Curiosity					
Effort/Determination					
Participation					
Ability to Work in Groups					
Maturity					
Emotional Stability					
Organization					
Ability to Express Oneself					
Musical/Creative Ability					
Overall Evaluation as a Student					



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1. The Saturday Music Project is intended for students who have not previously had access to instrumental instruction, but who do have the interest to learn more about music and the arts. Has this student demonstrated an interest in music specifically, or in the performing arts in general? Please provide examples if possible.
2. Have you experienced any disciplinary or behavioral problems with this student? If so, please describe them and comment on whether or not they might either obstruct the student's ability to function in a particular class/program or interfere with other students' ability to benefit from the class/program.
3. Do you feel that the guardian(s) of this student will be committed to maintaining a strong attendance record at the enrichment program? The Saturday Music Project requires students to commit to the full four-year program and to attend classes, on time and prepared, every Saturday during the school year. Please comment on your overall impression of their ability to meet the SMP attendance requirements.
4. We may find it helpful to follow-up with you regarding the applicant. Please list a phone number and/or email address at which you can be reached and the times at which it is convenient to reach you.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Phone

Email