Cali pathways project

Goal
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our vision

ABOUT CALI PATHWAYS PROJECT

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It is a well documented fact that students from underrepresented backgrounds comprise less than 3% of school of music populations seeking higher education degrees. This is a systemic access and equity issue at the PreK-12 levels, which a project like CALI PATHWAYS aims to address. Our goal is to bring about change by transforming the lives of young people and making the music world more inclusive.

our mission

HOW WILL WE ACHIEVE CHANGE

CALI PATHWAYS PROJECT is determined to overcome the barriers that can prevent underserved students from realizing their full musical potential, allowing them to pursue a career in music if they so choose. By providing a suitable instrument, access to high-level instruction, extra-curricular opportunities, and more, all at no cost - students from underserved backgrounds will benefit from the mentorship of Cali School Faculty & Alumni to receive all that the School of Music has to offer. Starting in their freshman year of high school, access to these resources and instruction will prepare students for the demands of higher education, with the hope that the PATHWAYS project can serve to bring a diverse student cohort to the Cali School of Music.
As lofty as our aspirations are, we know that we cannot succeed without engaging the community. Music education must serve as an equalizer, as a moral imperative based in social justice and equity.

In order to succeed in making a difference in the lives of future musicians, CALI PATHWAYS PROJECT is looking for your support.

an invitation for investment

BELOW ARE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WILL MAKE A LASTING IMPACT:

• $25,000 ensures one year’s tuition and room and board at Montclair State University
• $15,000 ensures one year’s tuition at Montclair State University
• $7,500 ensures one semester tuition free at Montclair State University
• $5,000 will provide a student with one year of private instruction or the unique opportunity of a summer camp or festival immersive musical experience
• $2,500 will provide an instrument that will take a student to and through college years and beyond
• $1,000 will facilitate a student’s travel to/from music instruction

The 2019 article titled “Diversity Will Save Classical Music, and it Starts with Music Education,” points to the fact that over time, classical music lost its popular cultural appeal through the development of an elitist label, and increasingly white performers and audiences. Author, Fred Bronstein - Dean of the Peabody Institute at Johns Hopkins - concludes this statement with a rallying cry for diversity in everything music related, starting with music education. Not as “the right thing to do,” but as “an existential question.”

CALI PATHWAYS PROJECT invites you on this journey to witness and, through your support, be an active participant in the survival of this universal language through a music diversification breakthrough.

our need
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OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

conclusion
TO BECOME A CPP YOUNG ARTIST, A STUDENT SHOULD:

Be a rising 9-12th grader with an aptitude for and dedication to music (any instrument or voice type).

Preferably intend to be a music performance or music education major in college.

Identify as belonging to a demographic group historically underrepresented in classical music, such as African-American, Latinx, American Indian, Alaskan Native, and/or South Asian and Pacific Islander. Students who are not part of one of these ethnic groups may also qualify if their family is low-income or will be the first in their family to attend college.

Be nominated by their school music teacher or ensemble director.

Live in New Jersey or New York-metro area.

Through the generosity of our donors, the Cali School will ensure that these students have the educational and musical resources to advance their goals.

This support may include:

- Acquisition of a musical instrument
- Private instruction
- Master classes and workshops
- Mentoring
- Tuition aid to summer camps
- On-campus activities at MSU
- Travel expenses to and from instruction
- Full tuition remission to the Cali School of Music upon acceptance

To donate or to nominate a student please visit www.montclair.edu/music/pathways