



strategy + support for
musicians creating change

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MUSIC EDUCATION IN LOS ANGELES

Despite the evidence of the benefits of music education, budget cuts to music in LA's schools is astronomical. By the end of 2012, all music teachers will be cut from the city's elementary school curriculum. Many of you have asked how you can help. There are worthy nonprofits that are working in LA to fill in the gaps to bring music back into schools, to provide after-school music programs, and also to advocate for music as a crucial core subject. In addition to a simple donation to provide much-needed funding to these organizations, artists can also become involved by visiting schools, sharing their experience and raising awareness about the state of music education in schools today.

Below is a list of organizations working locally on this issue. If you would like more information on national organizations or on the subject of music education in general, please contact Tara Kurland at tara@atctower.net so that she can share ATC's research.

LOS ANGELES ORGANIZATIONS

Education Through Music-Los Angeles (<http://www.etmla.org/>)

Education Through Music-Los Angeles (ETM-LA) provides and promotes the integration of music into the curricula of disadvantaged schools in order to enhance students' academic performance and creative and general development. ETM-LA provides yearlong comprehensive music instruction as part of the regular school day and ongoing professional development for teaching artists and teachers. ETM-LA ensures high-quality instruction by hiring qualified teaching artists, providing ongoing training, and performing regular program assessments.

LA's Best (<http://www.lasbest.org/>)

LA's Best is a program of the mayor's office and provides safe and supervised after-school education, enrichment and recreation for elementary school children in Los Angeles. One of its main programs, After School Arts Program (ASAP), is instrumental in bringing after-school music education to elementary school sites in neighborhoods that are most vulnerable to gangs, drugs and crime, and at schools with the lowest student test scores.

Inner City Arts (<http://inner-cityarts.org/>)

Inner City Arts uses art and music education to positively affect the lives of inner-city children, improving their chances to lead constructive and successful lives by developing creativity, improving learning skills and building self-confidence. During the school day, after school and on weekends, elementary, middle and high school students come to Inner-City Arts' beautiful campus to work with professional teaching artists in well-equipped studios.

Air Traffic Control (ATC) exists to help musicians play an effective, unique and vital role in the promotion of social justice. Musicians and managers established ATC five years ago to assemble an experienced and trusted team of leaders, resources and tools that would help them to create more effective social change collaborations with each other and with social justice organizations. As a result, ATC became an artists' air traffic control—one that develops capacity, efficiency, and coordination to produce stronger and more creative social change partnerships. For more information, please go to www.atctower.net.