

## Audition now for youth music academy programs in California and Spain

FORT BELVOIR, Va., June 8, 2016 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) – Building on the success of its 2015 partnership, CAMMO, the Center for American Military Music Opportunities, is again joining forces with The Collective Sound (TCS) youth music program to offer an exciting summer experience for two children of active duty military personnel. CAMMO is hoping to send one student to TCS' Costa Mesa, Calif., camp and another to the camp in Barcelona, Spain. CAMMO is now accepting audition videos through June 21, 2016.



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The summer academy is designed to give youth ages 12-18 an authentic music experience in writing, performance, recording and touring through the vehicle of rock, electronic and popular music, and to challenge the current boundaries of music education. Young musicians from all over the globe attend the annual program. CAMMO partnered with TCS in 2015 to send a child to the organization's California camp and is hoping to expand its reach to the Barcelona camp for 2016 for the military children station in Europe.

Academy students are divided into bands that work together to write and rehearse original material daily in preparation for recording studio time and live performances. Participants will also shoot a music video with their band. Those attending the Barcelona camp will have the added opportunity to learn basic Catalan and Castilian Spanish if they choose (English is the program's primary language). They will also enjoy local flamenco and jazz

music, visit Mediterranean beaches, explore the architecture of Gaudi, and visit historic landmarks and sites.

For more information on the California and Barcelona curricula and schedules, click <http://thecollectivesound.com>.

Nia Fajota, CAMMO's 2015 camp participant, attended TCS' California program. At age 13 and as an only child whose parents are both active duty military, Nia established lifelong friendships at the camp. "This isn't an experience you'd want to miss," she said. You can check out photos from TCS camps at <https://instagram.com/thecollectivesound/>.

#### **How to apply:**

Children of active duty military personnel based in the U.S. or abroad are encouraged to submit a video of no more than 90 seconds that showcases their talent, to [kidscamp@cammomusic.org](mailto:kidscamp@cammomusic.org) no later than June 21, 2011.

A review board consisting of representatives from TCS and CAMMO will evaluate each video and select a winner and one alternate winner for each camp. Cost for the three-week experience, including travel expenses, is approximately \$4,095, which will be covered for the selected students through a special CAMMO scholarship. There are also sponsorship opportunities still available.

If you have any questions, please contact [Cathie@cammomusic.org](mailto:Cathie@cammomusic.org), and if you would like to know more about CAMMO's other music programs for children of active duty military personnel, including the popular CAMMO KIDS program, go to their web site at [www.cammomusic.org](http://www.cammomusic.org).

For more information on The Collective Sound, visit their web site at <http://www.thecollectivesound.com>.

#### **About CAMMO:**

CAMMO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2009 by U.S. Navy veteran Cathie Lechareas and U.S. Army veteran Victor Hurtado that believes in the healing power of music. Run by veterans for veterans and active-duty service members, CAMMO provides military-specific music programs to help past and present service members suffering from neurological impairments such as traumatic brain injury and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). CAMMO also develops military and veteran artists, technicians, writers and musicians at its CAMMO centers.

Through its Soundtrack to Recovery in-reach program, CAMMO brings certified music therapists, musicians and volunteers to hospital Residential Treatment Centers. And CAMMO's Guitars Revitalizing Our Warriors Through Healing (GROWTH) program encourages positivity, motivation and hope through full-spectrum guitar and music instruction. For more information about CAMMO, visit <http://www.cammomusic.org/>.

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