



community school *of* music and arts

Fact Sheet



The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) is a regional center committed to providing Arts for All, regardless of age, level, background or economic means. Since its founding in 1968, CSMA has grown to be the largest non-profit provider of arts education programs in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, reaching more than 40,000 people of all ages annually, including: 10,000 children at 25+ local schools; 7,500 audience members at 50+ free concerts, recitals, exhibitions and special cultural events; and 4,800 students on-site at lessons, classes and camps. CSMA is among the top 10 schools of its kind in the U.S.

At the heart of CSMA's mission is accessibility. Since its founding, over \$2 million in financial aid has been provided to youth and low-income families for tuition assistance, merit scholarships, work-study opportunities and program subsidies awarded annually.

In January 2004, CSMA opened its first permanent home at Finn Center, an \$11.7 million, 25,000 square-foot building. The facility, the recipient of several design awards, houses 17 music studios, classrooms, ceramics studio, new media lab, teacher resource center, 200+ seat concert hall (Tateuchi Hall), exhibition area (Mohr Gallery), recital hall and more. Finn Center is the only arts education center of its kind in Northern California.

Throughout CSMA's history, one overriding vision has remained constant: a dedication to the belief that the arts are intrinsic to the cultural, educational and spiritual life of both the individual and community.

Mission The Community School of Music and Arts enhances the quality of life in our region by engaging our diverse community in high-quality arts education, performances and exhibitions.

Programs

- Classes and private lessons in music, visual arts and new media
- Arts-in-the-schools programs (Art4Schools, Music4Schools)
- Preschool music and art classes
- Music and art classes for adults with special needs
- Concerts, exhibitions, lectures, special multi-cultural events
- After-school art clubs and vacation camps
- Community outreach events at hospitals, senior centers, street fairs, other venues
- Special services (music for special occasions, art commissions, facility rental)

Budget \$4.2 million

Faculty Multi-lingual, international faculty of more than 125 professional musicians, practicing artists and experienced educators

Students All ages (pre-school through adult)

Demography Students and audience members come from 35 communities stretching from San Mateo to San Jose, including Mountain View, Los Altos, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale and other cities.

CSMA is a member of the National Guild for Community Arts Education (www.nationalguild.org), a professional affiliation of approximately 300 schools throughout the U.S.

CSMA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that relies on volunteers and the philanthropic support of individuals, corporations, foundations and community agencies.

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