

THE ENCORE PROJECT

Of the Palm Beaches



Our Mission

The **Encore Project of the Palm Beaches** began with the idea to bring instrumental music to all students in Northern Palm Beach County. Much of the inspiration for the program comes from Venezuelan 'El Sistema' model. This world-wide model with the orchestra at its heart creates a musical anchor for young musicians. The schools' administration, music faculty, and the regular academic faculty embrace the many social benefits of an orchestral program, so critical for young learners.

Key Overall Goals:

- Improved school attendance
- Improved academic performance
- Improved self-concept
- Improved social connection to school and community
- Improved family participation in school and student activities
- Improved problem solving capacity
- Improved empathy and social awareness
- Character development
- Inspiring children to discover their passion for music and the arts



Our Partners:



- ✓ *The School District of Palm Beach County*
- ✓ *TeamWork USA Education Foundation*
- ✓ *Mary and Robert Pew Public Education Fund*
- ✓ *Lynn University*
- ✓ *Norton Museum of Art*
- ✓ *The Kravis Center for Performing Arts*
- ✓ *The Rotary Club*
- ✓ *Frenchman's Creek Charities Foundation*
- ✓ *Foundation of the Eagles*
- ✓ *Christ Fellowship Church*

Encore Project Schools

Egret Lake Elementary

Grove Park Elementary

North Palm Beach Elementary

U.B. Kinsey School of the Arts



The curriculum...

Students meet multiple times per week during the school day, and after school. Strings instruction is emphasized in the early grades with woodwinds, brass and percussion added later. Choral work is also a hallmark of each program. Emphasis on the orchestra model is a key element.

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At a Glance

of the Palm Beaches



...Resonating the beauty & power of music

About the Encore Project...

In the fall of 2010, North Palm Beach Elementary launched an El Sistema inspired program bringing the Venezuelan model of instrumental music instruction to the Palm Beaches for the first time. In less than twenty-four months, over 200 students at the Children's Orchestra (COPA) site were playing, provided with instruments and instrumental music instruction during the school day. Inspired by the growth and success of this project, the TeamWork USA Educational Foundation brought their own desire to grow an El Sistema program in our community and began the work to engage other schools in the process.

2013 Pilot Year

The result of this work is a collaboration between the School District of Palm Beach County and four individual schools, **The Encore Project of the Palm Beaches**. Schools included are Egret Lake Elementary, Grove Park Elementary, North Palm Beach Elementary & U.B. Kinsey School of the Arts. These schools came together to collaborate and commit to enhanced music scheduling both during the school day and after school. Beginning in the fall of 2013, these four schools will share a Program Developer/Artistic Director to direct and guide the program forward. Our collaborative is now seeking this Program Director, endeavoring to fill this position with a Sistema Fellow from the New England Conservatory Sistema Fellows program.

Administrative Staff

Egret Lake Elementary	Christine Rick, Principal
Grove Park Elementary	Eric Gross, Principal
North Palm Beach Elementary	Teresa Stoupas, Principal
U.B. Kinsey School Of the Arts	Adrienne Howard, Principal
TeamWork USA Education Foundation	Kenneth Stein, President
TeamWork USA Education Foundation	Harold Oertell, Treasurer

School Highlights:

Egret Lake Elementary

Program established: fall of 2013
Grades: K & 1, 3-5
Violin and Chorus
Participating students: 76
Instructional Hours: 10 hours per week
1 music teacher, 1 teaching artist
86% free/reduced lunch

Grove Park Elementary

Program established: fall of 2013
Grades: K & 1
Violin
Participating students: 40
Instructional Hours: 10 hours per week
1 music teacher, 1 teaching artist
93% free/reduced lunch



North Palm Beach Elementary

Program established: 2010
New Music Facility in 2014
Grades: K - 5
Strings & full Orchestra
Participating students: 250
2 music teachers, 4 teaching artists
Instructional Hours: 10 extended hrs/week
89% free/reduced lunch



U.B. Kinsey School of the Arts Elementary

Program established: 1995
Specialized Arts Facility
Grades for new program: K & 2, 3-5
Strings and full Orchestra
Participating students: 285
3 music teachers, 1 teaching artist
Instructional Hours: 7 extended hrs/week
81% free/reduced lunch