

## Orchestrating Diversity: El Sistema St. Louis

announces our fall 2022 sessions. Our free music education offerings will begin the 2nd week of September. All fall sessions will be weekly and continue until the final concert on December 18, 2022.

**Orchestrating Diversity** is a stand-alone orchestral music education program of the LEMP Neighborhood Arts Center, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We are part of the global El Sistema movement which sees music as a birthright of all children and an irreplaceable tool in the emotional and educational growth of young people. We present 3 offerings to the public:

**The Diversity Orchestra (DO)** is a philharmonic orchestra creating a diverse community. While we focus on educating youth, we also invite adults to join. We especially aim to reach underserved and marginalized peoples. All are welcome!

**The Junior Urban Music Program (JUMP)** is a basic music education program focused on underserved youths from the age of 4. Free sessions to develop music literacy (being able to read rhythms and melodies) lead students into the El Sistema Paper Orchestra. Students then graduate into violin and other orchestral instrument lessons. There are no prerequisites to join.

**The Keyboard Education for Young Students (KEYS)** is a piano education program administered by students from Washington University. Our young students will receive one-on-one piano lessons. These weekly classes are open to all children from the age of 4 years.

Throughout September our staff will travel to area schools to audition new players and we will also schedule auditions at LEMP Neighborhood Arts Center.

The requirements for admission are:

1. You have basic knowledge of your instrument (for strings = 1st position, for winds = be able to play major scales one octave)
2. You can read sufficiently to allow rudimentary sight-reading.

**General Open Rehearsal: September 10, 9am - noon at LEMP Neighborhood Arts Center, 3301 Lemp Ave. St. Louis, MO 63118. All are welcome!**

**Each Tuesday (excluding holidays) beginning September 13, 5-7pm: Winds Sectional.**

**Each Thursday (excluding holidays) beginning September 15, 5-7pm: Strings Sectional.**

**Each Saturday (excluding holidays) beginning September 17, 9am-noon: Full Orchestra Rehearsal.**

*Private lessons will be scheduled by the student with their instructor.*

**The Junior Urban Music Program (JUMP) will hold Group Lessons and Literacy Lessons each Thursday evening from 4:30 to 6. An additional weekly private lesson will be scheduled by the parent or guardian with the instructor.**

**The first JUMP session will be Thursday September 15 at 4:30pm at the Messiah Community Center, 2801 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO 63118.**

**The Keyboard Education for Young Students (KEYS) will begin sessions on Saturday September 17 at 1pm in the Tietjens Music Hall, 242 Orange St, St. Louis, MO 63105.**

Our fall semester will conclude with a seasonal concert at the Messiah Lutheran Church on Sunday December 18 at 3:30pm.

We will resume classes for the Spring Semester on Saturday January 28 2023.