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The Nat King Cole Generation Hope Foundation Raises Funds for Music Education in South Florida



The legacy of legendary musician Nat King Cole continues to live on through Nat King Cole Generation Hope, Inc., a foundation created by his twin daughters, Timolin and Casey Cole, to benefit music education in South Florida schools.

Timolin shares on the foundation's website: "My twin sister, Casey and I believe our father, by right, has earned his place in history as a true American hero and legend through his contributions to the world of music. We therefore feel the time is right to launch Nat King Cole Generation Hope, Inc., with the goal of inspiring our youth while enriching their lives, through the power of music." In the photo are Casey Cole, Mrs. Nat King Cole and Timolin Cole.

This past July, the Florida Sun Sentinel reported that budget cuts forced schools to discontinue extracurricular activities, which usually includes music education. Music education has shown to help students learn important life skills such as problem solving, creative thinking and mental discipline. In response to this, the Cole twins launched the foundation to provide musical instruments, instruction, seminars, state-of-the-art recording equipment, field trips and funding to educational facilities with limited resources throughout Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade and Martin counties in Florida.

Black Tie International Magazine highlights the foundation's Inaugural Black and White Gala, held on November 29, 2008 at The Forge in Miami Beach. The gala was chaired by philanthropist and international financier Al Malnik and his wife Nancy Malnik, and featured celebrity guests and star-studded entertainment that raised endowment funds for the foundation.

Timolin shared, "We were thrilled by the tremendous support from our friends and the South Florida community and the funds raised will help music programs in South Florida schools. By enriching students with the opportunity to enhance their musical talents and abilities, our father's legacy lives on."

On the web: <http://www.natkingcolefoundation.org/>. Source: BlackTieMagazine.com.
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