



COMMUNITY OPUS PROJECT



Phase One Report: 2010-2014

San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory

San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory has delivered the highest level of classical instrumental music education to our region's young people for sixty-eight years.



We are witness to the transformative power of music in children's lives and can confirm what researchers repeatedly conclude: **significant academic, workforce, and civic engagement gains are associated with high levels of music participation for all youth, especially those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.** Thousands of our musicians have attended the nation's most prestigious universities and pursued successful careers in science, medicine, business, education, public service, and of course, music.

Five years ago, we took a close look at the availability of youth music programs across the county. While we found that the majority of students enrolled in our Balboa Park Programs had access to strong music education in school, many school music programs had been eliminated or drastically shrunk. Schools serving predominantly low-income and English language learner students had the least music available.

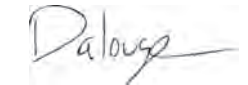
As San Diego County's oldest, largest and most prestigious music education provider, we took responsibility for reversing this crisis of diminishing music programs. In 2009, we adopted the goal of "Making Music Education Accessible and Affordable for All." At the core of our vision is the conviction that once educators, parents, and community supporters see firsthand the power of music in the lives of children, they will return music to the school day so all children can receive the many benefits learning music provides.



In 2010, we partnered with the Chula Vista Elementary School District (CVESD) to launch the Community Opus Project as an after-school program inspired by the El Sistema youth orchestra movement of Venezuela. We have worked closely with district officials, school site leaders, parents, and many other partners to continuously expand the availability of music to more children.

This *Phase One Report: 2010-2014* celebrates the return of music education to the elementary school children of Chula Vista. With CVESD, we have proven that making music a part of every child's school experience is a sound educational choice that leads to increased levels of achievement. We look forward to the story of Chula Vista galvanizing other school districts to give their students a promising future through music.

Join us in expanding the cause of music education to the entire San Diego region!



Dalouge Smith
President & CEO



Robert Gaan
Chair, Board of Directors

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SDYS provides the region's most advanced orchestra and wind ensemble experiences to the young people of San Diego County. Based in Balboa Park, SDYS is the City of San Diego's official youth orchestra in residence. SDYS guarantees a placement to every student who auditions and provides need-based scholarships to students from low-income families. The most advanced SDYS orchestras perform repertoire commonly heard on professional symphony programs and serve as an inspiration to the hundreds of aspiring musicians in both the Balboa Park Programs and Community Opus Project.

10 Year Goal	Music Education is Accessible and Affordable for All
Core Purpose	Inspiring students to develop performance skills and character through music education.
Core Values	<p>Personal Achievement — <i>Motivating and facilitating performance excellence</i></p> <p>Community Leadership — <i>Developing respectful and responsible citizenship for the greater good</i></p> <p>Inclusiveness — <i>Embracing diversity and promoting collective learning</i></p>
STRATEGIC ACTIVITY AREAS: 2010 – 2014	
Program	Establish El Sistema inspired community music programs for pre-K to 12th grade students
Measurement	Track students' academic, personal, and musical achievement in comparison to their local, state, and national peers
Partnership	Collaborate with other community organizations to align Program, Measurement, Community Awareness, and Community Action efforts
Community Awareness	Promote the impact of music education by communicating the programs' outcomes and SDYS' leadership role
Community Action	Partner with parents, teachers, administrators, and school boards to build support for restoring and strengthening music education in the school day for grades K-12



Community Opus Project

The Community Opus Project is a multi-faceted music and community development effort. In addition to marshalling community support for music in the schools and creating musical pathways from Chula Vista to SDYS' Balboa Park Programs, it encourages and strengthens supportive bonds among the children, their families, neighbors and community.

SDYS draws together local and national resources to advance the vision of the Community Opus Project and achieve its goals. The participation and collaboration of these numerous partners exemplify the dynamic approach SDYS takes to being a catalyst for music education.

SCHOOL PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kellogg Elementary Mueller Elementary Palomar Elementary Valley Vista Elementary Castle Park Middle Chula Vista Middle Castle Park High Chula Vista High 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Neurosciences Institute SDSU School of Music San Diego Symphony La Jolla Music Society
NATIONAL PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> California Alliance for Arts Education ICAN, Santa Barbara League of American Orchestras National Alliance of El Sistema Inspired Programs National Endowment for the Arts Sistema Fellows, New England Conservatory South Bay Family YMCA Support Music Coalition VH1 Save The Music Foundation VYMA — Verdugo Young Musicians Association, Pasadena The Weill Music Institute, Carnegie Hall YOLA, LA Philharmonic 	
COMMUNITY PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chula Vista Community Collaborative Arts Empower San Diego South Bay Community Services Chula Vista Promise Neighborhood South Bay Alliance for Arts Education UC San Diego Center for Human Development UC San Diego CREATE UC San Diego Extension Academic Connections 	

Community Opus Project Supporters

The Community Opus Project is only possible with the support of these funding partners and the many individual donors to San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory.

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year one
2010/2011



year two
2011/2012



year three
2012/2013



year four
2013/2014

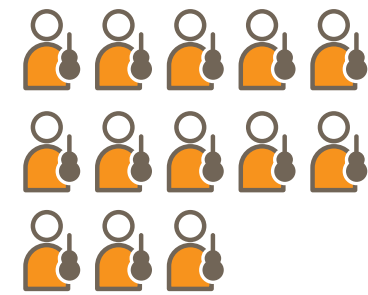


START

GROWTH

EXPANSION

MATURITY



65
STUDENTS
in
2
SCHOOLS!



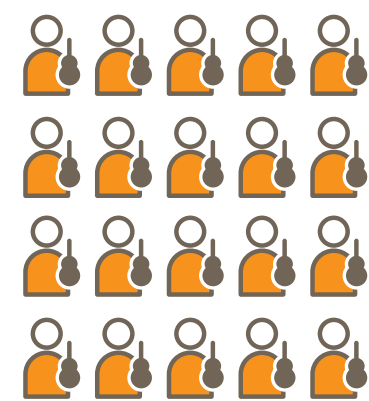
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS!



MUSIC CAMPS!



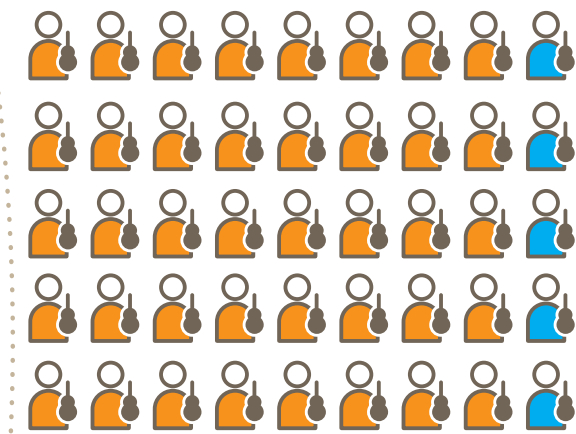
DIVERSIFY
SDYS
ENSEMBLES



200
STUDENTS
in
6
SCHOOLS!



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS + MUSIC CAMPS!

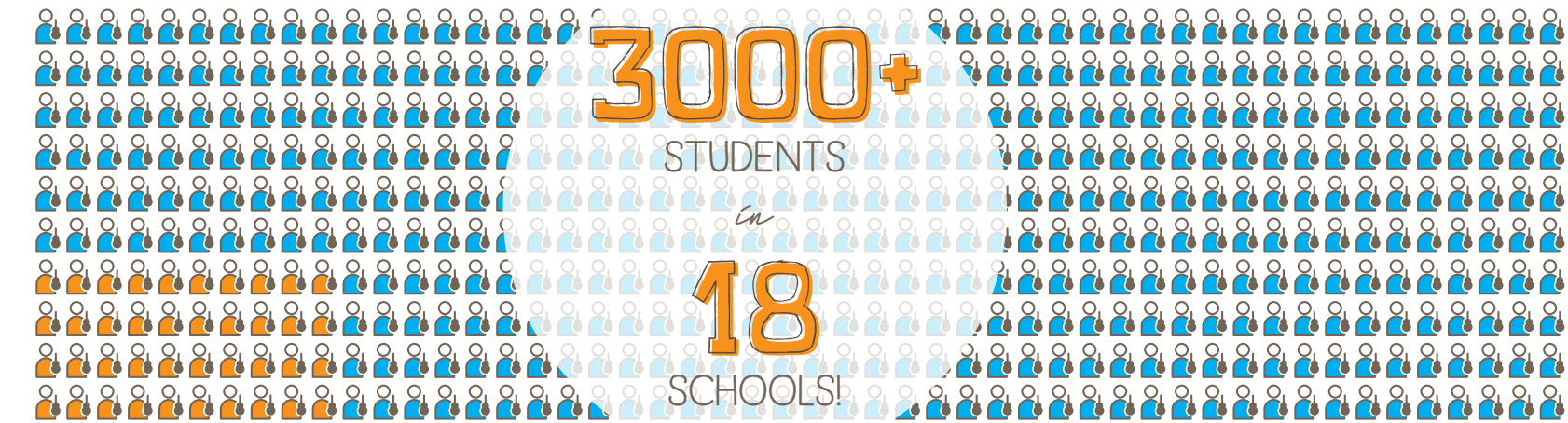


450
STUDENTS
in
7
SCHOOLS!



IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS + AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS + KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM + MUSIC CAMPS!

25 SDYS



3000+
STUDENTS
in
18
SCHOOLS!



4 FULL TIME IN-SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHERS + IN-SCHOOL PROGRAMS + AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS + MUSIC CAMPS!

53 SDYS

SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES :

STUDENTS PERFORM
BETTER
IN SCHOOL

PARENTS
ENGAGE
IN CHILDREN'S
EDUCATION

FAMILIES FORM
STRONG
BONDS

FREE
COMMUNITY
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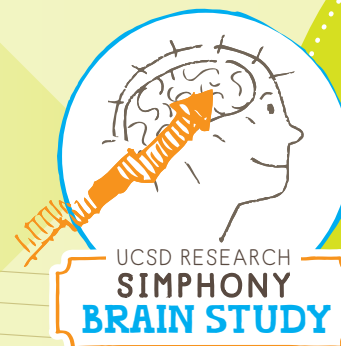
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NATIONAL
RECOGNITION

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