

WONDER AND REFLECTION—SONGS INSPIRED BY THE SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK

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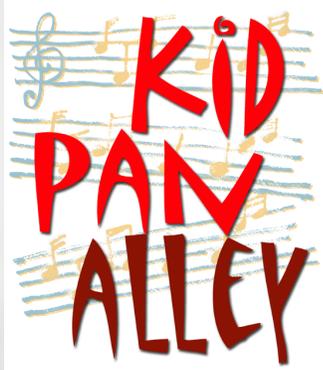


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Mission and Goals:

Kid Pan Alley's mission is to inspire and empower children to work together to become creators of their own music and to rekindle creativity as a core value in education. In celebration of the 100th anniversary of the NPS, this project is designed to bring children to the Park to experience its beauty, majesty, and importance to our natural and national history so that they may become the next generation of visitors, supporters and stewards. By responding to these experiences with a creative act, these encounters deepen and often become life-changing events.

About Kid Pan Alley:

KPA has written over 2,700 songs with over 40,000 children across the country from Virginia to Hawaii. The songs are a sophisticated and powerful world-view as seen through the eyes of the children. Their songs have been recorded by artists including Amy Grant, Sissy Spacek, Delbert McClinton, Cracker, Kix Brooks, Nashville Chamber Orchestra, Corey Harris, Suzy Bogguss and many others. They've won numerous awards including Parents' Choice Gold Awards, a WAMMIE, and have received a Grammy nomination for their recordings.

The Project:

Led by founder Paul Reisler, Kid Pan Alley will write songs with students from 8 elementary schools in gateway communities to the Park as well as in 2 summer programs sponsored by the Park Service. The songs will be inspired by visits to the SNP where the children will experience the Park, presentations by Park staff, and photos of the park by Hullie Moore. The children will also have an opportunity to do service work in the park while they are there on their field trips.

At the end of each songwriting residency, there will be an afternoon concert for the school and an evening concert for the community. Two community concerts will be presented in the Park in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Park Service.

After the children have written their songs, the VMFA will send a visiting visual artist to the school to work with the children in creating their own art inspired by the Park and the songs.

Funding:

Thanks to the generous support of our partners in this project--Shenandoah National Park, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Shenandoah National Park Trust, and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, these programs are offered at a greatly reduced rate.

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