

## **Musicopia Announces Additions to Leadership for 2026**

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Philadelphia, PA ... Musicopia is thrilled to announce the appointment of two new members to their Board of Directors, and the organization's inaugural Vice Chair position.

Musicopia welcomes newly elected members:

- Dr. Lorrain Mott-Baptiste, Musicopia Programming Committee Co-Chair; Global Education Executive; graduate of Harvard Graduate School of Education, Wilmington University, and Brooklyn College
- Gregory Offner Jr., Musicopia Development and Marketing Committee; Author, Business Strategist, and Keynote Speaker; graduate of West Chester University

And announces the inaugural Vice Chair position:

- Edward Isaack, Musicopia Board Vice Chair; Partner, Anchondo & Associates, IT / Investments; graduate of University of Maryland Global Campus and Thomas Edison State University

They will work alongside Musicopia's already impressive leadership team which includes Board Chair Richard M. Gordon IV, Board Treasurer John Schueler, Board Secretary Lynne Millard, and Chief Executive Officer and Board President Catherine Charlton, CFRE. New Board member Dr. Lorrain Mott-Baptiste commented:

"As an International Education Leader, that has helped to start 35 Charter Schools in Abu Dhabi, UAE. I have witnessed how the performing arts foster not only academic growth, but also student engagement, belonging, and confidence. I was intentional about finding an organization where my lived experience and educational leadership could have the greatest impact. When I learned about Musicopia and its mission, it immediately resonated. Musicopia's commitment to equitable access to the arts—meeting students and schools where they are—aligns deeply with my personal journey and professional values. I am excited to support an organization that ensures the arts are an opportunity for all students, not a privilege."

President and CEO Charlton shares: "This year, Musicopia expanded its impact in bold and measurable ways. We launched the Walter R. Garrison Arts Leadership Academy, assumed leadership of the

Philadelphia Lullaby Project from Carnegie Hall and expanded our reach through new community partnerships and culturally responsive dance offerings. We were also awarded significant funding from the City of Philadelphia's Department of Public Safety, allowing us to partner with the city in 10 priority zip codes and support students in communities affected by trauma, using the power of music and dance in antiviolence and overdose and community healing work. These accomplishments reflect a year of meaningful growth driven by our vision for the future and sustained by a community that believes in the transformative power of the arts.

Board Chair Richard Gordan and I are excited to welcome Dr. Lorrain Baptiste and Gregory Offner Jr. to the Board, as well as work more closely with Ed Isaack in his new role. The chance to collaborate with such brilliant and strategic leaders to deepen Musicopia's work will benefit our children, youth, and their extended communities, cultivating creative expression, collaboration, multicultural understanding, and joy." A full Board Member list can be found at <https://www.musicopia.net/board>

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### **About Musicopia**

Musicopia is a Philadelphia-based non-profit organization founded in 1974 with a mission to provide equitable access to arts education and enrichment, encouraging self-confidence, global awareness, dedication and joy in Pre-K to 12th grade students and their communities. Musicopia reaches thousands of children each year in the Delaware Valley/Philadelphia area through in-school arts education, an afterschool string orchestra program, an afterschool drumlines program, community arts programming, the Philadelphia Lullaby Project, and its Gift of Music Instrument Donation Program.

For more information, please visit [www.musicopia.net](http://www.musicopia.net).