

CHAMBER MUSIC CHARLESTON

YOUTH CHAMBER MUSIC INITIATIVE

The CMC Youth Chamber Music Initiative has two primary activities: year-long mentorship with student chamber music ensembles (CMC TWO) and one intensive 3-day side-by-side residency with CMC guest artists at the Charleston County School of the Arts.



Members of CMC TWO (High School student participants) participate in weekly activities including self-guided rehearsals, coachings with the professional musicians of CMC, and advanced learning sessions addressing

topics such as connecting with an audience, the art of producing a concert and audition techniques.

Members of CMC TWO will participate in Chamber Music Charleston Classical Kids Concerts (educational programs for younger students), first performing alongside the professional musicians of CMC and then on their own.

Students will prepare and perform various outreach concerts targeted towards high-poverty communities and schools with small music programs.

In February, members of CMC TWO will help organize and participate in a series of two outreach events, mentoring younger students as they prepare for SOA and All-State Auditions.



Classical Kids Concerts are 45-minute programs brought directly to elementary schools for students. Each program includes an introduction to the musicians and their instruments, a selection of sing-along songs, and a children's story set to music, with images displayed on a screen.

For the 2021-2022 school year, CMC will set the acclaimed children's story "Dancing Hands: How Teresa Carreno Played the Piano for President Lincoln" to music for a program focusing on Hispanic musicians' influence on classical music. This follows on the heels of the 2020-2021 adaptation of "Harlem's Little Blackbird: The Story of Florence Mills," which highlighted the important contributions of Florence Mills to the fight for equality. Both stories illustrate CMC's commitment to highlighting the accomplishments of overlooked racial groups who have made major contributions to music. The goal is to inspire younger students to participate in music by seeing others who look like them, making great strides in music.

HIGH SCHOOL GOALS

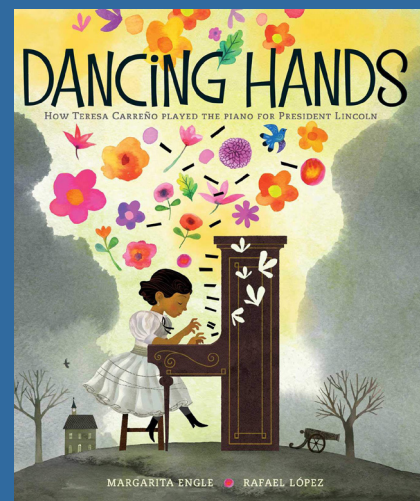
(CMC TWO and SOA Residency Participants)

- students will increase their mastery of their instruments
- as members of an ensemble, students will learn to excel in performances
- students will become exposed to real-world applications of music
- students will become musical ambassadors, sharing their talent with the community

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOALS

(students attending outreach concerts/audition workshop)

- students experience expanded access to the arts
- students become inspired to learn an instrument
- students become inspired to participate in school music programs
- students may become future members of CMC TWO



PROPOSED TIMELINE & ACTIVITIES

To be scheduled

CMC TWO Outreach Concert
City of Charleston Dept. of
Recreation After-School Programs
and performances at various
Elementary Schools

August 2021 to May 2022

Sundays
W.Ashley Theater Center
CMC TWO Coachings
Rehearsals
Learning Sessions

November 2021

Sunday (exact date TBA)
W.Ashley Theater Center
CMC TWO Concert

December 19, 2021

Sottile Theatre
"The Night Before Christmas"
side by side Classical Kids Concert

February 2022

W.Ashley Theater Center
CMC TWO Concert
Q&A with CMC2 participants

February 2022

W.Ashley Theater Center
Audition Workshop Day
mentoring sessions
mock auditions
Q&A with CMC2 participants

March 14-17, 2022

Fullana & Foley Residency
Side by Side activities with
SOA, Charleston County
School of the Arts

March 17, 2022

Sottile Theatre
Residency Performance:
Mozart Serenata Notturmo
Bottesini Grand Duo Concertante
Elgar Serenade for Strings
Francisco Fullana, violin
Xavier Foley, bass
SOA Sinfonietta

May, 2022

Sunday (exact date TBA)
W.Ashley Theater Center
CMC2 Concert
Applications open for 2022-23
Program

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HOW WILL THE GOALS BE ACCOMPLISHED?

The CMC Youth Chamber Music Initiative's activities will provide solid, consistent training to young musicians who have already accomplished a high level of playing in their own right. The coachings by professional musicians of CMC will provide exceptional quality instruction to the students. These CMC musicians have all trained extensively at top music conservatories around the world and are accomplished teachers and performers. This combination will allow the students to excel in music while developing essential life skills.

The use of student ensembles trained to inspire and interact with younger audiences to provide outreach concerts to underserved youth will increase the musical abilities and sense of social responsibility within the members of CMC TWO. In addition, it will also provide the necessary spark to inspire a young student's interest in music. While CMC's professional ensembles successfully present in-school educational programming, we feel there is an added benefit for students to see other students – not much older than themselves – enjoying and excelling at music.

HOW TO BECOME INVOLVED

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Applications to become a member of CMC TWO will be available in March 2021 for participation in the 2021-2022 Season. Students will be selected upon review of the completed application, interview with the ensemble, and teacher recommendation. Only pre-formed ensembles may apply (made up of standard chamber music instrumentation such as string quartet, string trio, piano trio, wind trio, wind quintet or brass quintet) although the ensemble doesn't need to have worked together extensively in the past. Ensembles should be comprised of students who work well together and have similar schedules. Students will have to be available to participate in the Sunday activities.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Are you interested in partnering with CMC to have a CMC TWO Outreach Concert take place for your students? We would look forward to working with you to develop a relationship that would enhance your existing studies while inspiring young potential musicians to further study music.

EDUCATION INVESTORS

We need your support! The CMC Youth Chamber Music Initiative is part of a substantial new educational program for the 2021-2022 Season that includes public/in-school Classical Kids Concerts and Master Classes in addition to the CMC TWO program and CMC-SOA Residency. As an investor in this program you will receive opportunities to observe the program in action to see first-hand how music can bring about positive change in the community.

TO BECOME INVOLVED in these exciting projects, contact sandra by email (sandra@chambermusiccharleston.org) or phone (843-763-4942).