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Expanding Our ECE Program



This month we welcomed 29 new students from Margery Reed Day School to our ECE program! How convenient that it only takes a few minutes for them to walk from their school to the music center! We're so excited to continue to see this ECE program grow! Welcome Margery Reed!



Get to Know Beatriz, Our New Site Coordinator!



When did you first get involved with El Sistema Colorado?

I got involved with El Sistema Colorado thanks to my Music Teacher Holly Bennett. I met her during my middle school orientation at Bruce Randolph and she convinced me that learning how to play an instrument might be cool. After joining her class during regular school hours and playing the saxophone, I began to come after school for El Sistema. The following weeks and years at El Sistema consisted of various auditions and meeting new friends from all over Denver.

How do you feel being back with El Sistema Colorado now as an employee?

It felt strange when I began my employment here at El Sistema Colorado. It was a mixture of feeling at home and slightly feeling like an outsider. I felt the same excitement five weeks ago that I did when a band concert was about to begin or the excitement I had when I finally nailed a difficult rhythm. It felt familiar being around teachers and students who were excited about music. However, it was a new setting and I came face to face with the realization that instead of being a kid, and a student, I was now an adult. An adult responsible for making the students feel safe and as content with the program as I was a few years ago. It was bittersweet.

What is one thing you gained from your experience with El Sistema as a student?

The most valuable lesson I learned while being a student at El Sistema is to never give up and always be open to trying new things. I am aware it sounds cliché, but it is 100% true. Being a student in the program taught me perseverance. It taught me that there is no shame in practicing a single melody a thousand times wrong before I finally get it right. It taught me that when you allow yourself to participate in new things you can come out with year-long friendships with amazing people from all over. Trying new things allowed me to learn more about who I was becoming and who I am.

Tell me a little more about yourself and what you're doing now?

I am now a student at the University of Colorado at Denver. I am studying international studies in hopes of finding a career where I can travel and experience different lifestyles and cultures. I have two siblings, one older sister and a younger brother, we all went to the same middle and high school, Bruce Randolph. When I am not at work or school, I usually am with my 2 year old niece Madelin, going to parks, playing games or attempting to watch movies.

Calling All Families!

PARENT SNACK DRIVE

What We Need:

- Fruit Snacks
- Chips
- Crackers
- Granola Bars

***All the snacks must be individually wrapped**

Thank you to all the parents who have donated snacks to our program already this semester! It is important to us that each student receives a snack every time they attend class at the music center, and with your help we've been able to keep our snacks well stocked for our students. We will continue to accept snack donations throughout the rest of the semester, so if you would like to donate you can drop anything off at the front office. Thanks families!!

We Love El Sistema!

We have so many reasons to spread love and friendship today and everyday here at El Sistema Colorado! Our students helped us decorate around the music center and shared who and what they love in their lives! Here is what Lesley and Miranda had to share!



"I love El Sistema because I get to make friends and learn music that boosts up my mood." - Lesley

"I love my family!" - Miranda

Sphere Ensemble Highlight



This month we welcomed back Sphere Ensemble for another incredible concert at our music center! Their performance even included appearances from some of our very own students and teaching artists! What a great opportunity for our students to collaborate with Sphere and perform together!



Looking Ahead: Upcoming Performances & Clyfford Still Museum

We have two opportunities approaching for **YOU** to hear our students in action! Next week our most advanced ensemble, Cadenza, will be performing on **Tuesday, March 8th at 5:30 at El Sistema's Music Center**. This is a **FREE** public event, so invite your family and come join us for a fun night of music.!

Additionally, both of our quartets will be performing on **Sunday, March 13th** at the **Clyfford Still Museum!** Experience a day of **Music in the Galleries with El Sistema Colorado!** Performances are included with admission to the museum and seating will be limited. Visit the link below for specific

<https://clyffordstillmuseum.org/events/music-in-the-galleries-2/>

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El Sistema Colorado harnesses the joy of music and ignites the potential in our future leaders through an immersive youth music education program that transcends socioeconomic barriers.