



EL SISTEMA SANTA CRUZ NEWSLETTER

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NEWS

The 2017/2018's season of El Sistema is well underway and come with exciting news: we're expanding the program! In addition to our site at Gault elementary school, we're very happy to announce the opening of a site at Radcliff elementary school in Watsonville thanks to our new collaboration and partnership with Pajaro Valley Unified School District (PVUSD). Big thanks to superintendent Rodriguez and VAPA coordinator Susan Graulty and all the other key people at the district office, school site and Arts Council of Santa Cruz County who made the expansion possible.

You can find us at:

www.elsistemasantacruz.org

Gault elementary school, 1320 Seabright Ave, Santa Cruz , CA 95062

Radcliff elementary school, 550 Rodriguez St, Watsonville, CA 95076

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the community members, partners, foundations, businesses, teachers, administrators, schools, school districts, parents and students that contributed to grow El Sistema Santa Cruz. We're starting our seventh seasons this school year and could not have done it without you. Our deepest gratitude for such extraordinary support.



Lucy Sloate Memorial

On October 19th , we celebrated the memory of Lucy Sloate, a beloved kindergarten teacher, who instilled the love of music in generations of Gault students. Thank you Kris Kennedy for organizing and thank you to all of you for your kindness in remembering Lucy with a donation to El Sistema Santa Cruz.

WELCOME

El Sistema would like to welcome two new teaching artists: Kathryn Nunally and Henry Wilson. Both recently graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from UCSC ,and have been part of the Student Staff Ensemble program at the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music, Kathryn as co-director. They will be teaching at Gault elementary school.

KEY DATES

December 6: El Sistema presentation to the PVUSD Board of Education.

December 7: Winter Concert at Gault elementary school.

December 10: Xochitl and the Flowers Children' Opera at UCSC with an El Sistema choir.

December 15: Winter Concert at Radcliff elementary school.

ABOUT EL SISTEMA SANTA CRUZ

We are an organization committed to transforming the lives of our youth and communities through the inspiration, discipline, and performance of classical ensemble music. El Sistema Santa Cruz was founded in 2012, as an El Sistema inspired orchestral and choral education program. It is a bold and ambitious systematic approach to community enhancement and the creation of community values through orchestral and ensemble playing and singing. Students engage in rigorous daily practice and rehearsals, perform regularly on stage and throughout the community, and learn the importance of becoming responsible citizens. Our staff offer music education each day after school to students at Gault and Radcliff elementary schools. We are currently serving over 200 students. El Sistema Santa Cruz is working with local school districts and local foundations to offer a tuition-free program to all its students during the school year and during a short summer session. In addition to providing musical training and enrichment, El Sistema teaches respect, responsibility, cooperation, community service, empathy and dedication. Surveys have shown that El Sistema students benefit from improved study habits, improved grades and improved self-esteem and confidence.

WHAT WE DID LAST SUMMER



In addition to performing at the Street Fair of the Cabrillo Festival of Contemporary Music and Ebb and Flow at the Tannery, our teaching artists and staff continued their professional development. Camilo Ortiz led a workshop at the *JaSeSoiry*, Orff-Schulwerk Association of Finland' World Village that was attended by 75 participants from 17 countries. Amalia Diaz completed the Global Leaders Program offered by the Orchestra of the Americas, a nine-month professional development certificate in Civic Leadership, Teaching Artistry, Cultural Agency, and Social Entrepreneurship. Kathryn Nunnally was the co-director of the Student Staff Ensemble program at the Cabrillo Festival and Henry Wilson was part of the Ensemble. Isabelle Tuncer participated at the Take a Stand Symposium organized by the LA PHIL where she met leaders, teachers, and key stakeholders from around the world with a vested interest in the El Sistema movement and progressive practices in music education.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grants update:

Women in Philanthropy, the California Arts Council and the Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County renewed their support to El Sistema for the 2017/18. school year.

The Monterey Peninsula Foundation is supporting Radcliff in piloting El Sistema in PVUSD.

Thanks to the Classic for Kids Foundation, El Sistema has now new strings instruments!