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**Tony Danza's 'Music Room Makeover' at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary  
Includes 80 New Instruments And Music Ace Maestro Software**

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – September 16, 2005 – “The Tony Danza Show” yesterday surprised Hector S. Valentin, the devoted music teacher at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary in Wyandanch, New York with 80 new instruments, Music Ace Maestro music education software and a room makeover by the TLC “While You Were Out” television show. Today marks the first of Tony’s nationwide school makeover projects this season in which he will give back to a school or teacher in need.

The school’s music program consisted of 400 kids in third through sixth grades who shared a total of three instruments, plus a few trial lessons from the Music Ace curriculum. As part of the makeover, Harmonic Vision donated the complete set of forty-eight lessons and games in its new Music Ace Maestro, plus a license to install the software on each of the 15 music-room computers that Mr. Valentin built from parts he salvaged from old computers.

To create a full band ensemble for the school, Mr. Danza arranged for Casio Keyboards to donate 30 keyboards and a digital piano for a new keyboard lab, and Conn-Selmer to donate about 50 instruments including flutes, clarinets, trumpets, saxophones, trombones, coronets and a full drum kit. Home Depot provided the building supplies for “While You Were Out” to re-do the room. VH1 started the ball rolling to enhance the school’s music program when it donated about 20 instruments in March 2005.

“From the trial lessons, I know the kids dig Music Ace and they really get the music theory it teaches,” said Mr. Valentin. “With the full set of lessons, the kids will have more fun learning music, and I’ll be more efficient teaching it. The software tracks the progress of each student so I can pinpoint strengths and weaknesses, and change lesson content accordingly for each child. Once they master the basics, they get to start on the instruments. We are very grateful to ‘The Tony Danza Show’ for making all this possible.”

Phil Rockenbach, president of Harmonic Vision said, “We applaud Tony’s emphasis on education, and are particularly excited he led off with a music program since music sometimes gets overlooked in favor of core subjects. It is our pleasure to help Tony make a difference in these kids’ lives.”

For a video clip and photos from the show, visit <http://www.harmonicvision.com>.

**About Music Ace Software:**

Music Ace Maestro is Harmonic Vision’s latest title for music educators, combining all 48 award-winning lessons from its predecessors, Music Ace and Music Ace 2. The self-paced lessons and games teach

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students the basics needed to play any instrument. Lessons cover music theory, rhythm, pitch, note reading, listening, keyboard and harmony. The Windows and Mac-compatible software comes in a stand-alone version and in lab-packs or network versions supporting from five to 5,000 workstations.

For home use, Music Ace Deluxe offers 36 of Harmonic Vision's key lessons and tracks the progress of up to ten family members. Free demos are downloadable from <http://www.harmonicvision.com>.

### **About "The Tony Danza Show:"**

Hosted by Tony Danza, a staple of American pop culture for 25 years, the entertainment talk show features top guests from the worlds of entertainment, the culinary arts and Main Street America all presented in a positive and upbeat manner. Tony introduces viewers to the people they know and admire as well as those they would want to meet and know better - like hometown heroes, amazing kids and incredible people who personify strength, character and spirit. Executive produced by David Perler and Jill Blackstone, "The Tony Danza Show" is broadcast live from New York City and is distributed by Buena Vista Television.

### **About Harmonic Vision:**

Founded in 1991, Harmonic Vision is a leading developer of music education software. Its Music Ace Series is designed for both consumer and educational markets for use by parents, school music teachers and private teaching studios. The company is located at 155 North Wacker Drive, Suite 725 in Chicago, IL, 60606, 800.474.0903, and on the Internet at <http://www.harmonicvision.com>.

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