We welcome all our old and new pupils to a new musical year in our orchestra school!

This year we direct a particular welcome to our new pupils in Rinkeby and Rågsved. The schools in these areas are new additions and thereby we are now present in twelve schools, four districts that transcend ten metro stops, from north to south in Stockholm city.

Through our orchestral training over 5 000 children and youths are offered the opportunity to develop musically. The youngest are five year olds in preschools and the oldest, who have been with us since the beginning in 2013, are today in sixth grade.

Being a member of an orchestra and a pupil in our large orchestra school is an empowering opportunity. We make an effort to bridge the geographical distances between different city parts by way of what we do know best, namely music. Our pupils play joint repertoire, suitable for their age and their musical competence, regardless of where they live. As part of our development, they will also be offered more opportunities to meet fellow musicians in other parts of Stockholm to play together.

Newsletter

Another important step in bridging the gaps caused by distance is to offer a joint newsletter, that will reach all our pupils, parents and other interested parties regardless of where you live. Starting on the 10th of October, El Sistema Stockholm will release a monthly newsletter. There, we will gather important information and news about our orchestra school. You will also be able to meet pupils and teachers and get information about our concerts, musical meet-ups and other events, as well as tips about classical music. We will also spread news about particular local events in your specific school or area.

We would like to encourage you to read the upcoming newsletter with your child, if you are a parent or a legal guardian. If you have any specific wishes about what should be included in the newsletter, please send us a note at elsistema@stockholm.se.

Supporting & keeping motivation alive

One of the greatest challenges when learning to play an instrument is to keep your motivation even when it gets a little bit difficult. It is the joy of mastering difficult parts in a note sheet, or being able to make the instrument sound just the way you want it to, that feeds motivation.

At the same time, overcoming the difficulties can in itself affect motivation. When our pupils become a bit older, they may also experience the curiosity to try other things in their spare time, which might compete with their classes and rehearsal time in the orchestra.

It is our job within the orchestra school to give the children and youths best possible circumstances for learning and feeding their motivation. But we also depend on you as parents. Please give your child a little bit extra encouragement when they show signs of boredom with their instrument and please give their instrumental teacher a call or send us a note on elsistema@stockholm.se saying that you notice things are a bit hard for your child (name and school) at the moment. We will give you a call and explore the situation.

Together we can take our young musicians through the hurdles and give them new fantastic musical experiences. Regardless of what our pupils choose to do with their musical knowledge in the future, we want them to have the experiences of knowing how to master an instrument the best they can.

This fall’s Musical Meet-ups

When?

17 October

14 November

12 December

1700-1800

Where?

Bredängs school auditorium
Kulturhuset Stadsteatern
Skånskolan
Kista Library
Kulturhuset Fanfaren

You’ll hear from us again on the 10th of October, when our new Newsletter is released!