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Sullivan Fortner, Kyle Athayde perform and educate for school and community

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Bob Athayde takes a back-seat (left) as jazz pianist Sullivan Fortner and vibraphonist Kyle Athayde perform at Stanley Middle School March 3. Photo Pippa Fisher

Stanley Middle School Teacher Bob Athayde once again scored a winner both for his students and the community when he opened his classroom March 3 to all to watch his son, vibraphonist Kyle Athayde, play alongside Grammy award-winning jazz pianist Sullivan Fortner. The performance coincided with the release of their first CD together entitled "Tea for Two." Fortner and Athayde took time between pieces to educate students and to demonstrate techniques.

The concert was sponsored by an anonymous donation to the Generations in Jazz Foundation.

Fortner and Athayde also performed later the same day at Lamorinda Music in Lafayette.

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