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Dear Daryl,

Congratulations! You have been selected to the 2012 edition of the Thelonious Monk National High School All-Star Jazz Sextet. This would include your participating in an **all-expenses paid**, weeklong performance tour with internationally renowned jazz recording artist **Christian McBride**. This year's destination is Philadelphia, one of our country's most historic cities as well as an important city in the history of jazz. The tour dates are March 18-23, 2012.

Pending your acceptance and your parents' approval, you – along with your peers from across the country and Mr. McBride – will perform and present peer-to-peer master classes in public schools throughout the City of Brotherly Love in an effort to teach your like-age audiences about jazz and the important American values it represents: teamwork, unity with ethnic diversity, and democracy. The group also will perform in a major venue open to the public.

The trip will be rounded out with interesting and educational fieldtrips in one of our nation's oldest cities, home to many national historical sites that relate to the founding of the United States. Independence National Historical Park is at the center of these landmarks with Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed, and the Liberty Bell being two of Philadelphia's most famous attractions.

As you would expect, this program will continue to generate a great deal of press, both locally and nationally. The event will be covered by Philadelphia and Englewood newspapers and television as well as national periodicals. Senators Robert Casey and Patrick Toomey, Representatives Bob Brady, Chaka Fattah, and Allyson Schwartz, Governor Tom Corbett, Mayor Michael Nutter, and other VIPs will be invited as well.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with any questions you and/or your parents may have. You can reach me at the office (number below), my cell (323-270-3904), or email (jbdyas@monkinstitute.org).

On behalf of our chairman Herbie Hancock and everyone at the Monk Institute, congratulations once again on being selected for this incredibly educative opportunity.

Sincerely,

JB Dyas

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cc: Herbie Hancock
Steve Johns
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