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Local Musicians Support Young Musicians from Charleston County School of the Arts

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NORTH CHARLESTON— An enthusiastic line-up of local musicians donated a full afternoon of live music at a Sunday, November 1st Bowen's Island Fundraiser for the Charleston County School of the Arts (SOA) High School Orchestra Booster Club. SOA Orchestra students, their families, friends and community supporters enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at Bowen's Island with one of the season's first oyster roasts. All proceeds will support the SOA Orchestra's upcoming trip to Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, where students will perform with the Appalachian State Symphony.

"We're here because we believe in these students and the fantastic program at the School of the Arts," said Gary Erwin of Shrimp City Slim, one of the afternoon's featured bands. "The SOA High School Orchestra Director Sarah Fitzgerald does amazing work with these young musicians. These are some of the young musicians who will keep music alive in the Lowcountry in the future."

Sunday's performances included Captain Wafer and The Oysters, Shrimp City Slim, Frank Royster and members of the Hed Shop Boys, and Sky Paige and The Original Recipe. In addition to Gary Erwin, Sky Paige, Gary Erwin and Frank Royster, special thanks also go out to musicians John Etheridge, Wayne Mitchum, Jeff Houts, Tim Mathias, Brian Reed, Silent Eddie and Chuck the Cat Morris. The event was coordinated by volunteers from the SOA High School Orchestra Booster Club, under the direction of Booster Club President Diane Miller.

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