## **ACTIVITY 02: EXPRESSING GRATITUDE THROUGH MUSIC**

- 1. Select a piece, song, concerto, etc. you love to play. The duration is not important, and can be as short as 1 minute, but probably should be no more than 10 minutes. The content is not important. This should be something you can already play pretty well or can prepare in short time.
- 2. Select a family member (near or far) you feel has helped you in your musical life or life in general, whether it be through encouragement, purchasing an instrument or contributing as such, could be mom/dad in driving you to and from lessons, rehearsals, concerts, forcing you to practice (keep in mind your mom/dad have sat through your concerts/recitals when you were young and they did NOT sound so great ③!). This could also be a grandparent, aunt, uncle, family friend, for example, that simply provided you some simple words of encouragement.
- 3. Record a brief greeting and introduction of what you are doing. For example: "Hi Grandpa! I want you to know I love you, and recorded something for you today to just say Thank You for always being supportive of me."
- 4. Right after your introduction, record yourself playing the piece. \*Again, the *what* you will play means far less than the simple power of you playing.
- 5. Do the same as #3, and #4 above, but now prepare this for any Teacher you have had in your life (Elementary, MS, HS teacher, tutor, guidance counselor, principal, private teacher, etc.) and make an introduction appropriate for that same circumstance, followed by the same piece or another piece of your choosing.
- 6. BCC your director with a copy of what you send for both. No one else will see this, you are BCC-ing only for credit. Keep in mind, this is to be something you can already play, preferably something you love to play or the other person might love to hear. You are not to worry about mistakes, you are not to critique yourself...you are expressing gratitude through your gift, your power of communication through Music.

The setting of your recording does not matter, but do your best to make sure the camera angle and physical space can see your full torso or whole body without a strange angle. You should be well groomed and looking good (simple white or black solid t-shirt is also good and shows up quite well).

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