



The Mission

“Every Child Deserves Access to A Free Music Education”

Young Musicians Unite collaborates with schools to provide free music education, which has been proven to inspire personal development, foster a sense of community and prepare our future leaders.

- **Over 8,100 Students Served Since 2013**
- **Currently Serving Over 3,000 Students Across 36 Schools**
- **Serve Grades 4-12**
- **Total YMU Budget \$1,682,485**
- **Cost Per Student \$560**
- **Over 90% of students in our after-school programs receive a scholarship to college.**
- **Students have received music scholarships from Berklee College of Music, Manhattan School of Music, FSU, and UF.**

YMU Programming

In-School Programs - Classes are open to students of all levels who have their choice of 9 diverse courses. Students have access to consistent music education from grades 5-12. Students are given their own instrument and learn in a collaborative setting as they build friendships, develop musical skills, and gain real-world experience through group performances.

“Of over 60 music education non-profits in Miami Dade County, YMU is THE ONLY in-school Non-profit for grades 5-12”

After-School Ensembles - Focused on providing vocational experience ensuring employability or eligibility for college scholarships.

- **Performances** - Youth Show Series features over 80 live public performances per year.
- **ONErpm Recording Studio**: Free student Media Studio that promotes youth expression and storytelling while eliminating the barrier of entry for students interested in a career in the music industry.

“90% of our students in YMU after-school programs receive a full scholarship to college”

Impact Evaluation

- 83% of students reported improved musical and creative abilities.
- 84% of students documented their ability to work with peers had increased since joining YMU.
- 85% of teachers reported improvement in their students' ability to socialize and work in groups.
- 90% of students stated that their motivation to do well academically has increased.
- 87% of students acknowledged increased optimism for the future

MIAMI BEACH

STEAM+

“YMU has Impacted Over 1,200 Miami Beach Students Since 2018”

- **North Beach Elementary**
- **Nautilus Middle School**
- **Fienberg Fisher K-8**
- **Miami Beach Senior High School**
- **Treasure Island Elementary**

Young Musicians Unite is thankful for the generous support of the City of Miami Beach. Over the last 4 years, YMU has impacted over 1,200 students in four Miami Beach schools through the City’s STEAM+ Arts Programs and has successfully implemented over 50 youth concerts for Miami Beach residents.

Miami Beach Senior High Rock Ensemble

The Rock Ensemble, founded by the late Doug Burris in 1972, is the first school-based ensemble of its kind in our nation's history. The student-led musical group is a combination of musicians, stage crew and a sound engineering team. The Rock Ensemble comes together to play classic and modern rock and lends vocational experience to its students through engaging them in professional environments at a young age. Many professional musicians and sound engineers have passed through the ranks of the Rock Ensemble over its 50-year run. The Rock Ensemble performs for over 10,000 community members a year and inspires thousands of students to pick up an instrument for the very first time.

50th Anniversary Concert

The Miami Beach Rock Ensemble's 50th Anniversary will take place on Saturday, May 28th, 2022. The 40th Anniversary saw over 150 musicians from all over the United States fly into Miami Beach to perform in one of the most epic concerts of our city's history. The show SOLD OUT. Over 1,500 attended and crammed into the Miami Beach Auditorium. We look forward to a night of current and returning ensembles and musicians spanning from 1972 to 2022.

Annual Miami Beach Youth-Led Performances

YMU's student-led performances continue to prove the abundance of remarkable young talent in Miami Beach. These concert experiences are giving young musicians an environment to network with peers, create new works and be inspired by the creative energy of like-minded students. We plan on approx 80 live public and private performances in 2021-22.

YMU Presents! Halloween Youth Shows @ Lakeview
Annual Doug Burris Tribute Showcase @ The North Beach Bandshell
The Miami Beach Youth Music Festival @ The North Beach Bandshell
YMU Presents! Youth Showcase @ The Normandy Fountain
YMU Presents! Youth Showcase @ Altos Del Mar Park
YMU Presents! Youth Showcase @ The Euclid Circle on Lincoln Road
Arts and Culture Day @ North Beach Elementary
YMU's 9th Annual Spring Benefit Concert @ The North Beach Bandshell
Youth Performance @ The Normandy Fountain

THE ASK

Rock Ensemble Funding - The MBSH Rock Ensemble is a legendary ensemble, and my goal is to officially note the achievement and success of the group and truly unite in a partnership between The City of Miami Beach, Miami Beach Senior High School, Young Musicians Unite and MDCPS. The ensemble includes 12-15 performing musicians, a stage tech crew of 5-8 students, and a student management team. The

ensemble sets up their own sound and equipment for rehearsals and shows across the city. It costs approximately \$88,000 to fully fund and train the ensemble for a full school year, perform in a minimum of 10 performances, and compete nationally. Young Musicians Unite is looking towards the city for a funding match of \$30,000 per year.

