

# ROCK ORCHESTRA

A MOBILE MUSIC WORKSHOP



## What do we do?

Our mission is to develop musical confidence and creativity through hands-on, student driven learning

Rock Orchestra is a mobile 45-90 minute group music workshop. Our experienced music teachers and mentors use popular rock songs as a tool to facilitate learning instrument, ear-training, and group collaboration skills.

We work with youth of all ages, and workshops range in size from 15-35 students. We accommodate all levels of musical experience, from first-time beginners to advanced, and provide all equipment and instruments needed.

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### WHO

Youth from beginners through to advanced players

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### WHERE

Your school, organization, or youth-focused event

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### WHEN

Book a workshop!  
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### Collaboration

Build key musical skills of cooperation and collaboration



### Instrument Skills

Opportunity to try out a variety of new instruments



### Confidence

Confidence through success creates the enthusiasm to pursue further musical opportunities

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

We provide equipment and teachers - you provide the space and students!

Each individual participant gets an instrument to ensure hands-on learning opportunities. We have a 4-1 student-to-instructor ratio, as well as youth volunteers as skill-building mentors.

**Step 1:** Students choose songs to learn from our preselected song library. (*Note: we curate the options for subject and language suitability.*) Beginners cover 1-2 songs, advanced 3-4.

**Step 2:** Listen and play along with recorded song as youth develop skills: reading chord charts; mastering beat, tempo, and dynamics; understanding song structure.

**Step 3:** Play without recorded music backup, learn to maintain those musical elements and build confidence that they can do it working together as a group.

**Step 4:** Once familiar with the song, students can choose to switch to different instruments. This encourages flexibility and the adventurous spirit of music, as well as diversifies their exposure to a variety of instruments.



**“..this is such an important and valuable event. [It's] a great way to build confidence and showcase youth talent!”**

**- River Aaland, Ophelia's Place**

## HOST YOUR OWN ROCK ORCHESTRA

We require a minimum 800 sq ft space with access to power. Must be in a location where we will not disrupt others with noise. If this isn't possible, we may be able to host at our location.

Workshop fees are determined by a sliding scale according to your organizations's means. Scholarships are available by application.

**For booking and further details, contact:**

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## OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STANDARDS

We strive to work with teachers and administrators in schools to make sure that our program benefits the education standards. We work to fulfill not only the Arts standards for Music, but also support life skills for independence and collaboration.

For full information on the education standards our Rock Orchestra workshops program helps satisfy, please contact us.

