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SHARING NOTES

EL SISTEMA COLORAD

ESC takes on Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp!

On the second week of August, eight of our students attended a week-long summer camp at Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp near Colorado Springs! Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp is a folk music camp in the mountains. The students were given the chance to play a new genre of music, explore the outdoors and learn from world-class teachers!

Thank you Rocky Mountain Fiddle Camp for this incredible experience !



The group!

















"Everyone had a lot of fun! It was great ESC bonding time. When we were not playing music, we were playing volleyball and spending time together outdoors." -Johnny, our Program Director

Welcome Florence! Our new Americorps VISTA volunteer



Florence Mercat (she/her/hers) recently graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish and Sociology from Concordia University in Montreal, Canada. She grew up in Paris, France, in a bicultural household.

Florence chose to become an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer to get hands-on experience in a setting where the priority is to make a difference and help the community. El Sistema Colorado's mission truly resonates with her.

As an introverted child, her guitar and singing lessons helped her come out of her shell. Florence is thankful to her teachers who inspired her to use music as an outlet for selfexpression and to be more open to connecting with others. She understands first-hand how learning music can positively influence one's personal growth.

El Sistema Colorado's fight for more inclusivity speaks to her own volunteering experiences. In 2016, Florence created an NGO, Linking Times, that aimed at creating links between generations through music and reaching out to individuals who might be suffering from social exclusion. For two years, she managed her band and organized concerts in retirement homes and rural areas to fight exclusion and promote connections and exchanges with people from various backgrounds.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

El Sistema Colorado is the spotlight feature for VISIT DENVER filmed by CBS!

Last week, one of our quartets were filmed by CBS for<u>VISIT DENVER!</u> They will appear on TV in November. We are so proud of these students and can't wait to share the link with you!















Private Lessons Recital!

42 of our students took private lessons throughout the summer. The students had the chance to showcase what they learned and we celebrated their performance. Here are a few pictures of the event. Congratulations!











A message from our new Executive Director

Click the link below to watch a special message from Dr. Ingrid, our Executive Director!



OUR MISSION

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.

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