



**QUICK FACTS: The Snowman Foundation and “Ten Grands”**

**What**.....The Snowman Foundation, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit organization  
**Purpose** ..... To promote the musical arts for K-12 students in Washington state  
**History**..... Formed in September 1999 in Portland, Oregon  
 .....Added Seattle, May 2008  
**Who**.....Inspired by the vision of Portland composer/pianist Michael Allen Harrison  
**Why**..... To share the joy, the healing, the learning and the life-changing gifts music has to offer  
**The Need** ..... School budget cuts continue to increase the demand for Snowman Foundation funds and services; significant numbers of elementary schools have lost their music programs  
**Targeted groups** ..... Includes youthful, rural and “at risk” community members  
**Grants: recipient selection** ..... Based on need  
**Funds raised** ..... More than \$2 million since inception  
 ..... Nearly \$70,000 from Seattle shows in 2008 and 2009  
**Sources of funds** ..... Primary source: annual “Ten Grands” concert;  
 ..... Also raises funds from recordings, books, theatre productions and small concerts  
**Beneficiaries.** Proceeds fund:

- ♪ Performing arts lessons for members of targeted groups
- ♪ Musical instruments, materials and supplies for members of targeted groups
- ♪ Scholarships for laboratory studies in the performing arts
- ♪ Artist in residence grants for targeted groups
- ♪ Grants to fund production/travel costs to bring performing arts productions to targeted groups
- ♪ Encouragement of multi-generational and multi-cultural interaction in artistic productions

**About Ten Grands.** Title sponsor is RBC Wealth Management  
 Ten Grands features 10 grand pianos and 10 concert pianists on a stunning, dramatically-lit stage playing a variety of classical, jazz, blues, gospel, boogie woogie, pop, contemporary and new-age music. Artists play simultaneously, in various combinations, and individually.

**“Ten Grands” Seattle grant recipients**

Funds from the 2009 Seattle concert benefited a dozen organizations, with a major grant going to **Seattle Music Partners**. This organization provides after-school access to music to underserved children in low-income schools via instruments, lessons and a place to belong.

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| Amadeus                                                         | Northwest Boy Choir and Vocalpoint!                                                       |
| Arts Corp-All City Urban Voices                                 | Northwest Girlchoir                                                                       |
| Bellevue Youth Symphony Orchestra                               | Seattle Children’s Theatre                                                                |
| Broadway Bound                                                  | Seattle Rep. Jazz Orchestra                                                               |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Scholarships                               | Seattle Music Partners                                                                    |
| Hi-Liners                                                       | Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestra                                                          |
| Jack Straw                                                      | Village Theatre Scholarships                                                              |
| Jeanne Ehrlichman Bluechel (Composers in the Classroom Project) | Washington Music Educators Association/YME (All State Orchestra./Band/Choirs Scholarship) |
| Orcas Island Keyboard Labs                                      |                                                                                           |

**Next Ten Grands concert in Seattle** .....**May 21, 2010,, Benaroya Hall**  
**TICKETS** (\$42 and up, available 12/1/09). .....online: benaroyahall.org. Box office phone: (206) 215-4747  
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