Mission & Vision

OrchKids is a year-round, during and after school, music program designed to create social change and nurture promising futures for youth in Baltimore City neighborhoods.

To use music as a vehicle to provide Baltimore City children with mentoring, encouragement and vision for a promising future. Create an after-school program devoted to music appreciation, academics, citizenship, community awareness, family and health (emotional, social and physical). Continue to develop the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra as an accessible community resource.

Results

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Who We Are

Marin Alsop  
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*Baltimore Education Research Consortium (BERC) Study “OrchKids: An Examination of Student Outcomes***
Program Overview

2013 National Arts and Humanities Youth Program Award

[1900 Students]

2016 Emmy Award for OrchKids Segment in MPT Artworks

2018 Mayoral Salute City of Baltimore

[10 Schools]

Baltimore City Schools

Mary Ann Winterling Elementary
In-School & After-School Programming

Booker T. Washington Middle
In-School & After-School Programming

Lockerman Bundy Elementary
In-School & Access to After-School Programming

Mt. Royal Elementary/Middle
In-School & Access to After-School Programming

The SEED School of Maryland
Summer Programming

Highlandtown Elementary/Middle
In-School & After-School Programming

Patterson Park Public Charter
In-School & Access to After-School Programming

The Belair-Edison School
In-School Programming

Margaret Brent Elementary/Middle
In-School & Access to After-School Programming

Lillie May Carroll Jackson Charter
In-School Workshops
Every summer OrchKids audition for and attend summer festivals like Interlochen Arts Camp, Take A Stand Symposium, Archipelago Summer Music Camp and more!
After School Programming Options

Classes:
• Musicianship
• Exploratory Music
• Choir
• Bucket Band
• Violin
• Band
• Orchestra

Access to:
• Baltimore Symphony Orchestra Mid-Week Concerts ($ per year)
• Guest Artist Workshops
• After-School Programming at Hub Sites

*After-School Classes meet twice per week for 30-90 minutes*

Access to:
• Cross-Site Ensembles
• Guest Artist Workshops

*After-School Classes meet twice per week for 30-90 minutes*

Classes:
• Musicianship
• Exploratory Music
• Choir
• Bucket Band
• Instrumental Group Lessons
• Enrichment

Access to:
• Brass Band
• OrchKids String Ensemble
• OrchKids Wind Ensemble
• Performance Bucket Band
• Academic Tutoring
• Snack & Supper

*In-School Classes meet twice per week for 40-50 minutes*

Cross-Site Ensembles

Ensembles:
• OrchKids String Ensemble
• OrchKids Wind Ensemble
• Brass Band
• Performance Bucket Band

*Cross-Site Ensembles meet once per week for 90 minutes*

Workshops:
• Collaborative Composition
• Bucket Band
• Choir
• Guest Artist

*Workshops can take place during and after school for 60-120 minutes*
Student Spotlight

Melanie, Cello, Flute, Highlandtown Elementary/Middle #215
Q. What is your wildest life dream?
A. “I want to see the world”
Q. What do you find most fascinating about music?
A. “The sounds of all the instruments”

Christopher, Violin, Highlandtown Elementary/Middle #215
Q. What is your wildest life dream?
A. “I want to be a professional violinist and teach kids”
Q. What do you find most fascinating about music?
A. “Everyday, new things can be learned”

SKILLS
• Creativity
• Self-Expression
• Cooperative Learning
• Teamwork
• Academic Success

• Self-Esteem
• Empathy Vs. Sympathy
• Setting High Expectations
• Learning Accountability
• Mutual Respect

• Communication
• Leadership
• Social Justice
• OrchKids R’s: Respect, Responsibility, Resiliency, Safe
What Students Say

“The program has given me a voice, I feel like I can be whatever, do whatever—strive” - Asia Palmer

“I love making music for people to hear. It’s my favorite thing to do. I feel like brass band is the reason we get so many opportunities, how we get to come together as a whole family.” - Shakur Brooks

“My child uses positive behaviors learned at OrchKids during the school day.”

What Parents Say

“My child likes attending school more because of participation in the OrchKids program.”

“My child has developed skills or talents at the OrchKids program.”

What the Community Says

“The OrchKids program is not only using music as a tool to guide and mentor our youngest citizens, it is building a sense of community pride and deepening family engagement in our schools” - Principal Nancy Fagan

“My child says it’s his favorite thing to do.”

“I’ve seen firsthand how this music for social change program transforms the lives of our students and deepens the connections and engagements between families and their schools. Each time the students perform, they are not only promoting our students and our schools, they are promoting Baltimore in a positive light, to the entire world.” - Dr. Sonja Santelises, CEO, Baltimore City Public Schools

“OrchKids is an amazing program that changes children’s lives […] I am extremely proud of the commitment OrchKids has shown to Baltimore youth—not just to their musical talents and aspirations, but to their overall development” - Congressman Elijah Cummings
What Our Students Accomplished in 2019

1. 1 student was accepted into the Interlochen Center for the Arts boarding High-School

2. 2 students presented at the El Sistema USA National Symposium

3. 3 students graduated from the Baltimore School for the Arts. 9 students currently attend.

4. 16 students were accepted into and attended the Baltimore School for the Arts’ Saturday TWIGS program

5. 23 students attended Peabody Preparatory

6. 48 students attended outside summer programs: 13 of those students attended the Interlochen Center for the Arts Camp

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