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"Rigorous work—
but it's worth
every minute."

There are three programs that help AFA achieve its goals: the Summer Music Conservatory, the Year-Round Curriculum and the AFA In Schools initiative. In addition to high-quality programming, AFA enriches and educates our community through more than 50 free concerts each year and offers unique opportunities for students by collaborating with the area's finest arts presenters. The AFA Scholarship Enrichment Fund ensures that financial hardship is not a barrier between young musicians and the experiences that shape their futures.

"AFA brings people together and creates long-lasting friendships. It opens up your eyes to the music world."



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OUR MISSION

AFA enriches the lives of young people through music. We accomplish this mission by:

- **Encouraging** talent and creativity in opportunities that empower life skills through musical achievement
- **Creating** educational programs for young people in safe and respectful environments
- **Committing** to excellence in teaching, faculty and state-of-the-art partnerships
- **Leading** collaborations that meet the needs of the arts education community

Music • Education • Collaboration

ABOUT AFA



"Having AFA in my class was awesome!"

"Being an AFA student has given me a lot of really great opportunities."



Since 1996, AFA has:

- Served nearly 8,000 young musicians
- Maintained more than 60% aggregate minority enrollment
- Entertained 100,000+ audience members at over 400 concerts
- Awarded more than \$1,000,000 in scholarships
- Grown to employ 75+ faculty artists each season
- Enriched dozens of music programs through the AFA In Schools initiative

What We Believe

- Young people learn self-confidence, teamwork, problem-solving and leadership skills through the study of the arts.
- The arts synthesize academic learning and empower young people to make informed creative choices.
- Artistic accomplishment can be an important vehicle for personal growth.
- The arts help young people engage their communities through volunteerism.

MUSIC

Summer Music Conservatory

AFA's signature program serves more than 350 students from grades 3 through 12 every summer in intensive programs for instrumentalists, pianists, vocalists and composers.

Year-Round Curriculum

Chamber Music Academy

- Small ensemble rehearsal and performance experiences that give instrumentalists and pianists the opportunity to work with peers of similar age and skill levels.

Houston Girls Chorus

- High quality choral instruction for young women in grades 4 through 12 that promotes self-discipline, teamwork, poise and communication skills in the context of learning and performing great music.

Composer Institute

- A unique program for composers in grades 8 through 12 to learn the techniques of musical composition. Students participate in film-scoring workshops and are given the opportunity to work with professional musicians in a collaborative, music-making environment.

EDUCATION

AFA In Schools

Free or low cost in-school and after-school music education activities including Creative Classroom residencies and workshops, programs for students with learning and developmental disabilities, and clinics and master classes for school ensembles.

Access

AFA's Scholarship Enrichment Fund ensures that financial hardship will never be a barrier between an aspiring young musician and the experiences that will shape their future. Each year, more than 60% of our students receive tuition assistance or participate in free programming.

Concerts

AFA's annual Concert Series presents more than 50 formal student recitals, community outreach concerts and curated faculty performances. All student performances are open to the public and presented free of charge.

COLLABORATION

AFA is proud to collaborate with Houston's finest arts organizations, enriching AFA's curriculum through the sharing of artists, ideas and creating opportunities for young people.

Presenting Partners

- Da Camera of Houston Young Artist Program
- Houston Ballet
- Houston Grand Opera's HGOco

"Learning from these teachers has been amazing!"

"I didn't realize how much chamber music would help my playing—and it's fun!"