

Fund for Music Education

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What We Do





Kaufman Music Center educates young people in music so they can become innovative thinkers, engaged citizens, and dynamic leaders who make the world a better place. We provide superior training that involves students in working with a faculty of 150 accomplished teaching musicians, learning from our own innovative and highly regarded music curricula, and gaining performance experience in our world-class concert hall. Our Fund for Music Education ensures that talented children can access our outstanding educational programs, regardless of their financial means.

At Kaufman Music Center, children of all backgrounds can:

Gain an Immersive Music Education

tuition-free at **Special Music School** (P.S. 859), a K-12 public school for musically-gifted children and teens

Perform Music by Living Composers

as part of **Face the Music**, a youth music program

Explore Musical Theater

through **Broadway Playhouse**, which presents concerts free of charge to NYC's severely underserved Title I public schools

Benefit from

a strong in-school music education in East Harlem through **Opus 118 Harlem School of Music**

Receive a Scholarship

for music, dance, and theater studies at **Lucy Moses School**, NYC's largest community music school



Why It Matters

Music provides significant benefits that help to close the achievement gap between children of different socioeconomic backgrounds. Research shows that music improves cognitive and language skills. Music students develop focus, creativity, confidence, perseverance, and skills in problem solving and collaboration.

These skills and habits prepare young people to make a significant impact as tomorrow's entrepreneurs, business and community leaders, inventors, explorers, and artists (especially as employers cite creativity and innovation among the top desired workplace skills).

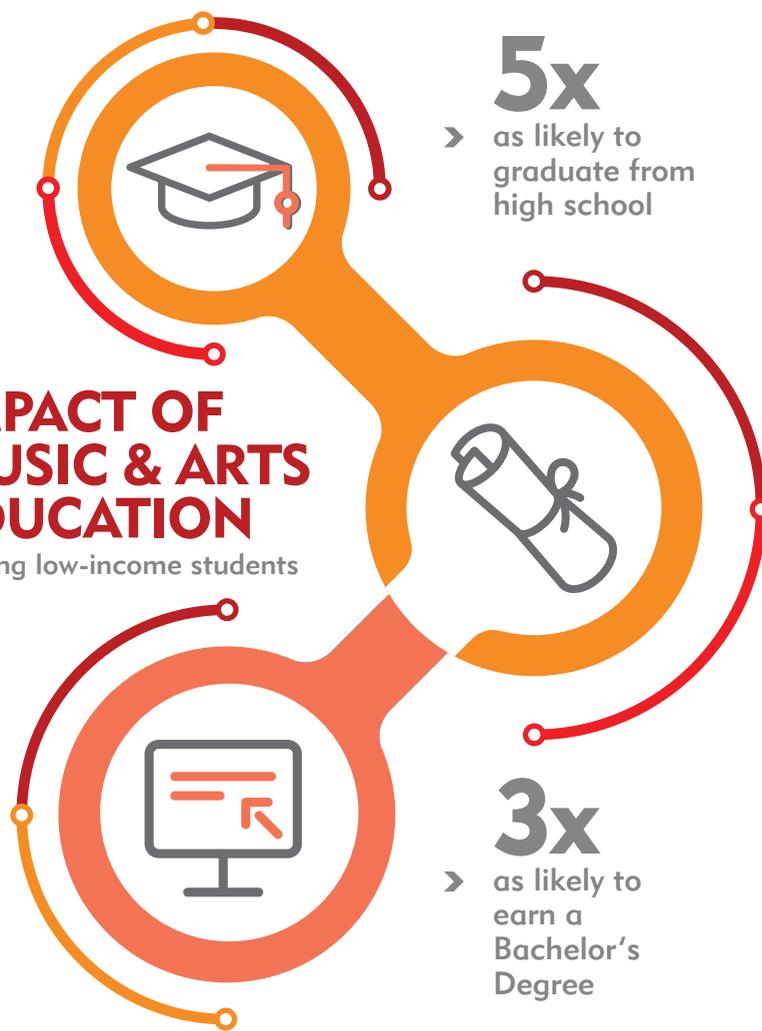
For children who are particularly gifted in music, music education empowers them to realize their full potential as learners.

Identifying children's musical talent, especially through a process that levels the playing field, gives advantages to children who have very few.

Developing that talent opens up a world of possibilities.

IMPACT OF MUSIC & ARTS EDUCATION

among low-income students





What We Face

Budget challenges have eliminated music education from many public schools across the United States.

In New York City:

- Students in the lowest-income areas are the least likely to have music offered as a subject in their schools or have the means to pursue extracurricular music training.
- Due to decades of funding cuts, many schools that claim to have music education only have basic music exposure programs, which lack the depth needed to help students develop real musical skills and knowledge.
- An astounding 37% of middle and high school students do not have any music programming at school.



Our Impact

At Special Music School, students score in the top 2% of NYC schools on state math and English tests. In 2015, 4th and 7th graders had the top math scores in NYC, and 4th graders had the top English scores.

Our students advance to selective NYC high schools, such as:

**Special Music School
High School**

**Fiorello H. LaGuardia High
School of Music & Art and
Performing Arts**

Stuyvesant High School

Bronx High School of Science

Our graduates move on to colleges and conservatories such as:

The Juilliard School

Columbia University

Harvard University

**Massachusetts Institute of
Technology**

New York University

Northwestern University

Yale University

In college, many of our graduates earn scholarships as music majors. Others study physics, liberal arts, neuroscience, and math, while still playing music seriously.

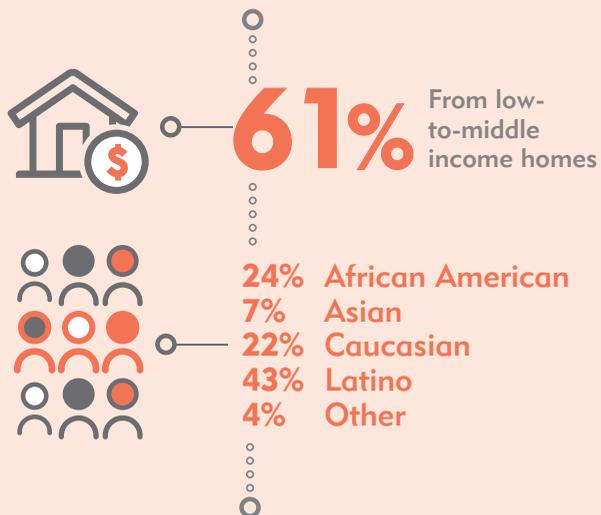


Who We Serve

Kaufman Music Center provides music training to more than 4,000 children each year and subsidizes the costs of participation for every student. We are proud that approximately 50% of the students we serve receive scholarships and subsidies through the Fund for Music Education.



Children supported by the Fund are approximately:



Kaufman Music Center offers an inclusive educational environment that enables children with special needs to participate. Our students include children who have learning or developmental disabilities, are on the autism spectrum, or face mobility challenges.



See Us in Action!

KaufmanMusicCenter.org

YouTube: <http://bit.ly/26h2Z9r>

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**Play an Instrumental Role
in the Future of Music Education**

Your gift to the Fund for Music Education will help Kaufman Music Center build the next generation of musicians and leaders. Thank you for your support!

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