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Attn; Director, folk arts in the schools

Calliope House was launched in 1976 as a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation dedicated to the preservation and perpetuation of traditional folk arts. Since our inception, we have produced large concerts with traditional artists, smaller "house" concerts, workshops, the Annual Smoky City Folk Festival(1976-80), the annual Balmoral Workshop in highland piping, and a monthly publication entitled All Hands Round.

As an organization, we have received grants from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for such projects as the Smoky City Folk Festival, a three-concert series with a ticket subsidy program, and our piping school. At the moment we are administering a grant from the Pa. Council for a local traditional band to a series of workshops and concerts in senior citizen centers and group homes. Our future projects include trying to set up an "information bank" of folk artists and groups interested in using these artists and the creation of a viable folk arts program in local schools and libraries.

My purpose in writing is could you give me any of the following information about onschool programs that your group presents;

- 1.the basic structure of the program.
- 2.funding sources. ie;What share of the cost of a program does the host school pay?
- 3.Publicity of the program within the school districts.
- 4.How did you get teachers involved with the program?

I am in the process of setting up meetings with the surrounding school districts and your answers will help me show them what is being done with folk arts in other cities. Any help you can give me will be most appreciated. I am enclosing a copy of the june issue of All Hands Round which was also the program guide to this year's Smoky City Folk Festival for your use. If you have any questions, feel free to call or write me at the above address.

Yours,

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Dear Mr. Neiburger;

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Calliope House inquiring about Folklore Society of Greater Washington School Programs. While some members of our Society do work as individuals within the schools, the FSGW itself does not have any "folk arts in the schools" program or any budget or grants for such a program. Therefore, we are sorry to say, we cannot give you any information about such a program. We wish you lots of success with yours though. It sounds like a good idea.

Sincerely,

Susan Schwelling
Secretary, FSGW