Mission
To make learning music accessible and equitable.

Vision
A world without barriers to music education.

Why We Exist
Learning music helps individuals of all ages explore their creativity, develop cognitive skills, and improve mental health. High-quality music education programs empower students, strengthen schools, and build inclusive communities.

Values
Possibility: We spark curiosity by teaching music. We support creative risks and draw from the arts to meet complex challenges with bold solutions.

Commitment: We believe in equitable music instruction for all. Just as learning an instrument requires dedication, we stand by our students, teachers, and partners and inspire the same level of commitment in them.

Belonging: We believe that no matter where you come from or who you are, you can do great things and your voice matters. Music is culture and when we share the diversity of sound, we celebrate who we are.

Music is Joy: We share it. Music brings us together—whether we are beginners, experienced musicians, or appreciative listeners. Music is our shared joy, inspiration, and community.

Photo: Teaching artist Dana Wygmans working with a student.
About Austin Soundwaves

Founded in 2011 with 42 students at a single school site, Austin Soundwaves has since served thousands of students at more than 20 schools in grades K-12. With a staff of over 25 trained musicians, educators, and administrators, we offer an array of programming that focuses on traditional orchestra and band education, as well as chamber music, composition, music theory, intergenerational ensembles such as Mariachi Para Todos, and interdisciplinary programs that help students achieve personal and professional success.

Our Approach

Teaching & Mentoring: We teach music and support the overall success and well-being of every student through school-based and community programs.

Coaching & Training: We help teachers achieve their goals, refine their skills, and sustain their careers.

Planning & Collaboration: We work with school and nonprofit leaders to plan and implement effective music education systems.

Bringing it all together: We create educational equity by sharing impactful resources, building meaningful networks of stakeholders, and advocating for arts-rich education in Austin and beyond.
Our FY22 Impact

- **766** students served
- **23** school and community programs
- Over **70** in-person performances
- School district partnership resulted in K-12 music education to **2,000+** students for the first time
- **Equity in Music Education Framework** completed
Student Demographics

- Hispanic/Latino: 80%
- African American/Black: 7%
- Caucasian/White: 7%
- Other: 4%
- Asian/Pacific Islander: 2%

100% graduation rate for community program students

335 alumni since first graduating class in 2016

Serving ages 10-55+

*demographics represent fiscal year 2021
PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT
Draylen Mason Fellows Program

Draylen Mason was a gifted musician. For 6 years he was a member and the backbone at Austin Soundwaves, where he played in the orchestra, band, chamber music, and mariachi. Draylen’s future was bright as he headed toward graduation from high school, having been accepted at some of the country’s most prestigious music schools, including UNT College of Music, UT-Austin Butler School, and Oberlin Conservatory.

The Draylen Mason Fellows Program is designed to honor the legacy of Draylen Mason and help further the musical and personal development of high school musicians through workshops, performances, and outreach opportunities in the community.

After an audition and interview process, fellows are selected to complete the year-long program. Throughout the course of one year, Draylen Mason Fellows receive lessons and mentoring sessions from musicians, industry professionals, and community leaders. Fellows meet monthly to rehearse, learn from each other, and collaborate with artists, educators, and activists. Fellows receive a cash stipend of $500 and an additional $500 to support their creative pursuits.

Find out more about our programming
To learn more about the Draylen Mason Fellows Program or our other offerings, including Mariachi Para Todos, School Programming, or the Private Lesson Program, please visit austinsoundwaves.org.

Photos: Draylen Mason family, friends, and fellows.
Alumni Spotlights

Mika Syms graduated from Anderson High School and is currently studying cello performance at The University of Texas at Austin Butler School of Music. Her time with Austin Soundwaves included many performances in chamber music and lessons, as well as serving as a fellow and later mentor in the Draylen Mason Fellows Program. We are proud to welcome Mika this coming year 2022-23 school year as a member of our teaching staff at Austin Soundwaves.

Paola Dominguez-Escobar is a pianist, flutist, and a Draylen Mason Fellows Program alumnus currently studying at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. She started playing flute in 8th grade and quickly became a section leader in the concert band at KIPP Austin Collegiate, one of the partner school programs of Austin Soundwaves. In Paola’s words, “The support system provided by Austin Soundwaves was an important part of my successes.”
Clockwise from top left to right: Eastside High School Orchestra performance; Middle school band student at the Season Finale; Daniela Santiago (2020 alum) at Beyond Belonging; IDEA Montopolis band performance; Draylen Mason Fellow Camryn Mwalwanda.
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Photo: Brass teaching artists Sumner Erickson and Jorge Villalba.
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Photo: Mariachi Para Todos at the Season Finale at UT-Austin.

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FY21 Sources of Support

54% - Individual Contributions
17% - Earned Revenue
17% - Foundation Grants
12% - Government Grants

FY21 Expenses

84.5% - Programs
10.2% - Administration
5.3% - Fundraising

*Percentages are based on the dates August 2020 through July 2021.
2024 Goals

Serve 1,000 students throughout the Austin metroplex.

Provide 500 students with advanced programming and mentoring through Empower/Achieve, the Draylen Mason Fellows Program, and other community-based offerings.

Provide 100 alumni with direct personal, professional, and artistic support beyond high school.

Work and provide direct support with 30 music educators.

Partner with 25 schools.