



2022 Year in Review



Impact, Achievements, and Milestones

A summarized report highlighting the impact, progress, and achievements of the Young Musicians Foundation over the past year.

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Our Mission

YMF's mission is founded on the belief that every student, every person, should have access to the well- documented lifelong benefits that music and media arts education provide. As communities grapple with the profound social-emotional stress of the pandemic, more than ever students need the healing, connection, and stronger sense of self so unique to learning and making music.

First Quarter: January-March 2022

Producing Success: Creative Career Pathways Programs Flourish

Digital applications and hardware - from cell phones to computers - are ubiquitous and fundamental to the way creative content is produced. YMF's Creative Career Pathways programs not only provide the foundational skills for participation in the creative economy, they open doors to self-expression, personal agency, and increased self-worth; building a platform from which our students make themselves heard and receive the resounding confirmation that their voice matters.



Media Arts and Music Technology programs have grown to become our most popular, **reaching nearly 3,000 3rd through 12th Grade students at 21 schools.**

With the support from the California Arts Council, our inaugural Creative Career Pathways and Career Readiness programs in Media Arts were laid. These programs will be central to serving highly at-risk transitional aged youth at our new campus facility.

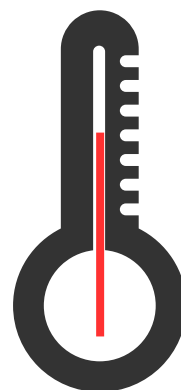
YMF Media Arts Advisory Council



Clockwise from top: Greg Butler, founder, ZuCasa; Marcei B. Brown, Producer and founding partner of CatchLight Studios and Crewvie, Wondwossen Dikran, Director, Falcon Media; Chris Ivery, Independent producer/composer; Christian Linke, Creative Director, Riot Games; Chuck Reed, Engineer/Studio manager Interscope, Geffen; Stormy Simon, Podcast host, TED Fellow; Rosie Tucker, Epitaph Records recording artist; Jeanette Volturro, Producer and founding partner of CatchLight Studios and Crewvie.

Building Fund Capital Campaign Announced

In anticipation of the construction of our new campus center in Historic South Central Los Angeles, YMF held an intimate event in March to announce the public phase of our *Building Our Future Together* campaign. As of this report's publication, we have raised \$527,000 toward our goal of \$850,000. For more information: ymf.org/building-our-future-together



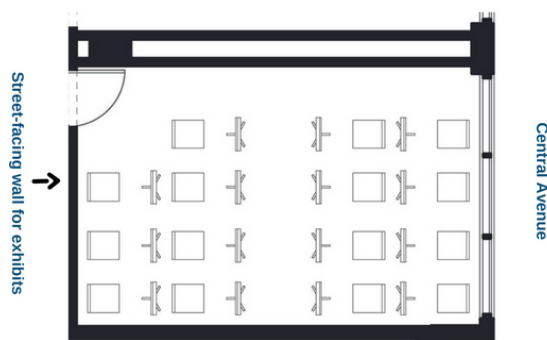
To date:
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Ella Fitzgerald Keyboard Lab and Resource Center

Our new campus facility will provide uplifting, responsive, culturally relevant programming to the residents of the Florence Mills and Paul Williams apartments, as well as the Historic South Central community. Programming will include tuition-free after-school and weekend classes in instrumental and vocal music, media arts, songwriting, ensembles and, Creative Career Pathways programs, and workforce development training programs for at-risk, transitional aged youth.



YMF facility renderings.



The Ella Fitzgerald Keyboard Lab and Resource Center

In recognition of a significant gift from the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation, YMF will establish the *Ella Fitzgerald Keyboard Lab and Resource Center* prominently within our new facility.



Ella Fitzgerald is widely considered to be the finest singer of our time. She was also a passionate and tireless advocate for the importance of access to music education and the creation pathways of success for all students, especially those from under-resourced and under-represented communities.

Second Quarter: April - June 2022

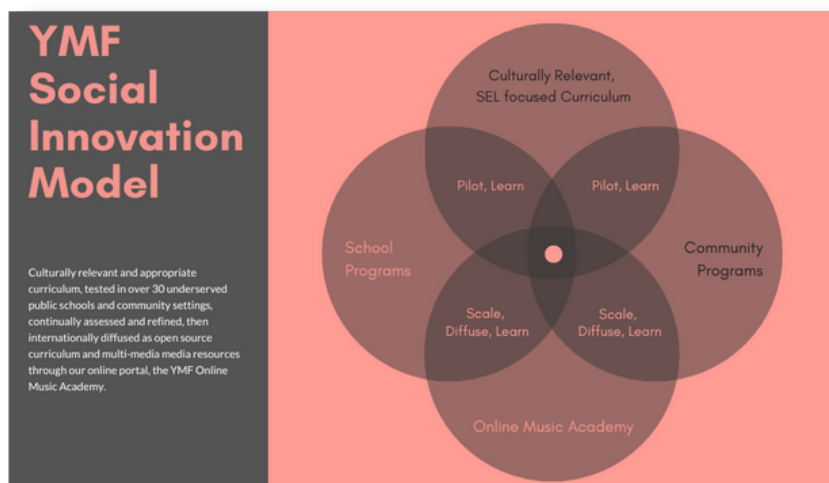
New Programs for Re-entry Youth Launched

Our workforce development and creative career pathways programs were launched in early in the second quarter. The first of which were a series workshops in digital music production and songwriting that we delivered to transitional aged (TAY), primarily re-entry youth served by our new community partner Volunteers of America Los Angeles. These creativity-focused programs also teach many of the skills required for participation in the creative economy.



YMF's Social Innovation Model Introduced

YMF programs are designed to disrupt systemic racism and the resulting institutional racism embedded in how children are taught. Through our efforts to create positive change in this system we became aware of the USC Sol Price Center for Social Innovation and the measurable impact they are having on local communities and service organizations.



“Traditional policy approaches have failed to catalyze significant and lasting change for many complex social problems, such as homelessness, justice involvement and reentry, and educational achievement. Social innovation, which is an iterative, inclusive process that intends to generate more effective and just solutions to solve complex social problems, provides an alternative to traditional problem solving approaches.” *Beckman, Painter, and Rosen, 2020*

Gaining Recognition in the Community

In recognition of the impact YMF is already having in our new community of Historic South Central, we gratefully received a first-ever Community Support Grant. The Community Grant Program was created by LA City Councilperson Curren D. Price Jr. of Council District 9 (CD9) this year.



Walter Zooli and Cesar Tinoco at CD9 grant announcement event.



Creative Career Pathway program for Volunteers of America LA.

CD9's Tribute to *SHE*roes

YMF's Community Music Academy Harp and Strings Ensemble was invited to perform at CD9's *Tribute to SHE*roes event in June. Organized by Councilperson Curren D. Price Jr. the event was held at the Rose Garden in Exposition Park and celebrated the many contributions made by women in the District. The Councilman cited our young female musicians for their initiative and leadership in the community and the arts.



CMA students at *SHE*roes event.

The Edwin Sankey Scholars Student Support Program

This spring we launched a new student support program named in honor of Edwing Sankey, a groundbreaking multi-instrumentalist and composer who devoted his life to creating and teaching music. The Edwin **Sankey Scholars program** awarded five Community Music Academy students with a new instrument and the opportunity to study independently with a YMF Teaching Artist for a semester. Scholars were chosen based on their dedication, preparedness, and demonstrated enthusiasm for learning and playing music.



Sankey Scholars receiving awards and a new instrument at a recent CMA concert. IL-R: Gianna Ortiz, Kayla Perez, Oscar Perez, Zoe Paloma Ramirez. Not pictured: Citlali Gonzalez

Kitty Sankey speaks with Sankey Scholar Zoe Paloma Ramirez



Third Quarter: July – September 2022

Mike Stoller Music Heals Program Summer Celebration

Homeboy Industries and the Homeboy Art Academy featured our Mike Stoller Music Heals students at their summer program culmination event held at Inner City Arts in August. Students presented a music video of their compositions that they completed during the course of the summer program.



L-R: Martin Flores, YMF Teaching Artist; Federico Zuniga, YMF education & events coordinator; legendary composer Mike Stoller, Music Heals program founder.



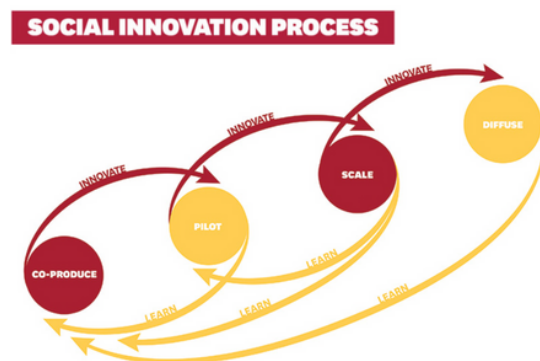
L-R: YMF Music Heals Teaching Artists Martin Flores and Kenzie Jones.

Two Impactful New Partnerships

In August YMF announced partnerships with two of LA's most innovative and impactful social justice and service organizations: [Wellnest – Emotional Health and Wellness](#), and the [USC Sol Price Center for Social Innovation](#). Both organizations will provide significant assistance in the design, implementation, and assesment of future YMF programs and initiatives.



Walter Zooli, YMF executive director with former HUD Secretary Julian Castro at a USC Sol Price Center "Fireside Chat" event.



The Social Innovation Model developed by the USC Sol Price Center for Social Innovation.

The **USC Sol Price Center for Social Innovation** is a nationally recognized incubator for ideas and illuminating strategies that improve the quality of life for people in low-income, urban communities. The Center will assist us in implementing our own Social Innovation Model, and provide significant guidance in the creation of assessment tools and data analysis to quantify the Model's effectiveness.

Wellnest – Emotional Health and Wellness is a leading provider of mental health and supportive services to over 20,000 children and families at 7 locations across South LA. YMF is currently providing ongoing Music Production and Songwriting workshops at their Life Learning Center location. Wellnest professionals will led their expertise and guidance as we continue to develop a healing-based, culturally responsive curricula.



Wellnest workshops, led by YMF Teaching Artists Kenzie Jones and Manu Beker, covered the essentials of beat-making, recording, and songwriting. Attendees created collaboratively while learning the foundational skills of music production.



Workshop attendees.

Record Number of Students Served in the 2022-2023 School Year

After finalizing agreements with our school site partners in September, we were thrilled to find ourselves poised to serve **5,272 students at 27 schools** and community organizations by providing tuition-free, on-site weekly music and media arts classes to underserved communities throughout Los Angeles who otherwise would not have access to the life-changing benefits that learning, playing, and creating music provides. **This is the most school site students served in YMF's long history!**



Fourth Quarter: October – December 2022

Field Trip to the Grammy Museum

As the school year got underway, YMF students were invited to participate in a special “A Day at the Grammy Museum” event sponsored by Councilperson Curren D. Price Jr. CMA families and students from school partners were provided transportation to the Museum where they experienced a panel discussion led by music industry professionals and received a tour of the museum.



LA Council member Curren D. Price Jr. (back row, 3rd from right) with YMF students (foreground) at Grammy Museum, Downtown Live Los Angeles.



YMF students and family with Lirio Hernandez, YMF community engagement associate.

Anne Akiko Meyers Invites Students and Community Members to Disney Hall

In October, we brought 50 CMA families and residents from the Paul Williams and Florence Mills Apartments to the Walt Disney Concert Hall for a spectacular performance of Arturo Márquez's *Fandango*, featuring YMF alumna Anne Akiko Meyers as soloist with the LA Philharmonic. Residents and families gathered in the Paul Williams Community Room for a small community mixer prior to the concert. Everyone who attended reported feeling joyful, inspired, and open to new possibilities.

Our deepest appreciation and gratitude go out to Anne Akiko Meyers for making this life-changing event possible for our families and community members.



YMF Receives Meredith Willson Award

In November we were honored to be among the select few organizations to receive an inaugural Meredith Willson Award from the Music Man Foundation. Grants were awarded based on organizational vision for impacting systems that perpetuate inequality through developing innovative, culturally sustaining and economically impactful curricula and programs.

YMF Students Perform at Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr.'s Swearing-In Ceremony

YMF students and TA's were invited to perform at the reception before the swearing-in ceremony of Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr., held at the Banc of California Stadium in November. Accompanied by Teaching Artists, our students performed boleros, African-Cuban bossa nova, and other musical traditions from Latin America.



We are grateful to Councilmember Price for inviting us to share in such an important, meaningful event, and send our **congratulations for another well-deserved term!**

Celebrating Father Gregory Boyle's 50th Jubilee

YMF's Mike Stoller Music Heals students created a special music video presentation and poetry booklet to honor Homeboy Industries founder Father Gregory Boyle on the occasion of his 50 Year Jubilee as a Jesuit priest. Student contributions included a special performance at the Homeboy Art Academy and a heartfelt music/video presentation at Homeboy's Bruno Street headquarters.



Left to right: YMF's Federico Zuniga, YMF Teaching Artist Kenzie Jones, Homeboy Industries founder Father Gregory Boyle, YMF Teaching Artist Martin Flores,



Music Heals and Art Gang students at the Homeboy Art Academy



Center spread of a book of poetry created by Music Heals students in honor of Father Greg's jubilee.

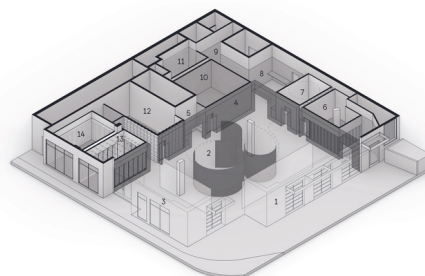
Breaking New Ground - Construction Starts on YMF Campus Facility!

After nearly two years of unforeseen delays, construction on our new campus began in January. Our design-forward, purpose-built new home, which will include 6 classrooms, including the Ella Fitzgerald Keyboard Lab and Resource Center, a state-of-the-art multimedia lab, an audio/video control room, and a large program and performance space!



L-R: YMF board members Daniel Rothmuller, Deb Burkart, G. Beverly Bergmann, Margot Smith Thomas, Fred Scholder, and Walter Zooi. (not pictured: board members Lori Hyland, Yolla Kairouz, and staff board representative Maddy Major.

Our new campus facility will offer after-school and weekend classes in instrumental music, music technology, multimedia production, songwriting, as well as workforce development training to the community free of charge.



We are committed to authentic engagement with our new community, and will work diligently to ensure that our new home becomes a valued resource and nexus for creativity, connection - leading to the discovery of the unlimited potential that lies within us all.

Thank you for supporting our mission over the past year,
and thereby changing the lives of those we all serve together.*

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