



*"This experience has brought me a renewed sense of community and social commitment as a professional musician and educator. If I could, I would thank the Mayor myself, and let him know his Music LA Program is a welcomed addition to the L.A. community. Thank you!"*  
**Music LA Teaching Artist, PAWS Music**



*"Yes! I would like to participate in Music LA again because I loved it! I want to keep learning. My school does not have any music programs." – Music LA Student, Age 13*



In 2005, DCA launched **Music LA**, a citywide music education initiative for young people. Music LA coordinates resources to provide high quality music

education programming for children and teens in underserved areas of Los Angeles who might not otherwise have the opportunity to study music. Music LA's summer program offers six to eight weeks of intensive music classes structured for beginning, intermediate, and advanced music students.

In partnership with Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa and The Walt Disney Company, DCA expanded the Music LA summer program into the school year by launching the annual Heritage Month Music LA program. Since Los Angeles is home to one of the largest and most diverse ethnic populations in the world, Music LA embraces and promotes Western and non-Western music genres. The City of Los Angeles Heritage Month Celebrations offer young Angelenos a unique opportunity to honor their rich cultural heritage by learning about music from around the world right in their own backyard. Throughout the school year, Music LA offers programming with focused curricula that highlight Latino, American Indian, African American, and Asian and Pacific Islander American cultural music traditions.



DCA's unique Music LA model is to partner with nonprofit arts organizations and professional teaching artists to ensure students' access to master musicians and quality education. At the same time, Music LA provides the foundation to support Los Angeles' vital community of musicians, music education organizations, teaching artists, and young musicians of

tomorrow. Music LA provides young people with sequential, quality music training in a challenging and creative environment where discipline, focus, and learning are cultivated. Students of all levels of musical ability receive hands-on instruction in instrumental and/or vocal technique and participate in culminating recitals for the opportunity to perform for their local community. The Music LA experience also assists advanced music students in the process of preparing to audition for academic and professional opportunities in music, musical theater productions, youth orchestras, band, and other local ensembles.

DCA works with each of our supporting music education providers and our Neighborhood Arts and Cultural Centers to shape unique programming based on specific community needs. Please visit DCA's website at [culturela.org/musicla](http://culturela.org/musicla) for program details, or contact Angelica Loa Perez at 213.202.5561 or via email at [angelica.loa.perez@lacity.org](mailto:angelica.loa.perez@lacity.org) for more information.



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To inquire about being included in next year's Festival Guide, or if we have missed a festival in our guide you would like to see listed next year, please call 213.202.5500, visit our website at [www.culturela.org](http://www.culturela.org), or fax your information to 213.202.5511.

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