



The
People's
Music
School

YEAR IN REVIEW 2020-21

STRENGTH THROUGH UNITY



Tuition Free. Transformational. Lasting Impact.

The only school of its kind.

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. Every single student entering our programs would not otherwise be able to afford to study music.

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850

students in our core after-school programs.

1,000

additional in-school students through People's general music curriculum and teacher professional development.

100%

virtual pivot, with emerging data showing stellar student report cards!

94%

attendance rate after shifting to online classes.

100%

of our seniors graduate high school and attend college.

From Harvard to Grinnell, Stanford to Loyola, Northwestern to DePauw. They study biomedical engineering, psychology, computer science, communications, nursing, and yes... music!



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

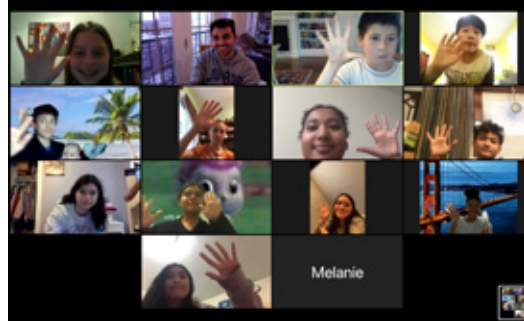
We come back in-person starting this summer to minimize learning loss and social-emotional development gaps (and maximize our community joy!) Moving forward, we look to:

- **Nurture and grow** our core after-school offering to **1,000 students** in Chicago, with continued focus on artistic excellence and student outcomes
- **Empower and equip public school music educators** in under-resourced communities with People's curriculum, professional development, and community playbook in Chicago, East Palo Alto, CA and beyond
- **Innovate, pilot, and scale** ideas that work across our entire expanding community, proving the transformative power of strong music education

"TPMS taught my kids that strength comes from unity. Even in this pandemic, the teachers have given 100% to help them be triumphant. Long live love and long live music!"

"Learning music at TPMS has helped my daughter grow socially, intellectually, and mentally, as well as given her the opportunity to experience the happiness and the beauty of music."

"TPMS has given my children a goal. It gives them a new purpose, and keeps them working year after year to achieve that goal, teaching them to work hard and look toward what comes next."



We couldn't do this alone! Special thanks to our partners:

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CHICAGO PHILHARMONIC
CHICAGO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
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GRANT PARK SYMPHONY**

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NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY
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ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY
SHEDD AQUARIUM
THIRD COAST PERCUSSION
WTTW/WFMT**



45 years of transforming lives through music education



Dr. Rita Simó

1934–2020

Our story began in 1976 with our founder Dr. Rita Simó, who came to the US from the Dominican Republic to study at Juilliard and stayed to change our world with her revolutionary commitment to access and equity.

**OPPORTUNITY • EXCELLENCE • HARD WORK
CREATIVITY • COMMUNITY**

Her legacy lives on in our call to action. **"I am not a do-gooder. I am simply giving these children what they deserve as citizens of the United States of America... [They] work hard, [they] practice every day."**



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