Young Artists in Harmony
by Art of Elan

When:
12:00-3:00pm Saturdays
September 17 - November 19

Where:
ARTS (A Reason to Survive)
200 E 12th St, National City, CA 91950

What:
Young Artists in Harmony (YAH) is a unique music composition program offered by the innovative chamber music organization Art of Elan, in partnership with A Reason To Survive (ARTS) in National City, where advanced music students have the opportunity to:
- explore musical composition with professional musicians (instruments for this cohort include violin, cello, and piano)
- create and be part of a public performance at ARTS which will also be professionally recorded
- meet and collaborate with other like-minded music students of high school and college age
- build a musical composition portfolio for college

Participants in YAH receive mentoring from professional Art of Elan musicians, and meet weekly in person on Saturdays from 12:00-3:00pm, in person at ARTS. Saturday afternoon sessions will involve professional musicians from Art of Elan to help coach and give feedback on student works, small weekly assignments and a few individual sessions with each student.

Who:
Teaching artists:
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Musician teachers:
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Overview:
During the first two weeks, students will be introduced to the basics of composition. Mentors will introduce various composers and composition methods, while musicians will conduct live demonstrations of their instruments and facilitate the students drafting process. For the remainder of the workshop, students will continue working on their individual compositions while the musicians will perform, constructively critique, and assist with the composition drafting process. We will spend the last two weeks preparing for the final performance, including: finalizing the composition, preparing a "composer speech" to give to the audience, and general photo/video press. After the final performance, your composition will be recorded and available for download!

Learning Outcomes:
- Real world experience composing and workshopping with professional musicians.
- Build a professional musical portfolio through performance and composition.
- Community engagement and collaboration with peers, mentors, and musicians.
- Enhance grit, self-actualization, and artistic development.

‘This is a face-to-face class: we will be following all public health regulations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Face masks are required upon entry into ARTS and for the full duration of indoor activities, and proof of vaccination for Covid-19 is required to participate in person. Please contact Deejay and/or Diego if you have any questions/concerns.

Saturday Workshops:
Each Saturday, we will meet at A Reason To Survive (ARTS) for class. Here, you will be able to workshop the composition ideas you create/modify throughout the week, collaborate with musicians, give feedback to other peers, and generally prepare to complete your composition. Some workshops will have a live instrument demonstration (TBD).

Final Composition/Dress Rehearsal:
Your final composition is due on this day. You must be 100% completed with your piece, and will use this time to fine tune dynamics, tempo, overall performance, as well as rehearse your own speech for the final performance.

Final Performance:
Your composition will be performed live in front of a general audience, invite your friends, family, other peers to come celebrate the hard work you've put in thus far! You will deliver your speech, your composition will be performed, and after the show you will have a recorded composition.

Resources:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16gSYQj1di6alKN6-iVWXiGr21cmTSLNH?usp=sharing