# **ROCK ORCHESTRA**

A MOBILE MUSIC WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH AGED 10 - 18





**Collaboration**Build key musical skills of cooperation and collaboration

## What do we do?

Our mission is to develop musical confidence and creativity through hands-on peer learning opportunities

The Rock Orchestra program 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 between ages 10-18, and workshops range from 15-35 students. We accommodate all levels of musical experience, from first-time beginners to advanced, and provide all equipment and instruments needed.



Instrument
Skills
Opportunity to try
out a variety of new
instruments



Confidence
Confidence through
success creates the
enthusiasm to
pursue further
musical
opportunities

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#### WHO

Youth aged 10-18, from beginner through to advanced



#### WHERE

Your school, youth symposium, or youth-focused event



#### WHEN

Call 541-968-6438, or mepaa.org@gmail.com to book your workshop!

### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

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

Each participant has an instrument in hand to ensure hands-on learning opportunities. We have a 4-1 student-instructor ratio, and youth volunteers as instrument 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 up to 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 the 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 switch to different instruments. This encourages flexibility and underlines the adventurous spirit of music, as well as diversifies their exposure to a variety of instruments.



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

 River Aaland, Outreach Coordinator, Ophelia's Place

#### HOST YOUR OWN ROCK ORCHESTRA

We require a minimum 800 sq ft space. Must have access to power, and be in a location where we will not disrupt others with noise.

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

Contact Matrisha Armitage (541-968-6438, mepaa.org@gmail.com) for booking and further details.

## **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.

