



KIDS EMPOWERED BY YOUR SUPPORT

An independent music education program in Bridgeport CT schools since 2004

April 2024

Celebrating 20 years of Music Education in Bridgeport!



It's our anniversary! We are extremely excited to celebrate 20 years of providing music education to young people in Bridgeport. As we reflect on the challenges and triumphs since April 2004, one truth becomes increasingly evident: the power of music. Music is an international language that gives new spirit and purpose to each and every one of us. Now 20 years later, KEYS continues to offer countless children free music education year-round through our In-School, Saturday, and Summer programs.

Thanks to YOU, we have seen our KEYS students discover in themselves new dimensions of creativity and vitality through playing and loving music. For the past 20 years KEYS has served over 5,600 students, providing essential resources, fostering a sense of community, and encouraging creativity, resilience, self-esteem, leadership skills, and integrity - and in the process, effecting real and lasting changes in the lives of their families and communities.



Please donate now during our Spring Appeal!

Because you care, KEYS continues to create supportive spaces for students to grow and thrive through a well-rounded music education that will prepare them for a bright future. We truly appreciate your continued support and commitment as we embark on another 20-year journey to promote overall musical experiences, well-being, and hope.



Seeing the work and impact of our KEYS program is one of the many reasons I love leading this organization. I invite you to learn more about our students, teachers, and program on the back of this letter!

Sincerely,

Karen A. Cobham
Executive Director



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P.S. Please see our 2023 Impact Report at keysmusic.org/annualreport or scan code ->

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KEYS MAKES A DIFFERENCE BY....

REMOVING FINANCIAL BARRIERS

to music lessons, instruments, Saturday and Summer programs

REACHING ALL GRADE LEVELS

from K through 12 and beyond to support a continuous music education

PROVIDING ACCESS

to a broad set of ensembles, performance opportunities, and summer programs that build and engage the community

SUPPORTING GRADUATES

with paid internships, access to scholarships and student monetary awards

CREATING A FAMILY NETWORK

to share valuable educational, economic, and social resources

WHY?

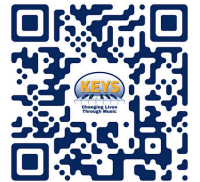
In order to thrive, young people need to develop a positive sense of self, set and achieve goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

This learning happens through the study of music!

THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

Young Bridgeport musicians turn to KEYS as part of a well-rounded education to grow self-esteem, build essential skills, and prepare for a bright future.

Read more about these students and teachers at keysmusic.org/springappeal or scan code -->



The KEYS music program has taught me skills in and out of music - from how to read music better to how to get to places on time and be responsible.

LIANA
Student



One of the things I love about music and the arts in general is the inclusivity of the artistic community. It's important to expose as many kids as possible to music education.

PETER RANDAZZO
Teacher



Through music, I have learned that music brings everyone together and it truly shows. I've made so many amazing friends here.

KAELYN
Intern



Summer is an important part of a year-round music education.

Summer Program
2023