Music Haven addresses barriers to access in the arts, providing a safe and supportive space for music-making and youth development in New Haven. Through tuition-free individual lessons, group classes and ensembles, mentoring, and leadership development opportunities, our award-winning afterschool program fosters a supportive and vibrant musical community for our students and their families.

Music Haven had **97 students** this year. Music Haven's student age range is from 6 to 18 years old. Most (approximately 80%) are between the ages of 8 and 14. See graph below:

- **95% Program Satisfaction Rate** (would recommend the program to a friend)
- 94% of students surveyed report that their teachers frequently remind their students that they believe in them and their ability to succeed
- 94% of students surveyed report that their teachers “support me to envision my future”
- 100% of students surveyed report that their teachers encourage them to work through difficult problems

**Fun Fact** - Music Haven had 7 graduates this year, all of whom were in Harmony in Action—Music Haven's advanced student chamber orchestra

The services, programming, and instruments that Music Haven provides would cost a family...

approximately **$7,500 per student, per year.**

**Students by Race**
- Black (5 mixed*)
- Hispanic (2 mixed*)
- Caucasian
- Middle Eastern
- Asian (2 mixed*)

*9 students reported multiple racial identities

**Students by Neighborhood**
- **Newhallville** 8.2%
- **Fair Haven** 28.9%
- **East Rock** 8.2%
- **Dixwell & Dwight** 14.4%
- **West Rock** 5.2%
- **Hill** 11.3%
- Other 19.6%

2,000+ one-on-one lessons

95% of Music Haven graduates enroll at a 4-year university

35 Performances by students, ensembles, and the Haven String Quartet
Through individualized instruction, high expectations, and long-term investment in each student, Music Haven musicians excel at their instruments.

Our students succeed and thrive because they are part of a caring, supportive community from when they are very young through their high school graduation and beyond.

We are focused on making sure every family is connected, supported, and included, from family check-ins, to help with transportation, support for basic needs, and potluck dinners.

Music Haven is committed to equity and anti-racism through a tuition-free program model, culturally responsive programming, and hiring priority for our families and alumni.

We are committed to wellness by prioritizing social time, incorporating meditation, yoga, and other physical activities, and centering emotional renewal.

Reign and Jocelyn are two of Music Haven’s graduates from the Class of 2022. At Music Haven they studied with members of the Haven String Quartet and played in Harmony in Action - Music Haven’s advanced chamber orchestra. Both Reign and Jocelyn worked as teaching assistants after school, helping with homework and mentoring young students. We wish them the best of luck in college and can’t wait to welcome them back as part of our Alumni Network!

“Music Haven is not just a place where students learn how to play their instruments, but it’s a place where students can make strong connections with students and teachers.”
- Reign, 9th year Music Haven Student

“I've kept doing Music Haven because it has helped me grow as a person and feels like another family to me...I think it's always good to have a nice hobby like playing an instrument that you can turn to at any point in your life, even after graduating Music Haven.”
- Aleanis, 7th year Music Haven Student

“The most important thing I learned at Music Haven this year is that even if I don't see improvement in myself, others may so keep trying.”
- Adina, 10th year Music Haven Student