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Jerry Jerome

Berklee College of Music <http://www.berklee.edu>

Berklee attracts the most creative young musicians in the world who know that no other music college or institution offers such a rich diversity of people, music, and programs. They come to Berklee to discover their true music calling; pushing themselves past their own expectations and into the forefront of every aspect of the global music community.

Berklee's educational facilities are designed to meet the needs of around 4,100 students and to maintain an average class size of 11 students. Berklee students get the advantages of a small college as well as experience with faculty who are some of the world's most renowned musicians. More students than ever are applying, and enrolled students are continuing on to graduation at record rates.

Berklee College of Music accepts only 1 of three applicants on the basis of talent and potential for success. The student body of 4,131 represents eighty countries. Jerry Jerome graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School and was accepted into Berklee for matriculation in Fall of 2010, however, he deferred that entry with the advice and consent of Berklee in order to complete non-music, pre-requisite classes at a local community college for a great savings in tuition compared to costs at Berklee. Jerry paid for these classes from his own savings and work income. For that year, Jerry earned a 3.3 GPA in pre-requisite classes, performed by request with faculty ensembles, and continued to hone his musical skills and musicianship. Now he is ready to move forward.

Jerry has provided full and direct access to his records and accounts at Berklee. His registration for Fall 2011 is confirmed. Tuition and fees for the Fall total \$22,390.56. His secure financial aid package for the Fall semester is \$6,700, leaving a remaining balance of \$15,690.56. Jerry has applied for additional aid and more work-study support from the college, but these will not be available to him until he is actually in residence at Berklee. Jerry is not looking for four years of assistance, though that would be nice. He is confident that overcoming these initial hurdles he will be able to make his way through Berklee on his own.

Born September 24, 1991, Jerry is the son of Haitian immigrant parents who, because of health and unemployment may soon return to Haiti.

Jerry's home church is providing approximately \$3,000 in assistance for this project. Abiding Savior Church is working with members, family, and friends to raise an additional \$10,000 in ten days. We can do it.

Jerry is a drummer, more than that, a skilled percussionist who has risen above many of the limitations which his peers have allowed to hold themselves back from the success they might achieve in life. He has practiced and perfected his skills over a period of years and invested himself in performance experiences at school, in church, and on a professional level at Broward College and in the community at large.

One of the reasons Jerry is short of funds for Berklee is because he sent some of his own college savings to Haiti following the devastating earthquake there. An unexpected wrinkle is his father's unemployment and the relocation of his family, his local support system, to Haiti.

We can change one life forever. This is not a television ad face, this is a member of our extended church and school family who stands at an important crossroads in his life and needs help.

Your tax deductible gift can be made payable to Abiding Savior Church and designated for the JJerome scholarship at 1900 SW 35th AVENUE, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL 33312-3625, or you can go online to <http://asavior.net/donate/donate.html> and donate through PayPal to the Jerry Jerome Scholarship fund, or, you can mail checks payable to FLHS Arts designated to the JJerome Scholarship Account to FLHS Arts, 1040 BAYVIEW DR STE 528 FORT LAUDERDALE FL 33304-2506.

Please help if you can. Your gift in any amount will move us toward success but we need to act now. If we don't make it, you will receive a refund of your donation. If we do, you will be kept up to date on Jerry's progress toward the success in life we know he can earn. -- *THANK-YOU!*