



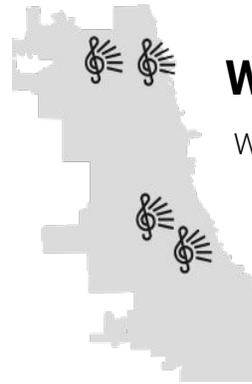
The People's Music School



OUR MISSION

We deliver access to the transformational benefits of high-quality, tuition-free music education. Through intensive instruction and performance, our students **achieve excellence in music that transfers to other areas in life**. They grow musically, socially, emotionally and intellectually, and develop a foundation of responsibility, self-esteem, resilience and purpose.

WHERE WE ARE



We serve under-resourced youth across Chicago, through 4 program sites

- Back of the Yards
- Greater South Side
- Albany Park
- Uptown

WHO WE ARE

1,000 students, ages 5-18
90%+ of color (45% African-American, 40% LatinX)

60+ committed, talented, inspiring, paid teaching artists
50+ zip codes across Chicago

10,000+ students served since 1976
10,000+ hours of cost-saving service performed by our families every year

WHAT WE DO

Intensive, outcomes-driven, free music instruction (average 9 hours/student/week, up to 12+)
250,000+ learning hours per year

Industry-leading student retention (90%), musical progression (98%), and growth mindset development

14 different kinds of instruments
25 ensembles of diverse music genres
93 performances last year
30 summer ambassadors representing us in 16 cities across 9 countries

100% committed to realizing a child's potential and self-worth through music

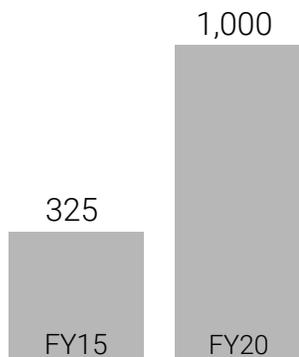
BUILDING ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY

Thanks to your commitment, we are relieving our long waiting list and on track to serve 1000 deserving, under-resourced youth in Chicago.

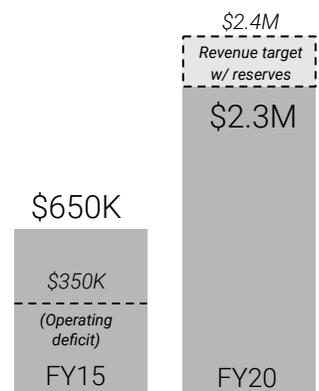
OUR VALUES

Excellence Hard Work Opportunity
Creativity Community

Students Served



Operating Budget



BEYOND THE MUSIC

Our impact beyond music has been studied in an **independent, national, longitudinal evaluation effort**.

Our students demonstrate industry-leading gains in not only music, but also in social and emotional life skills and growth mindset - proven to lead to success later in life.

RISING STARS

100% of our high school seniors graduate and attend colleges from Harvard to Grinnell, Stanford to Loyola, Northwestern to the DePauw. They study biomedical engineering, psychology, computer science, communications, nursing, and yes... music!

We're so proud!

ARTISTIC EXCELLENCE

We build pride across Chicago through **innovative, ground-breaking, high-quality partnerships**, including:

Grammy-winning Third Coast Percussion, Jimmy Chamberlin (Smashing Pumpkins), Emanuel Ax, Yo-Yo Ma, International Contemporary Ensemble (ICE), Chicago Symphony, Obama Foundation, and more.



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IMPACT STORY

As a percussionist, 14-year old Josue is a critical part of his orchestra and jazz band: his steady beat provides the foundation for all other players. Josue is from the Albany Park neighborhood, where he lives with his mother and two younger brothers. His mother found The People's Music School as she searched for a safe place for her children to go after school, while she worked multiple jobs to support the family. She wanted her boys to avoid the fate of so many young men in Chicago - of getting into trouble, or getting hurt by trouble.

In the seven years since joining TPMS, music has opened up new worlds for Josue. Josue exemplifies our values of excellence, hard work, opportunity, creativity and community. His musicality has impressed professional artists, his leadership has made him a favorite mentor to our younger students and his character shines bright for all our community to be proud of.

"As the years pass, I am beginning to become aware of the situation my mom is going through, **so I decided on my own to do something big for my family.**

I dreamed about being a young musician looking for this one goal in life: to bring my family to a position that no one can do any harm to us.

I dedicate myself to things I think are going to **do good in my life.**

- Josue,
Age 15



CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS (CPS) ADVOCACY

"[TPMS] is a catalyst for improved self-esteem and academic success. The students are getting accepted into top high schools. It's cool, and their peers look up to them."

- Scott Ahlman
CPS principal at TPMS partner school



INVESTED ARTISTIC AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

"From the students, to the teachers, to the staff, everything you all do is so engaging, well planned, and creative... [TPMS] is such an **inspiring organization.**"

-Grammy Award-winning
Third Coast Percussion



FAITHFUL FUNDERS

"[TPMS is] a unique, innovative and **highly effective gem** in Chicago, well-deserving of distinguished recognition"

- Fry Foundation,
long-time TPMS supporters





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[Hundreds Of Kids Unite For 'Performapaloozathon' At The People's Music School \(May, 2019\)](#)



[At People's Music School, parents clean toilets, repair leaks, work security – all for a shot at a world-class education for their kids \(May, 2019\)](#)



[ABC7 News Showcases TPMS President Jennifer Kim-Matsuzawa as part of Asian-American Heritage Month \(May, 2019\)](#)



[La iniciativa que brinda educación musical gratuita a pequeños en Chicago \(Free Music Education for Children Across Chicago\) \(May, 2019\)](#)



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