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One of the biggest success stories for Music in Schools Today is our collaboration with El Dorado Elementary School, one of our three Learning Laboratory schools.

We developed the Learning Lab concept in concert with the Music in Education National Consortium (MIENC), focusing on underserved schools that make a commitment to infuse music into the curriculum, so that all the children receive music classes, and teachers use music to teach other core curricula. The school becomes a model for how to teach music and a resource center for other schools and districts.

El Dorado serves Sunnydale, one of the most violent and crime-ridden areas in San Francisco. In 2005, when

Tai Schoeman became principal, it had no real music program. Under his leadership, in 2006, teachers voted to designate a music room, and provide every child with 27 weeks of music.

Tai hired Music in Schools Today teaching artists, and we worked with the MIENC to train teachers in active research and music integration techniques. We then received a \$23,000 grant from the Bothin Foundation to establish a music room. El Dorado teachers voted to set aside that room and we purchased basic Orff instruments for the younger grades, keyboards for the older grades, along with necessities such as rugs, a theater curtain and storage.

The collaboration initially concentrated
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Silicon Valley Rocks was a Smashing Success!

Silicon Valley Rocks thundered into the Great American Music Hall on Wednesday, December 1. Guests rocked out to amazing music from Silicon Valley and beyond. Bands included *Sonic Love Tonic*, *The Hot Toddies*, *The Open Source Band*, *RubbersideDown*, *Sid Luscious and the Pants*, *Lucid Mechanism*, *Ingar Brown and The Future Funk*, and *Coverflow*. Mood music was provided by *SOSOSOON*.



Chris Pan and Andrew Stess of The Open Source Band

Our deepest thanks to Amgen, Bananas At Large, Clorox, Ex'pression College for Digital Arts, Microsoft, Pyramind, and Waggener Edstrom for their sponsorship. With their help, we raised more than \$24,000 for music programs in schools and community centers around the San Francisco Bay Area.

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on integrating music into science and literacy. Teachers voted to focus on social-emotional development, and Music in Schools Today began offering classes to teach children life skills through music, while working with the teachers on classroom management.

In 2008, San Francisco Opera set up a residency at El Dorado. Music in Schools Today provides the opera research component. Then in 2010, with funding from the Johnson Ohana Charitable Foundation, Music in Schools Today began a Nature of Music pilot. Children work with a teaching artist and gardener, learning basic concepts of ecology and demonstrating their knowledge through musical performance. Most recently, a \$10,000 grant from the Schroeder Family Foundation has allowed us to bring El Dorado up to par with our other Learning Labs.

This program demonstrates, documents and disseminates how music raises test scores and school attendance, offering a way to work in difficult schools where traditional teaching has failed. Thus, El Dorado, a great success!



Students in the Nature of Music Program at El Dorado Elementary

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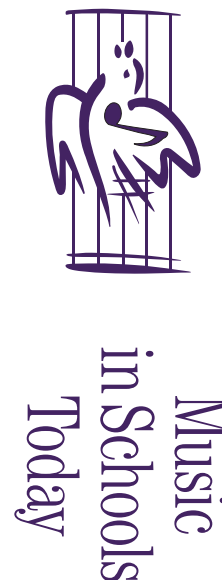
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Adopt an Instrument Program Helps Local Schools

Music in Schools Today recently donated several musical instruments, including a drum set, acoustic and electric guitars, and a couple amps to Making Waves Academy through the Adopt an Instrument program. Making Waves Academy is a new public charter middle school located in Richmond, CA.

Beginning this year, for the first time in the school's four-year history, 8th graders have the option of taking a guitar and instrumental music class elective. This class focuses on learning the fundamentals of guitar including chords, scales, and how to read musical notation. Students learn to play as an ensemble that includes guitar, bass, drums, piano, and vocals, and are given the opportunity to perform at school assemblies and events. Our donation helped their music program significantly, providing the students with more instruments to work with.

We also donated three guitars to Hillside Elementary School to assist with their guitar class, taught through a collaboration between Hillside Elementary and MUST.



Students in the Making Waves program play on instruments donated through Music in Schools Today

2011 MUST Golf Tournament Hosted by Tré Cool

Coming up! Enjoy some of the world's best golfing while supporting Music in Schools Today. Golf with Bay Area personalities from the worlds of music and entertainment at the 5th Annual MUST Golf Tournament, hosted by Tré Cool, on Monday, May 2, 2011. Registration begins at 10am with a shotgun start at noon. This "scramble-style" tournament includes a poolside BBQ lunch, incredible on-course events, prizes, live and silent auctions, musical entertainment, and a delectable buffet dinner, all at the exclusive Sequoyah Country Club in the Oakland Hills.

Guests can sign up to play with famous athletes including Jeff Clark, legendary big wave surfer, Tim Salmon, former major leaguer with the Anaheim Angels, and David Kingman, MLB All-Star and former player with the Giants, Mets, Padres, Angels, Yankees, Cubs and A's.

Located outside the chilling fog band that comes off the San Francisco Bay, Sequoyah Country Club, nestled among Monterey pines and redwoods in the hills of Oakland, has earned the title among golfers as the best kept secret in the Bay Area. Rolling hills, sloping fairways and lightning fast greens demand the best of every golfer while providing sweeping vistas and a luxurious evergreen backdrop. Check out www.mustcreate.org/events/golftournament.html for more info.



Mike Dirnt focuses on making the perfect putt