From our own

"ROCmusic has changed my son's life more than I ever thought it would! He is more outgoing, more confident and more responsible. This program has taught him that with effort and focus, anything is possible. He also has role models to look up to in this program and now he himself is a role model!" -Christine R. & parent of student

"My sister was in ROCmusic first and I also really wanted to learn the violin! I really like to practice our orchestra music since we don't have one in school." -Nakia





"My teachers are the best musicians ever! I love singing & writing my own songs. I love Ms. Grossman and Señor Peña & hope to become President or a leader some day!" -Dennis W. David F. Gantt Community Center 700 North Street Rochester, NY 14605 www.rocmusic.org 585-490-1559 https://www.facebook.com/rocmusickids

Providing free instruments & classical music lessons to all residents of Rochester in grades 1–12!

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Who We Are

What We Do

ROCmusic is an El Sistema-inspired, tuition-free after school classical music education program in downtown Rochester, NY hosted at the David F. Gantt Community Center.

El Sistema is "a set of inspiring ideals which inform an intensive youth music program that seeks to effect social change through the ambitious pursuit of musical excellence. El Sistema focuses primarily on children with the fewest resources and greatest need."

http://www.elsistemausa.org





We meet every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday after school from 4–6 pm & every student receives:

- Instruction in singing & reading music
- Lessons on instruments including recorders, dulcimers, & bowed strings
- Private training, ensemble rehearsals, field trips, & concert participation
- + All necessary books & materials free
- + Snack before ROCmusic & dinner after
- Full scholarship to participate in all activities!

Our Story

Since ROCmusic's start in 2012:

- Over 1100 audience members have been reached, and counting!
- More than 500 applications have been submitted for 50-60 spots annually
- Over 20 performances across Rochester including collaborations with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, New Horizons String Orchestra & Hochstein Suzuki Strings Program for groups like Rochester's City Council & Mayor
- Four students have auditioned & gained acceptance into the Rochester City School District's School of the Arts (SOTA)
- One student has earned a full scholarship to Eastman Community Music School's Pathways Program

