

Dear Education Through Music Community,

Congratulations on a successful 2022-2023 school year! We are thankful for the generous support of our donors and the incredible work of our teachers, staff, and school partners to bring the joy of music to over 20,000 students across New York City. It's been a year full of growth and learning, spirited performances, impactful professional development, and a daily commitment to ensuring every student in our partner schools receives a high-quality music education.

Read on for highlights from the spring, voices from our students, teachers, and supporters, opportunities to stay connected to our work, and some exciting developments for next year!

With Appreciation,  
Education Through Music Board and Staff

## Ending the Year with Performance and Celebration!



**This past month, our school partners across New York City came together in song and celebration at their spring concerts!**

This school year marked the first full year since the start of the pandemic when our partner schools were able to invite their whole communities to attend winter and spring concerts. The importance of music education and its ability to foster connection were especially on display this spring, demonstrating such hard work, passion, and commitment to high-quality music education. Above are snapshots of some of the dozens of choral and ensemble performances ETM had the privilege to prepare for and perform this spring, where communities united to mark a year full of music making!

## Students Shine at Spring Concerts

**Hats off to the Modern Band at All Hallows High School for sharing their talents with their school community and New York City at-large!** Earlier this month, the students performed a special concert on the roof of their school for their families and school community. They played over 20 songs by artists such as Bruno Mars, Gorillaz, Anderson .Paak, Green Day, and more!

**And only a couple weeks later on June 20th, the students were invited to sing the National Anthem at the Yankees game!** All Hallows High School is just three blocks from the stadium, so it was incredible for these students to not only sing in front of thousands of fans, but to do so at a place so historic and a part of their neighborhood.

Thank you to their teacher and ETM Teacher of the Year, Alfredo Hernandez, for providing guidance and leadership to the students, both last night and throughout the school year. This marked a high note for the band after a year of growth, and we're so excited for what's to come. And a special thanks to Brooks Brothers for providing the students polo shirts and outfitting them in such style!



## ETM Teacher of the Year Wins the Award!

### Noticia

**Hispano de Brooklyn ha sido galardonado con el premio Maestro de Música de Año 2023**

● Karolina Ramirez



Alfredo Hernandez, profesor de música en All Hallows High School en El Bronx ha sido galardonado con el premio Maestro de Música de Año 2023.

Brooklyn native, Alfredo Hernandez, who instructed the students at All Hallows High School and recently received the ETM 2023 Music Teacher of the Year award, was featured in *Noticia*, the leading Spanish language community newspaper serving New York City!

"I was born and raised in New York City and I went through the public school system," says Alfredo. "I know what it means to have a quality music education program, and I hope to provide that for generations to come."

Click below to read the Spanish language article!

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## ETM Ensembles Perform at Steinway Hall

**On June 5, orchestras from schools C.S. 55 and P.S. 169 Baychester Academy in the Bronx delighted their parents, community members, and ETM staff at a special performance at Steinway Hall in Manhattan!**

The C.S. 55 String Orchestra launched this January by ETM Teacher and Instructional Supervisor, Arielle Lewis, who has been building the schools' music program for four years. The students performed folk and pop songs, and you could never tell that this was their first public performance! The Baychester Academy Orchestra, a long-time partner school led by Emily Roman, performed a suite of arrangements that showcased their growth throughout the school year. Thank you, Richard Bernstein, for your introduction to Steinway & Sons and to the company for hosting this memorable opportunity!



## New episodes on ETM's podcasts!



### Education Through Music: The Podcast

Episode 8 - Inside ETM's inaugural high school student composition contest



In our podcast series, **Notables**, we speak with leaders in the music, technology, and related industries to learn about the influential role that music has played in their lives.

For our upcoming episode, we had the privilege to speak with **Anthony McGill**, principal clarinetist for the New York Philharmonic and the first African-American principal player in the orchestra's history. Anthony shares with us the people and experiences that have shaped him as a musician, his perspectives on the importance of music and art, and how he has used his platform to promote justice, equity, and understanding. Coming soon!



In this month's episode of **ETM: The Podcast**, a series that explores the importance and practice of music education in schools, we share the origins and impact of ETM's inaugural high school composition contest.

We speak with students, teachers, and ETM staff about their experiences preparing for and participating in the contest, and share samples of the student submissions that address issues of gun violence, racism, women's rights, and climate change. Tune in to listen to the voices of the ETM community and our talented partner school students as they share the inspiration and process behind their work.

Stream now on your favorite podcast platform or at the link below!

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## Congratulations to ETM High School Student Composition Contest Winner



In June, we were excited to announce that **Olle Liljelund**, an eleventh grade public school student at Hudson High School of Learning Technologies, was named the winner of ETM's first-ever High School Student Composition Contest!

Olle wrote his composition during his music class this year, inspired by the impact of gun violence and racism experienced by students throughout the country. The Composition Contest was based upon the ETM-authored music technology unit, "Trap Beats for Change." In this unit, students learned about the trap sub-genre of hip hop and produced an original composition by creating trap beats and incorporating audio samples that promote a social justice cause. We received so many moving pieces, and are thrilled that our curriculum and teachers are enabling students to create musically sophisticated, thought provoking compositions. Thank you to Chris Atlas, ETM Board member, for judging the submissions and choosing this powerful piece as the winner.

Hear more about the contest in our [latest ETM: The Podcast episode](#) and listen to the award-winning piece at the link below.

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## Thank you, Nora!

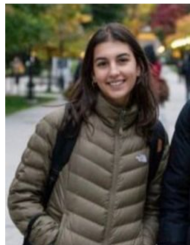
ETM wants to highlight the great work being done by one of our youngest supporters, **Nora Koutoupes Guessous!**

Nora is a rising senior at Lycée Français de New York whose passion for music has driven her to organize a fundraiser at her school for ETM. By partnering with us to organize an instrument drive and charity concert at her school, she has already raised over \$4,100. Nora found an interest in music at a young age as both a piano player and a member of the National Children's Chorus.

During the pandemic, she started a personal project called **UkeForYou**, an initiative dedicated to bringing the gift of music to underserved communities. In the future, Nora hopes to pursue a career in humanitarian aid and international relations. ETM is thankful for her support and is sure she has a great future ahead!

Are you interested in organizing a fundraiser in support of ETM? Reach out to us at [development@etmonline.org](mailto:development@etmonline.org) to learn more or show your support today by clicking the donate button below.

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## ETM Teacher Spotlight



Meet **Gabriella Carucci**, ETM Teacher at P.S. 19 in the Bronx!

Gabriella is a classically and contemporary trained vocalist with a specific focus and passion for musical theater. She has performed across Long Island and Manhattan in musical theater productions, solo shows, operettas, and various other functions. She also plays piano and has experience with the ukulele and guitar and loves to bring these instruments into the classroom. Gabriella pursued her Masters Degree in Music Education at Teachers College, Columbia University and just graduated this spring! Gabriella's goal as an educator is to cultivate an environment that fosters exploration, opportunity, and a love of music.

**"I love being a music teacher because it helps brings people together, it creates community, and it's an opportunity for all different learners to shine!"**

Thank you, Gabriella! Click below to learn more about our dedicated teachers.

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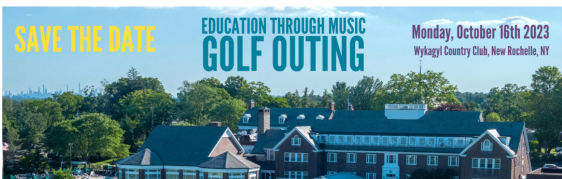
## Congratulations, MS 180 and One World Middle School!

**Incredible news!** The choir at ETM partner school MS 180 in the Bronx, under the direction of teacher Kyle Quirion, received Gold at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) competition held this spring at Lehman College! Also, the senior orchestra at ETM partner school One World Middle School in the Bronx, under the direction of teacher Henry Green, received Silver!

Congratulations, students and teachers, for your talent and commitment to high-quality music education! Your recognition is so well deserved!



## Mark your Calendars





### What could be better than a fall round of golf at the spectacular Wykagyl Country Club?

A round of golf at Wykagyl that also supports ETM's mission of bringing music education to New York City's most precious assets, our school children. Please mark your calendars and be sure to join us!

Stay tuned for forthcoming information on sponsorship opportunities.

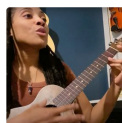
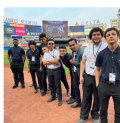
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