YWIH Festival Handbook

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*Sample festival day/weekend schedules; potential issues and solutions; how to make a festival run as smoothly as possible.

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*What to do during/after festival to raise awareness for the following year; exit surveys/feedback; maintaining relationships with schools and supporters.

Appendices: Resources such as available grants, YWIH music list, list of resources from SAI, forms, permission slips, planning forms, etc.

Throughout the handbook, it would be great to include anecdotes from different participants in a YWIH festival: a music educator; a festival planner; a clinician, a young participant, etc.