



EDUCATION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Making Music Accessible For All

IN-SCHOOLS

With 5+ partners in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and surrounding neighborhoods, our interactive and fun school-based programming reaches hundreds of young music lovers grades K-8 each year, at no cost to our partners.

All of our programs get kids up and moving through dance, eurhythmics, and participatory music-making. Three current programs include:

KEYS TO READ

Students choose a work of literature and write a song inspired by their chosen narrative using provided keyboards.

MUSICAL STORYTELLING

Students clap, sing, and dance along as they embark on a musical journey guided by a narrator reading a popular children's book.

PIANO REACTIONS

Students build critical listening skills by being exposed to piano music of the highest artistry and are encouraged to interpret the music in their own ways.



ONLINE VIRTUAL PIANOKIDS

Featuring Caption Joe and Admiral Emily, these short videos take viewers ages 3-8 around the world to learn musical building blocks. Topics include rhythm, meter, dynamic, pitch, and more!



AFTERSCHOOL PIANOLAB

Launched in January 2023, PianoLab offers free after-school group keyboard instruction using a state-of-the-art keyboard lab to K-8 students at Paul Dunbar Elementary, a CMSD school. Over 30 students have registered since spring 2023.



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EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS



THE MUSIC SETTLEMENT

Together, we offer an inclusive keyboard skills and musicianship course for current TMS adult students, held at their University Circle campus



CLEVELAND SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

An annual arts collaboration for music, dance, and visual arts students, culminating in performances for CMSD students and a public performance for Cleveland audiences. Programs have included Carnival of the Animals, and Alex and the Monsters.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



PIANO AND KEYBOARD DONATION PROGRAM

Re-homing pianos to those in need, whether they are students wishing to begin their piano journey or community spaces where live music is otherwise inaccessible. 22 pianos have been placed around Northeast Ohio, as well as 22 digital keyboards.



SENIOR CONCERTS

Community artists perform free monthly concerts across 4 senior living facilities.



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COMPETITION PROGRAMMING



PIANOKIDS AT CIPC

Students from community partners like the Boys and Girls Club spend the day watching a competition performance, and participating in a variety of activities such as eurhythmics, a drum circle, and an interactive seminar. Lunch and snacks are provided.



COMMUNITY CONCERTS

Contestants perform free concerts with our community partners, including Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center, Greater Cleveland Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Gilmour Academy, and the Beachwood Community Center.



FAMILY FUN DAY

Families are invited to help celebrate the competition with an afternoon of interactive live music, fun and games, and crafts!



MASTERCLASSES

Providing opportunities for local students to learn from internationally recognized pianists and pedagogues, including Michelle Cann, Shai Wosner, Orion Weiss, and Caroline Oltmanns.

