

LAMusArt

Los Angeles Music and Art School

Year in Review

September 2019

9/8: The 22nd Annual Stars for the Arts Benefit Dinner and Concert officially kicks off at the Hotel Indigo in Downtown Los Angeles.

October 2019

10/16: The Tuition-Free Jazz Ensemble performs at LA County Library East Los Angeles location for community members.

November 2019

11/6: Art Open House features colorful display of student artworks and features special lecture by Animation industry veteran Simon Estrada. "It is my firm belief that the most effective response to the needs of our community is making a genuine connection with children that spares no quality, eliminates barriers and paves a pathway to success."

> - Cynthia Pearson LAMusArt Board President



Jessica Vielmas and Guests from Union Bank MUFG at the 22nd Annual Stars for the Arts Benefit

December 2019

12/7: LAMusArt's 5th Annual Winter Benefit at Tamayo Restaurant, hosted by the Young Professionals Advisory Board, garners support for keystone Tuition-Free Music Ensemble Programs.

January 2020

1/8: LAMusArt campus freshens up with an update to communal spaces thanks in part to a grant from The Ahmanson Foundation.

March 2020

3/5: Creative Services Luncheon held at LAMusArt welcomes community leaders and members to commemorate the start of the school's 75th anniversary celebration.

April 2020

LAMusArt teaching artists recalibrate class curriculum and programs to provide virtual creative learning.

June 2020

6/22: LAMusArt enters the virtual world with the launch of Arts Week! an online summer arts program! 12/7: LAMusArt's 5th Annual Winter Benefit at Tamayo Restaurant, hosted by the Young Professionals Advisory Board, garners support for keystone Tuition-Free Music Ensemble Programs.

12/14: Jazz Ensemble performs at the 26th annual King Taco Sueños de Navidad toy fundraiser, presented by AltaMed.

3/16: LAMusArt campus closes to slow the spread of COVID-19. All classes are temporarily placed on hold.

May 2020

5/1: LAMusArt reopens virtually and offers all classes in an online setting.

"I'm a drummer, so music is my life. It's important to have music because it continues our traditions and expands opportunities for our youth."

- Gabriel & Lydia Medina East LA Residents



Commemorating our 75th Year:

A New Direction for the Arts, While Upholding our Unwavering Values

Music, Art, Dance, and Drama are the artistic pillars that have embodied our yearly activities and which have imparted invaluable experiences to our students for the past 75 years. It's hard to imagine LAMusArt without them, yet when our founder Pearl Irene Odell first founded our institution, music was the only discipline offered.

The School changed course when it added the latter disciplines, broadening its creative curriculum and diversifying its student body. At the start of the 2019-2020 academic year, we were filled with extreme gratitude and excitement to be opening up to our 75th year in operation and service to the community of East Los Angeles.

We could never have foreseen that a little over the halfway mark we would be facing the unimaginable. For the first time in its history, LAMusArt was without its students, ceasing operations as our community and the world grappled with the COVID-19 pandemic.

LAMusArt, once again thrust in a new direction, took a month pause to reimagine how it could best adapt to serve its community in this time of need. The result was recommitting to serving our community with the launch of a new and exciting digital infrastructure to continue arts learning and support our community of students, teachers, and staff remotely. One of the programs born out of this new venture was LAMusArt Live!, a free season of performances produced specifically for online streaming that has allowed us to stay engaged and connected even as we may be physically apart.

And now it seems that we are yet again all heading in a new direction as our country faces a racial reckoning that has shed light on the inequalities that have long affected our minority communities. These inequalities are very much apparent in the arts, limiting access and career opportunities for minority students and LAMusArt has largely eschewed the racial and gender homogeneity and silence that many cultural and arts organizations are now seeking to rectify.

It is with great humility and pleasure, that LAMusArt not only supported thousands of lessons for hundreds of students, but also mentored student playwrights and supported the creation and staging of 9 new plays, mentored and coached 11 composers in the creation, scoring and recording of their original works which will be presented as part of the aforementioned LAMusArt Live! initiative and provided dozens of teaching artists a creative home and countless parents creative support.



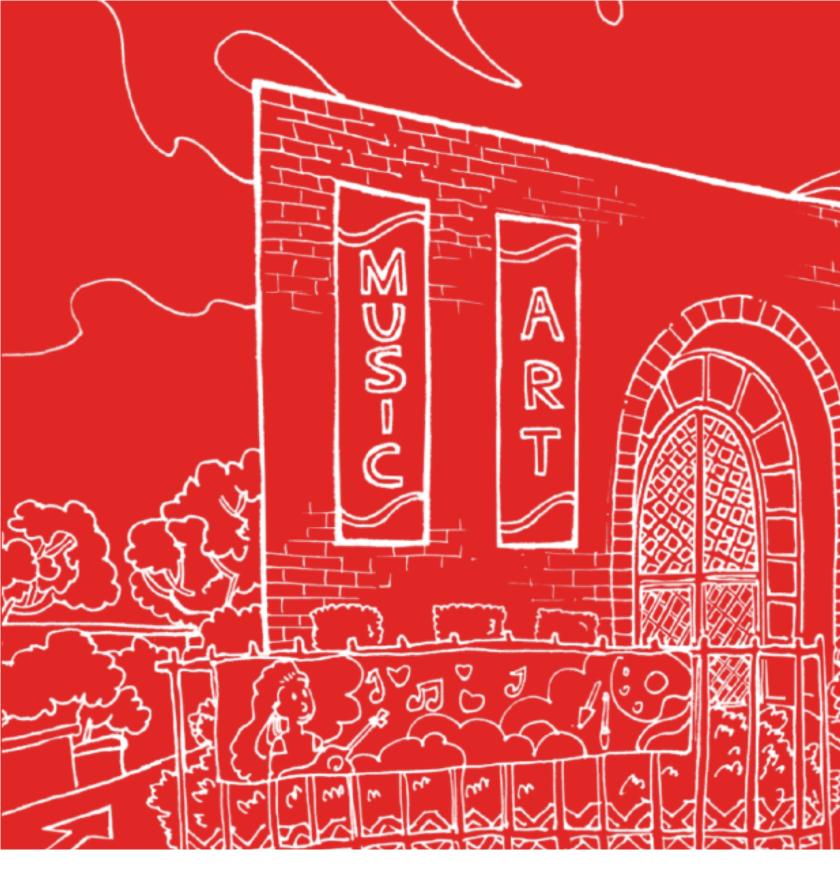
This is why our work to support our students and community-at-large through arts programming is more important than ever. We cannot go back to the way things were. LAMusArt is heading in a new direction, into a new phase of its existence with renewed vigor and a promise. With your support, we know that we will never leave our community and we take this milestone year to recommit to ensuring that students of all backgrounds are afforded the opportunity to thrive.

In Service,

′ Manuel Prieto Executive Director



75th Birthday Bash



At a Glance

18,197

3,126

622

Lessons Provided

Tuition-Free Lessons Provided Unduplicated Students Served



220

Scholarships Awarded 1,126

In-Person Audience Members 2,937

Virtual Households Engaged **37**

Teaching Artists Employed



About Us

Let's go back to the beginning in March of 1945, when educator and philanthropist Pearl Irene Odell envisioned a school for the arts for the youthful residents of East Los Angeles. At the time, WWII was nearing its end, and an influx of immigrants from all over the world were moving to California. Ms. Odell noticed a lack of positive after-school programs to keep students engaged in learning and out of trouble. She envisioned the beginning of the Los Angeles Music and Art School as a response to this need and set about creating its existence.

75 years later, LAMusArt continues to honor its mission to nurture the lives of its local East Los Angeles community and beyond through the creative, cultural and personal enrichment provided by its multidisciplinary arts programs. Today its creative impact is reflected in the lives of more than 200,000 youth and its image as a cultural and community center for the arts has been supported and embraced by the community of East Los Angeles.

Why has LAMusArt dedicated the last 75 years to arts education?

With a plethora of research to support the individual, academic, and emotional benefits that an arts education can bestow in the lives of students, that alone would suffice. However, relegating the role of the arts as mere needs to an end is such a narrow scope to their power. What's more, the arts are inherently cool and participating in them can have such lasting influence in the lives of students for the rest of their lives.

Unfortunately, the arts are not offered or provided equally to every student, which is not only a disservice to their individual selves, but to the greater communities they take part in. This disservice to students, especially those of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) identities, is the reason LAMusArt has dedicated its last 75 years to arts education.

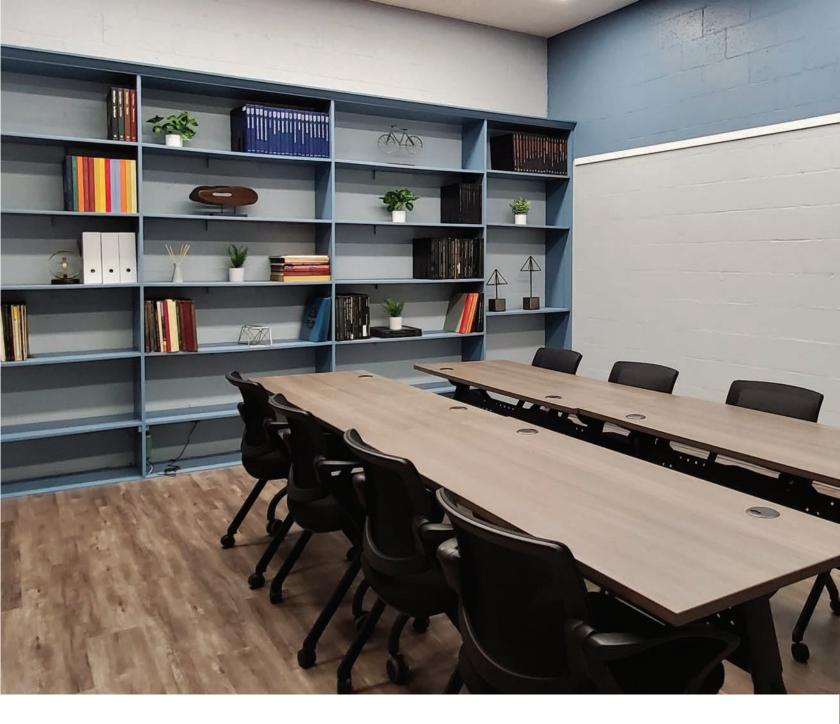
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How are we doing that you ask? By upholding the following values: creative exploration, equitable access, and community service. We uphold creative exploration through the provision of our multidisciplinary arts programming.

We uphold equitable access by working to remove cultural, socioeconomic, physical, technical and/or other obstacles that may impede a student's ability to partake in their creative education and development.

We uphold community service by partnering and working with local artists, organizations, foundations, donors, and community members to promote and provide arts enrichment.





Renovation of Communal Spaces

We are proud to call our campus the cornerstone of the arts for East Los Angeles, extending from the students we serve to the heart of our organization, our teaching artists, our staff, and LAMusArt volunteers. Following the 2018 Classroom Beautification Project, we completed an update for all communal spaces to create welcoming, collaborative spaces for the individuals who commit to our mission.

The 57-year-old campus now boasts a welcoming conference room as visitors enter the campus for board meetings, professional development, parent information sessions, community leader gatherings, and more. Before entering the campus ballet room, our former staff kitchenette is now home to a secure, climate-controlled space for the Tuition-Free Youth Orchestra to safely store their equipment. A walk through the courtyard leads to a new cozy, collaborative space where teaching artists can take a break on a long day of teaching or come together with their fellow faculty. This project was made possible by The Ahmanson Foundation, who we are honored to call a partner for several campus renovation projects.



Music

The Music department consists of three sectors: One-on-one lessons offered in over 8 instruments and vocal styles; Tuition-Free Music Ensemble programs including the Choir, Jazz Ensemble, the Orchestra, Mariachi Ensemble, String Ensembles Level 1 through 4, and 10-week Audio Engineering workshops.

Dance

The Dance department hosts up to 9 classes per week. Students can begin at age 4 with our Parent & Me Ballet class, and continue in Advanced Ballet, Hip Hop, or Jazz.

Art

Visual Arts offers up to 9 classes each week that focus on creative exploration through painting, drawing, and sculpture.

Drama

The Drama department features 3 programs including Weekly acting classes, Playmaking, which teaches the fundamentals of playwriting over 10 weeks, culminating in a performance of the student-written plays. Camp MusArt, our 5-week summer arts program where nearly 60 students take daily lessons in music, art, dance, and drama as an ensemble, and together they rehearse and produce a ticketed musical performance.

In all disciplines, we provide at least two opportunities for public recitals or showcases annually. Programming is focused on the K-12 population and our student body, of which 70% come from low/moderate income households, is 94% Hispanic/Latinx.







Financial Report Statement of Financial Position for the year end July 31, 2020

Audited by Meadows & Fries, CPA

ASSETS			SUPPORT & REVENUE		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	213,899	Program Fees	\$	281,126
Investment	\$	929,459	Grants	\$	236,994
Accounts Receivable	\$	5,899	Individuals	\$	66,178
Prepaid Expenses & Other	\$	7,540	Special Events (net)	\$	117,814
Property & Equipment			Interest & Dividends	\$	40,166
Less Accumulated Depreciation	\$	1,455,684	Other Income	\$	39,251
Total Assets	\$	2,612,481	Total Support & Revenue	\$	781,529
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Current Liabilities	\$	191,097	Program Expenses	\$	614,917
			Management & General	\$	67,381
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions:			Fundraising	\$	34,719
Undesignated	\$	83,119	Total Expenses	\$	717,017
Invested in Property and Equipment	\$ 1	1,455,684	_		
Total Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 1	1,538,803			
			Net Assets Beginning of the Year	\$	2,356,872
With Donor Restrictions	\$	882,581	Change in Net Assets	\$	64,512
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$	2,612,481	Net Assets End of the Year	\$2,421,384	



Contributions between August 1, 2019 and December 1, 2020

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\$50,000 +

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Watch our Season of Performances

SAFFRON ENSEMBLE: Connecting Worlds

Featuring Timothy Maloof, Daniel Corral, Lina Kaisey and David Martinelli

Join us for an evening of traditional Southwest Asian and North Afrikan (SWANA) repertoire as well as original compositions influenced by these traditions. This program exposes audiences to the varied sounds and modes not used in the Western lexicos, and our SWANA and in the western lexicos, and our SWANA audience to our interpretation of classics and informed

BROADWAY: Charlotte Mary Wen in Concert

Featuring Hamilton's Charlotte Mary Wen

The special concert will feature performances by Charlotte Mary Wen (Hamilton, Frozen, Mamma Mia), LAMusArt student performances and a night of shared sentiments and support.

TABLAO: Noche de Flamenco

Featuring Tiana Alvarez, Briseyda Zarate and Gabriel Osuna

Flamenco, a dance passed down through generations, originated in the southern regions of Spain, but it is thought to be influenced by many world cultures, including Latin American, Cuban, and Jewish traditions. Modern day flamenco now includes classical guitar and a mix of passuscion shuthers achieved by the table. mix of percussion rhythms achieved by the tabla, or wooden dance floor, and palmas, the dancer's hands to create a unique mix of music, poetry and dance.

MARIACHI: A Musical Celebration

Featuring Maira Solis and Mariachi Tierra Mia

Since the 1930s, the mariachi has been widely considered the quintessential Mexican folk-derived musical ensemble, and has become an institution symbolic of Mexican music and culture. Its recent revival in the United States has helped give new life to the mariachi, whose appeal transcends ethnic groups and national borders and are delighted for this special presentation.

KORDUROY: Latin-Soul Fusion Night

Featuring Dr. Isaac Lopez, Corbin Jones and Ryan McDiarmid

This performance will lift the voices reminding us all to enact social change, which is the intention of a few of these compositions. The performance will remind us that music serves a purpose not only to convey messages of love and joy, but can have a social message and be a means to process feelings and emotions in healthy and productive ways.

PERFORMANCE ART: Who Cares

Featuring Cat Mehta

The experimental instrumental and compositional approaches are exercises of freedor themselves, explorations of humanness within digital confines. The live performance art creates alternate time-spaces in which oppressed lives feel exalted. In these spaces, every month is filled with Pride and Black Lives have always mattered.

CLASSICAL: Student Composit

Led by Dr. Ashley Salinas

LAMusArt students under the tutelage of Austin Chanu learned the ins and outs of composition using strings and woodwind instruments. After composing and scoring their pieces, professional musicians helmed by Dr. Ashley Salinas will bring these works to life in this world premiere of their work.



LAMusArt Live!





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Commitment on Full Display

Looking back on 2020 I cannot help but smile at the way the Young Professionals Advisory Board (YPAB) and fellow Arts Champions came together!

With no more in-person student performances to attend and no more social mixers to host to raise essential funds for the school, we could have easily sat back and not engaged.

But we did not.

Because of our dedication to the school and desire to ensure the youth could continue to artistically thrive, we all went into virtual overdrive!

We set up our respective virtual fundraising pages and activated our family, friends, and coworkers to help raise money in support of the school's \$75,000

And we didn't stop there. Throughout the summer we tapped into our networks to ensure the School would have the most successful and far-reaching silent auction in their history - one I must say was very fitting in celebration of its 75 year anniversary!



We put our commitment to the School on full display throughout 2020 and as Chair of the YPAB, I'm incredibly proud of the way we showed up and have so much confidence that even though there is still work to be done, the positive momentum we built last year will continue in 2021.

Jumi Aluko YPAB Chair



Schedule of Classes

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