



OrKidstra Ambassadors
 Angela Hewitt, C.C., O.B.E.,
Internationally acclaimed pianist
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Music Director NAC Orchestra

Thank you for your interest in OrKidstra! We hope our brief overview will leave you with a sense of curiosity in how we are transforming lives and communities through the joys and challenges of making music together.

MISSION: Our mission is to empower kids and build community through the universal language of music.

We carry out this mission by providing children from low-income families with free group and individual music lessons and the chance to learn important life skills like respect, compassion, teamwork, and responsibility through playing and singing together.

VISION: Our vision is a future where all children and youth have the opportunity to find their voice and build their potential through music.

MANDATE: Our mandate is to give children from under-served communities the opportunity to learn and make music together, and the chance to benefit from the individual skills and community values inherent in music-making.



SISTEMA-INSPIRED PROGRAMS

KiddlyWinks: An energetic music and movement program that's great fun for children ages 5 – 8 years old. [in school & after school]

KidSingers: An upbeat choir program that celebrates the beauty and joy of singing together for students 8 years and up. [after school]

KidDrummers: Explores the world of rhythm, music theory, listening, creativity and playing hand drums in a group. (8 years +) [after school]

KidStringers: Explores the joy of playing string instruments in a group, proper technique and the basics of music theory. (8 years +) [after school]

KidPlayers: Explores the joy of playing wind & brass instruments in a group, proper technique & the basics of music theory. (8 years +) [after school]

OrKidstra: Beginner, Junior, Intermediate and Senior orchestras and chamber ensembles. (8 years +) [after school]

ABOUT ORKIDSTRA

ENGLISH

OrKidstra is an Ottawa-based social development program, which gives children from under-served areas the opportunity to learn life skills – such as teamwork, commitment and responsibility – through the joys and challenges of singing and playing music together. The program began in 2007 with 27 children and the passionate belief in the transformative power of music. It has since grown to include over 700 children,

ages 5-18, from 42 cultural and linguistic backgrounds, and has become a world-class example of why music is called the universal language.

In high-demand for their energy and musicianship, OrKidstra has performed on the JUNO awards broadcast, on Parliament Hill as part of the Canada Day 150 Celebrations, at the Opening Ceremonies for the Global Centre for Pluralism and many more. Learn more at orkidstra.ca

FRANÇAIS

OrKidstra est un programme de développement communautaire basé à Ottawa qui donne aux enfants des quartiers défavorisés l'occasion d'apprendre les aptitudes à la vie quotidienne comme l'esprit d'équipe, l'engagement et la responsabilité à travers les satisfactions et les défis du chant et de la musique en groupe. Le programme a débuté en 2007 avec 27 enfants et la conviction que la musique exerce un pouvoir de transformation. Il s'est depuis développé jusqu'à rassembler plus de 700 enfants, de 5 à 18 ans, de 42 antécédents culturels et linguistiques, et il est devenu à l'échelle mondiale un symbole de la musique qui incarne la langue universelle.

En grande demande pour leur énergie et musicalité, OrKidstra a joué sur l'émission de prix JUNO, sur la colline parlementaire pour les célébrations du jour du Canada 150, au cérémonies d'ouverture du Centre mondial du pluralisme, et beaucoup plus. Pour plus d'informations, visitez orkidstra.ca ou téléphonez au 613.859.3559. OrKidstra est un organisme de bienfaisance enregistré (83246 7153 RR0001).

STATS:



**4 priority
neighbourhoods**



**100% of OrKidstra
graduates complete
high school & pursue
post-secondary
education**



**96% participate
free of charge**



**700 children
ages 5-18**

42

**linguistic & cultural
backgrounds**



QUOTES:

"Over the past 10 years we have observed that while it is the music that brings kids to us, it is our community and a real sense of belonging that keeps our students with us. With unconditional encouragement and guidance from their remarkable teachers, the students learn firsthand the results of committing to giving their best – both as musicians and citizens." – Tina Fedeski, M.S.M., Executive & Artistic Director, OrKidstra

"I was born in a refugee camp on the border of Burma and Thailand. A few months after arriving in Canada, I joined OrKidstra: it turned out to be the utmost life changing experience for me. OrKidstra has taught me to be a better person, to accomplish what I set out to do, to practice with care, and lastly, to do what I do with love. Every time I pick up the cello, it seems like I can accomplish anything. OrKidstra made me the person I am today. Thank you so much for making a difference in my life, for giving me this opportunity to fly." – Gareth, OrKidstra graduate and college student

SOCIAL MEDIA:

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