

 **PHILHARMONIC**
SOCIETY *presents*

YOUTH MUSIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Expanding imaginations and encouraging musical discovery



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THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY OF ORANGE COUNTY

Established in 1956, the Philharmonic Society's Youth Music Education Programs have introduced millions of young people to classical music.

Most programs are offered at no charge to schools and serve as one of the primary supplements to make up for music education funding deficits in our county, impacting students from kindergarten to high school, each year.

THE COMMITTEES

These programs are supported by The Committees of the Philharmonic Society, a group of passionate volunteers, who work tirelessly to ensure that an extraordinary array of music education programs continues to be made available to **ALL** students.



MUSIC MOBILE

GRADE 3

The Music Mobile fleet consists of two fully equipped vans filled with instruments that travel to districts throughout Orange County.

Committees Docents introduce the symphony orchestra and musical concepts through an engaging 30-minute presentation, followed by an instrument petting zoo, which gives students the opportunity to try out different instruments in this hands-on experience.

In addition to the in-person visit, we provide:

- Classroom Extensions
- Home Learning Extensions
- Activity Sheets
- California Education Standards



DIGITAL MUSIC MOBILE

GRADES 2-5



The Digital Music Mobile is the Philharmonic Society's premier digital Youth Music Education Program aimed at introducing the instruments of the orchestra through a fun and engaging virtual experience. The first module gives an overview of the orchestra, with the remaining four modules highlighting a specific instrument family.

Each Module Includes:

- Digital Curriculum (25-30 minutes)
- Classroom Extensions (5-6 lessons)
- Home Learning Extensions
- Activity Sheets
- California Education Standards
- Zoom Workshop for Teachers



To enhance your students' musical understanding, you may request an in-person Music Mobile visit in addition to this program.

CALIFORNIA JOURNEYS

GRADE 4



California Journeys is a cross-curricular music and history immersion experience held at Mission San Juan Capistrano, Heritage Hill Historical Park, and Bowers Museum. Students participate in an interactive tour led by Committees Docents and attend a performance by a professional musician who guides students through the music and instruments that emerged throughout California's history.

In addition to the in-person visit, we provide:

- Classroom Extensions
- Home Learning Extensions
- Activity Sheets
- California Education Standards



CONCERTS FOR 5TH GRADE

GRADE 5



The Philharmonic Society invites students to a concert hall for a 45-minute program performed by the Orange County Youth Symphony.

In this performance, the orchestra plays classical and popular musical excerpts, as a narrator teaches students about how a composer writes a piece and how those choices affect mood and emotion. Students will also learn about the roles of different instruments and how an orchestra works together as an ensemble.

In addition to the in-person concert, we provide:

- Pre- and Post-Concert Classroom Extensions
- Activity Sheets
- California Education Standards



SOUNDS AROUND THE GLOBE

GRADES 6-8



Middle school students attend a concert and engage in performances that feature musicians and ensembles from around the globe. Many of these musicians perform on instruments that may be unfamiliar to Western audiences in shape, sound, and playing technique, making for a unique and unforgettable musical experience.

In addition to the in-person concert, we provide:

- Pre- and Post-Concert Classroom Extensions
- Activity Sheets
- California Education Standards



HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

GRADES 9-12

The Philharmonic Society's Annual Philharmonic Invitational High School Orchestra Festival spotlights the young talent of Orange County's high schools, allowing students the rare opportunity to perform on the professional stage of a world-class concert hall.

An adjudicated event designed to be a showcase rather than a competition, each ensemble presents a 30-minute concert, demonstrating their hard work and dedication over the course of the school year.

The following are provided to schools:

- Promotional Flyer and Sponsorship Deck
- Professional Photographs of the Performance
- Adjudicators' Sheets with Written Feedback



TIX4TEENS

GRADES 6-12

The Philharmonic Society offers Orange County middle and high school students complimentary tickets to our concerts, giving them the chance to attend world-class performances featuring renowned musicians, and providing inspiration for their current and future musical aspirations.



ENSEMBLES ON TOUR

GRADES 6-12

With Ensembles On Tour, students interact with the roster of first-class musicians that the Philharmonic Society presents, including Hilary Hahn, Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Randall Goosby, Yo-Yo Ma and more.

Some of the opportunities include:

- **Q&A and Masterclass** - Musicians visit music classes to workshop a specific piece that the students are rehearsing, followed by a Q&A session.
- **Invited Audience** - A professional orchestra or ensemble will perform an abridged, 50-minute version of its full concert for students from local schools in venues across the county.



ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH SYMPHONY & STRING ENSEMBLE

GRADES 6-12

Established in 1970 as the area's first honors youth orchestra, the Philharmonic Society's Orange County Youth Symphony (OCYS) and String Ensemble (OCYSE) is a diverse group of young musicians representing more than 50 schools, grades 6-12 in the Southern California area.

Musicians have the opportunity to:

- Perform at world-class venues
- Participate in innovative workshops and clinics with Philharmonic Society guest artists
- Introduce a brand new audience to classical music as the Concerts for 5th Grade featured musicians



STRIKE UP THE BAND

GRADES K-12

Strike Up the Band is the Philharmonic Society's grant program that creates meaningful impact in school music programs by directing funds to specific needs of the ensemble or music class.

School music directors, principals, teachers, or any other interested parties are invited to apply for grants to enhance and grow existing music programs and provide for the creation of new music programs.

Applications for the Strike Up The Band grant are open to music programs of any genre and size in Orange County. Schools may apply for grants valued up to \$10,000.



TRANSPORTATION SCHOLARSHIP

GRADES K-12

The Philharmonic Society offers **many** of our programs free of charge, but we also understand that the cost of bus transportation can be a barrier that may keep your school from attending.

In response, we have created a Transportation Scholarship through our Fund the Bus Program, which may help remove these obstacles and ensure that every school has an equal opportunity to experience the joys and wonder of an in-person concert or program.

Applications for this scholarship will be available on the participation form for each Youth Music Education Program. Requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are not guaranteed.



MUSICAL REINVESTMENT

GRADES K-12



Musical Reinvestment provides funds for special music projects throughout Orange County. Funds are provided by specific Committees of the Philharmonic Society and seek to enrich the community, respond to select needs for school programs and increase public awareness of the Philharmonic Society.

School programs are encouraged to apply for funding that will further develop their music program. In the past, funds have been used to purchase additional instruments, provide camp scholarships for students, purchase subscriptions to online music resources and more.





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