

Dear Parents and Teachers,

## **University of Illinois Mo' Betta Music Summer Camps**

Mo' Betta' Music sponsored by the Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center will offer two one-week summer camps for beginning through advanced students. Camp clinicians will include University of Illinois faculty, students and local professional musicians.

Mo' Betta' Music is an artistic enrichment program dedicated to enhancing the musical arts skills of low and moderate income students in a culturally sensitive manner so that they can actively participate with confidence in their music programs at their respective local schools. The program utilizes the idioms of jazz, gospel and Urban Contemporary music as vehicles to enhance the skill levels of young musicians and vocalists.

<b>Camp Dates:</b>	June 6-11, 2011	<b>Developing Artists Camp</b>
	June 13-18, 2011	<b>Premier Camp</b>

### **Developing Artists Camp (Grades 5-8)**

The Developing Artist camp is designed to prepare young musicians for band and small ensemble playing in their respective schools. Students will be exposed to blues scales, traditional jazz technique, and fun popular music. Basic music theory, jazz and gospel appreciation will also be part of the curriculum. There will be a closing concert.

### **Premier Camp (Grades 8-12) Audition Required**

Students in the Premier Camp will be auditioned in voice, brass, woodwinds, piano, bass, and drums on Saturday May 21 or Saturday May 28, 2011. The Premier Camp will focus on individual skill development, small and large ensemble playing, basic music theory and jazz appreciation. This year's highlighted musical genres are New Orleans Jazz and Afro-Cuban Salsa. Students will prepare for a closing concert featuring those styles and gospel music. A CD will be made of the concert and given to each student participant.

### **To Register**

For complete information on the schedule, application and scholarship information, please visit our web site <http://www.mobettamusic.org>. The camp fee is \$125. There are waivers available for students who qualify under federal free and reduced lunch guidelines. Please see the information enclosed if you want to participate and would like to apply for a waiver.

Interested families should complete the enclosed application and return it to:

Bruce D. Nesbitt African American Cultural Center/ attention Nathaniel Banks  
708 S. Mathews,  
Urbana, IL 61801

We look forward to a wonderful experience.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel C. Banks  
nathlbanks@gmail.com  
359-9784

## U of I Mo' Betta Music Summer Camps Itinerary

### 501 E. Park St. Champaign Illinois

**Camp Staff:** Nathaniel Banks, brass; Deborah Banks, choir; Ron Bridgewater, reeds, Tito Carillo, brass/guest Director, Kevin Turner rhythm section; Robert Lewis, coordinator/percussion

#### U of I Mo' Betta Beginning Artists Camp (grades 5-7)

##### Camp Format: June 6-11, 2011

Day	9:00-9:30	9:30-10:15	10:30-11:00	11:00-12:00
Monday	Jazz/gospel history	Sectionals	Listening/Improvisation	Ensemble Playing/singing
Tuesday	Jazz/gospel history	Sectionals	Listening/Improvisation	Ensemble Playing/singing
Wednesday	Jazz/gospel history	Sectionals	Listening/Improvisation	Ensemble Playing/singing
Thursday	Jazz/gospel history	Sectionals	Listening/Improvisation	Ensemble Playing/singing
Friday	Jazz/gospel history	Sectionals	Listening/Improvisation	Ensemble Playing/singing
Saturday	Final Rehearsal	Final Rehearsal		Performance

#### U of I Mo' Betta Music Premier Camp 2011

##### Camp Format: June 13-18, 2011

Day	9:00-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:45-11:30	11:34-12:00	12:15-12:45	12:45-2:00
Monday	Jazz/gospel history	Sectionals	Improvisation	Lunch	Transcription practice	Rehearsal
Tuesday	Jazz/gospel history	Sectionals	Improvisation	Lunch	Transcription practice	Rehearsal
Wednesday	Jazz/gospel history	Sectionals	Improvisation	Lunch	Transcription practice	Rehearsal
Thursday	Jazz/gospel history	Sectionals	Improvisation	Lunch	Transcription practice	Rehearsal
Friday	Jazz/gospel history	Sectionals	The Music Business	Lunch	Transcription practice	Rehearsal
Saturday	Final Rehearsal	Final Rehearsal				Performance



**U of I Mo' Betta Summer Camps Scholarship Application**  
**June 6-11 Developing Artist Camp Grades 5-8**  
**June 13-18 Premier Camp Grades 8-12**

The Mo' Betta camps have a limited number of scholarships available. Please complete the information below and either mail or send by fax or email to:

Nathaniel C. Banks fax (217) 244-1660

[nbanks@illinois.edu](mailto:nbanks@illinois.edu)

708 S. Mathews

MC-154

Urbana, IL 61801

You will be contacted within 3 working days as to the status of your scholarship request. Those receiving scholarships will be given a payment code to be used when you get to the payment page of on-line registration.

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Requested for \_\_\_\_\_ Developing Artists camp June 6-11

\_\_\_\_\_ Premier camp June 13-18

My student does \_\_\_ does not \_\_\_ qualify for free and reduced lunch in school