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LOCAL STUDENTS JOIN COUNTRY MUSIC STARS FOR GUITARTOWN KIDS NASHVILLE

Country Music Royalty Including Dolly Parton, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Vince Gill, Amy Grant, Blake Shelton, Carrie Underwood and Others Join Local Art Students For Gibson Foundation Project Benefitting the T.J. Martell Foundation For Cancer Research

Nashville, Tennessee – (March 8, 2018) –The T.J. Martell Foundation for Cancer Research has announced GuitarTown Kids Nashville, a public arts project to benefit pediatric cancer research. The Foundation has partnered with the Gibson Foundation on the project.

GuitarTown Kids Nashville draws together several of Nashville’s art students and celebrities to raise funds for cancer research at flagship hospitals across the United States. The project focuses on kids helping kids fight cancer while creating beautifully hand painted Gibson guitars.



Adding a bit of star-studded country flair are legendary musical artists including Dolly Parton, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Vince Gill, Amy Grant, Reba McEntire, Kacey Musgraves, Carrie Underwood, Blake Shelton, Little Big Town, Chris Stapleton, Kix Brooks and Miranda Lambert. Also included in the collection are guitars autographed by Desmond Child, Lily Hiatt, Kelsea

Ballerini, Cole Swindell, Jake Owen, and Kane Brown. A total of 29 guitars were created for the project. To bid on the guitars go to <https://www.charitybuzz.com/support/tjmartell>

Students from Battle Ground Academy, Currey Ingram, Nashville School of the Arts, Lipscomb Academy, Montgomery Bell Academy, Brentwood Academy, Harpeth Hall, Ensworth Academy, Hillsboro High School, Harding Academy Middle School, St.Cecilia, Hume Fogg Magnet School and John Overton High School participated by painting each of the art guitars.



The one-of-a-kind Gibson guitars go up for auction on the popular online auction platform, Charitybuzz.com.



“GuitarTown Kids Nashville is one of our favorite projects. It brings together fans and artists in a very unique and exciting way, all to benefit cancer research,” said Laura Heatherly, CEO of the T.J. Martell Foundation. “We are thrilled that so many iconic stars have given their time and support to this worthwhile project and that we are able to celebrate the artistry of some very talented local students. We hope everyone goes to Charitybuzz.com soon to bid. “

ABOUT CHARITYBUZZ.COM

Charitybuzz is the leading online auction site for cause, bringing its online community of bidders exclusive opportunities to live their dreams and make a difference. At Charitybuzz.com/Music fans can browse through and bid on dozens of music-related auction items. Charity Network’s **Curates: Music** campaign has launched, featuring 100+ auction lots and sweepstakes opportunities, from unmatched VIP access to exclusive meet-and-greets and coveted memorabilia. To bid on any of the GuitarTown Kids Nashville art guitars go to <https://www.charitybuzz.com/support/tjmartell>. Between Charity Network’s two digital fundraising sites - Charitybuzz and Prizeo - fans, collectors and other donors can access these incredible experiences all while giving back to non-profit causes. Curates: Music is live now through March 28. Go to www.charitybuzz.com for more information.

ABOUT THE GIBSON FOUNDATION

Founded in 2002, and headquartered in Nashville, the Gibson Foundation strives to improve the lives of underserved youth through investments of resources, effort and ideas in five important categories: Education, Music & Art, Environment, Health & Welfare, and Community. For more information, go to <http://www.gibsonfoundation.org>

ABOUT THE T.J. MARTELL FOUNDATION

The T.J. Martell Foundation is the music industry’s leading foundation that funds innovative medical research focused on finding treatments and cures for cancer. The Foundation was founded in 1975 by music industry executive Tony Martell and his colleagues in loving memory of his son T.J., who died of leukemia. The Foundation has provided more than \$280 million for research at eight flagship hospitals in the United States. For more information on the T.J. Martell Foundation visit www.tjmartell.org

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Top left, page one – Dolly Parton signed art guitar

Mid right, page one – Tim McGraw & Faith Hill signed art guitar

Second page – Students painted art guitar

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