



**Nurture**



**Empower**



**Inspire**



### Statistics Reveal a Serious Education Gap

Today, 74% of students in California have no access to the basic arts disciplines. Almost half of Title 1 status schools have no arts participation. Only 12% of schools meet state code requirements for performing arts classes. As of 2016, the overall student-to-arts ratio was 232 students to 1 teacher.

<p><b>DIFFICULT ODDS</b> Overall Student-to-Arts Ratios for California 2016</p>	<p><b>MUSIC</b> 752 students to one teacher</p>	<p><b>THEATER</b> 1075 students to one teacher</p>	<p><b>DANCE</b> 1446 students to one teacher</p>
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### The Arts – A Keystone to Academic Performance

Statistics overwhelmingly verify the importance of arts education in a youth’s development. Students trained in arts education do far better in problem solving, concept understanding, information processing and intelligence testing. They hold higher GPAs, scoring 44-63 points higher on verbal and math in college entrance exams. Students of lower socio-economic status taking music lessons have reading, history, geography and social skills soar by 40%.

### Setting a Groundbreaking, New Standard for Performing Arts Education

We are the only non-profit community performing arts school in Orange County filling this education gap. Our pioneering, new creative strategies and innovative methodologies are advancing how students access and experience the arts.

### Our Vision - Access for Everyone to the Performing Arts

Each step we take growing our curriculum, facilities, partnerships, community outreach and events, brings us closer to making our vision a reality. OC Music & Dance, our sponsors, partners and donors are passionate about our investment in nurturing dreams, inspiring talents and empowering the success of future generations.

# A Performing Arts Education Program that is a Catalyst for Change.



## World-class Curriculum

We employ more than 50 instructors, many with advanced degrees and international performance experience. Our curriculum includes an unrivaled breadth of performing arts complemented by community courses in voice, language, public speaking, health/wellness, acting and film. Courses are designed to empower students by attaining technical proficiency, performance experience and critical life skills.

## Unparalleled Student-to-Teacher Ratios

The majority of our lessons are private and involve one-to-one student-to-teacher relationships. Our group classes are often led by a team of teachers. More customized individual training helps students to accelerate their abilities or to learn at their own pace.

## Inclusion Policy

We are dedicated to investing in our students to ensure that all who are driven to excellence can pursue their dreams regardless of ethnicity, social group, age or economic status. For these students, our scholarships support up to 90% of tuition and purchase/rental of instruments. In 2017, our dance program for the deaf served over 200 students.

## Contemporary Performing Arts Facility

Our brand new 21,000-square foot creative environment is amply equipped with state-of-the-art music rooms, dance studios, classrooms, a recording studio, café and performance theater. We have the ideal, caring, safe atmosphere for inspiring learning and freedom of self-expression.

## Embedded Community Outreach

We are the only non-profit community performing arts school that shares its resources by embedding professional assistance in Title 1 public schools and in the communities where we are most needed. Our efforts serve as an adjunct to classes where one teacher often serves 40 students or more.

## Career Development. Workforce Experience.

The entertainment world has a rich, behind-the-scenes arena of career opportunities. Students can explore beyond academics to learn business, lighting and sound technology, production, recording, beat-making and stagecraft. Our café is operated by a foster care non-profit providing workforce experience for emancipated youth.

## Exciting Showcases. Spotlight Events.

Multiple recitals, showcases, concerts, *Acoustic Jams* and *Open Mic Meetups* provide ongoing opportunities to gain real-world performance experience and exposure. Our students compete in *OC Artists of the Year* and perform at the prestigious *Donald Bren Honors Concert* and *From Classical to Rock* concert featuring special guest star *Randy Jackson* of *American Idol* and *Journey* fame, and *John Rzeznik*, lead vocalist and guitarist of the *Goo Goo Dolls*.

## In Good Company

We collaborate with many of the most respected artistic partners in Southern California, including Orange County's Pacific Symphony, Chapman University, Concordia University, Colburn School, UCI Clare Trevor School of the Arts and Orange County School of the Arts.



## Performing Arts Courses

Acting, Ballet, Bassoon, Beat-making, Bharatanatyam Dance, Cello, Chinese Voice & Singing, Chorus, Clarinet, Composition, Creative Movement, Dance Crew, Double Bass, Flute, Guitar, Guzheng, Harp, Hip Hop Dance, Improvisation, International Folk Dance, Kinder Music, Lighting, Music Accompaniment, Music Theory, Percussion, Piano, Piccolo, Public Speaking, Recording, Sound Technology, Stagecraft, Trumpet, Ukulele, Viola, Violin, Voice, Yoga



Randy Jackson with students & instructor



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