

SOUNDART

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OUR MISSION

Sound Art's mission is to provide high-quality, mobile music education to young people in the Los Angeles area, specifically for youth who lack access to music programs in their schools and/or cannot afford private music lessons.

We do this by utilizing the real-world experience of professional musicians who help students learn the practical, foundational principles of musicianship; and by using music that is relevant to our students.

Through our education and outreach programs we also seek to enlighten the public on the intrinsic value of music and music education.

OUR VALUES

Sound Art's programs are...

High quality. We strive to provide the best musical training available. Our programs are thorough (meaning well-rounded, include both theory and performance, and based on solid principles of musicianship), and also practical (meaning usable in the real world).

Accessible. We go to where the kids who need us are, and conduct our programs in their communities. There is never a cost to the students for our services which allows us to take our services to the underserved communities where music education is lacking.

Relevant. We use current popular music as the foundation of our curriculum, music that holds our students' interest.

Sound Art programs foster...

Mutual respect. Our students' perspectives are valued by our teachers, who require in turn that students treat teachers and each other with respect and dignity.

Informed creativity. We teach kids how to express themselves using the skills and techniques of musicianship.

Enjoyment. We believe that the processes of learning and creating music should be enjoyable.

Collaboration. Making music in a group teaches kids to learn to solve problems through cooperation, and to understand the value of finding creative solutions within a group. We believe

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this is valuable preparation for all kinds of real-world endeavors, not just music-making.
Individual contribution. Our programs create an environment where every student can freely express their ideas without fear of ridicule.

Sound Art programs stress...

Community. Our programs take into consideration the unique characteristics of our students' backgrounds and environments, including ethnicity, economic status, and cultural traditions.

Professionalism. Our teachers are working professional musicians who are trained in the Sound Art Method. They are subject matter experts who naturally garner the respect of students and who know which musical skills are most useful to them.