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ALL TOGETHER NOW FESTIVAL

May 12, 2026

Newman Center for the Performing Arts



WELCOME

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the students, teachers, Board, and team at Education Through Music–Colorado, welcome, and thank you for being here tonight.

The ALL TOGETHER NOW FESTIVAL is more than a concert. It is a celebration of what becomes possible when children are given the opportunity to grow, create, and express themselves through music.

As you explore this program, you will discover the artists, professionals, schools, and shared mission that bring this experience to life.

Our students have prepared with dedication and heart. Your presence honors their work and affirms our belief that every child deserves access to music education.

Enjoy the show. Share in the joy.
We are truly glad you are here.

Mallory Bernstein

ETM–CO Founding Executive Director

Share it  LIVE

HERE FOR A STUDENT ON STAGE?



Know a student on stage today?

We'd love to hear how music is making a difference in their life.

This quick, anonymous survey helps us keep music in more schools. It takes about 3 minutes.

[**Take the Survey**](#)

PROGRAM ORDER

Summersick

Composers:

Michael Merola, Reginald Bernard Worles Jr. (DOGTAGS)

Performers:

DOGTAGS and ETM-CO students

Vivir Mi Vida

Composers:

Marc Anthony, RedOne, Khaled

Performers:

Los Tigres (Colfax Elementary)

Director:

Molly Drewry

Hojita Seca

Composer:

Miguel Angel Balassone

Performers:

DOGTAGS and ETM-CO singers

London Bridge / Seven Nation Army

Composers:

Traditional / Jack White

Performers:

Whittier Band and DOGTAGS

Directors:

Myah Frank, Bryan Powell

PROGRAM ORDER

Shrek Medley

Composers:

Jeanine Tesori, Arr. Matheus Pagliacci

Performers:

The Happy Villagers (Charles M. Schenck Community School)

Director:

Matheus Pagliacci



MUSIC ESSAY CONTEST

Subject:

“Why I Make Music”

Winner:

Alan Vega, 5th grade, Colfax Elementary

No One

Composers:

Alicia Keys, Kerry Brothers Jr., George M. Harry

Performers:

DOGTAGS and ETM-CO students

Scars to Your Beautiful

Composers:

Alessia Cara, Pop & Oak, Sebastian Kole, DJ Frank E

Performers:

Dora Moore Elementary Choir Club

Director:

Michael Martin

PROGRAM ORDER

Buenísimo remix

Composers:

Taki Taki: DJ Snake, Selena Gomez & Ozuna;
Abusadamente: MC Gustta & MC DG; *Mi Gente:* J Balvin &
Willy William; *Hey Mama:* David Guetta

Performers:

Trío Perfecto

Directors:

Trío Perfecto and William Heinz

The Best Day of My Life

Composers:

American Authors

Performers:

The Greenlee Stars (Center for Talent Development)

Director:

Cody Witsken



ARTWORK CONTEST

Subject:

ALL TOGETHER NOW FESTIVAL Logo Design

Winner:

Adeline Zukel, 4th grade, Capstone Academy

Belong To

Composers:

Michael Merola, Reginald Bernard Worles Jr. (DOGTAGS)

Performers:

DOGTAGS and ETM-CO students

GUEST ARTISTS



DOGTAGS

DOGTAGS is a queer soul/jazz collective blooming in Denver. Built around the real-life relationship of founders Regi Worles and Michael Merola, DOGTAGS embodies friendship, community, and acceptance through their vibrantly evocative music.

Their work ROSEWORLD was awarded “Best Debut Album” in Best of Denver® 2026 by Westword.

Recently, the band was nationally recognized by NPR when their song “Being Three” was featured in the “Desk of the Day” series, which highlights selections from Tiny Desk contest entries. The track was chosen from more than 6,000 submissions.

EMCEE



Monique Brooks Roberts

Monique is a Louisville-born violinist recognized for her distinctive presence in the jazz and soul fusion circuit. Her expressive style has led to collaborations with artists including Christina Aguilera, Alicia Keys, and Diana Ross, establishing her as a versatile and in-demand performer.

Her artistry has been featured on platforms such as the Grammy Awards and CBS's Late Show with David Letterman, with performances at venues including Carnegie Hall and the Hollywood Bowl. Her debut album *Free* reached #12 on the iTunes Soul charts, reflecting her blend of classical training and contemporary expression. She currently performs with *Passing the Crown* as co-orchestrator, associate producer, and performer, and continues to appear as a solo artist.

WORKSHOPS



OPERA
COLORADO
STORIES THAT SING.

María José Fabara

[María José Fabara](#) is a soprano and Education Coordinator at Opera Colorado, where she designs and leads programs that introduce students to opera through active participation. In this workshop, she guides ETM-CO students in exploring storytelling through music, using excerpts from Mozart's *Così fan tutte* to shape characters, emotions, and narrative.

Founded in 1981, [Opera Colorado](#) brings world-class opera to Denver and beyond, while advancing a strong commitment to education and community engagement. Through statewide programs and initiatives, the organization reaches more than 45,000 students and adults each year, expanding access to the art form.

WORKSHOPS



**Robert & Judi Newman Center
for the Performing Arts**

Luke Wachter

[Luke Wachter](#) is Associate Director for Educational Initiatives at the Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Denver. An educator and musician, he leads programs that connect students with the arts through creative exploration.

In this workshop, he guides students in transforming visual ideas into sound, turning drawings, shapes, and colors into live musical compositions.

Opened in 2002, the [Robert and Judi Newman Center for the Performing Arts](#) is one of the nation's leading university arts centers and the longtime home of the ALL TOGETHER NOW FESTIVAL. Through performances, education programs, and community partnerships, it fosters cultural exchange, artistic discovery, and access to the performing arts across Denver and beyond.

WORKSHOPS



**MOBILE
STUDIO** 
MUSIC ON A MISSION.

Mobile Studio

[Mobile Studio](#) offers students the opportunity to write, record, and produce original music in a professional, supportive setting.

Founded in 2020 by Oren Bregman, a former teen recording artist and youth mentor, the program brings mobile recording equipment directly to schools and community centers. Oren, alongside music educator Jeff Grady, guides students through music creation using state-of-the-art tools. Together, they have reached thousands of students across Colorado, sparking creativity and building technical skills.

Their mission is to make music accessible, and to help every young voice be heard.

WORKSHOPS



El Sistema Colorado

[El Sistema Colorado](#) is a Denver-based nonprofit that provides low-cost, high-quality music education to young people with limited access to the arts. Rooted in the global El Sistema movement, the program uses ensemble-based learning on string instruments to foster musical excellence, belonging, and personal growth. Serving hundreds of students each year, El Sistema Colorado partners with schools and community organizations to expand access to music education across Colorado.

At its core, El Sistema Colorado integrates social-emotional learning and mental health practices into daily instruction, creating a supportive environment where students build confidence, resilience, and strong peer connections.

WORKSHOPS

VOCO

VOCO (Vocal Coalition)

[Travis Branam](#), Artistic Director of Vocal Coalition Youth Choirs and the Denver Children's Choir, invites students to explore what it means to feel confident on stage through active participation. The workshop combines group singing, movement, and shared musical experiences to build trust, strengthen ensemble connection, and develop confidence in performance.

[VOCO](#) is a free youth choir program designed to center identity, belonging, and creative expression. Open to students in grades 3–12, it creates inclusive and culturally responsive spaces that intentionally support BIPOC and LGBTQ+ youth, helping them feel seen, represented, and connected through music.

PARTNER SCHOOLS



CAPSTONE ACADEMY

NATIONAL HERITAGE ACADEMIES™

Principal: Jenna Reeves

Dean of Upper Elementary: Nora Pearson

Music Teacher: Becca Duncan



Student Performers:

Cora Arkley, Lena Arkley, Emma Duncan, Aaron Flores, Oliver Hernandez, Naveah Hudson, Myla Linares, Alysiana Morales, Thomas Morrell, Charlotte Payne, Melody Reed, Cecilia Rivera, Camila Saginav, Adeline Zukel

 [capstone-academy](https://www.capstone-academy.com)

PARTNER SCHOOLS



Principal: Emily Volkert

Music Teacher: Clifton Williams



Student Performers:

Colette Davisson, Althea Grillos, Nova Jenkins,
Sunny Keithley, Penelope Martin, Josyiah Pena,
Asa Rivers, Abraham St. Germain, Everly
Swansegar, Sopher Tallman

 centennial.dpsk12.org

PARTNER SCHOOLS



CMS

Charles M. Schenck

Community School | Escuela Comunitaria

Principal: Vany Miramontes Marquez

Assistant Principal: Esmeralda Orrin

Music Teacher: Matheus Pagliacci



Student Performers:

Aurelia Barcelona, Brock Bravo, Brody Bravo, Jimena Castillo, Gael Henandez, Alexa Martinez, Valentina Munoz, Yaletza Munoz, Yanely Palma, Chloe Perez, Aylin Rosales, Efany Santos, Lucia Soler, Santiago Soler

 cmscommunityschool.dpsk12.org

PARTNER SCHOOLS



COLFAX
ELEMENTARY

Principal: Michelle Koyama

Assistant Principal: Carina Ventura

Music Teacher: Molly Drewry



Student Performers:

Ty'Cora Butler, Jada Castillo, Brianna Enriquez,
Damian Guzman, Jonesy Mulliniks, Joseph Quintana,
Brea'Lenn Ramsey, Maximiliano Renteria-Rivas,
Valentina Ronquillo-Pizarro, Erick Rubio, Jayden
Salazar, Naya Trizio, Jesse Vargas, Alan Vega

 colfax.dpsk12.org

PARTNER SCHOOLS



Center For Talent Development (CTD)

Principal: Cori Hatchell

Music Teacher: Cody Witsken



Student Performers:

Ralph Alegria, Caroline Beckford, Jerry Crosby,
Genesis Garcia, Isabella Martinez, Jakobi Mesa,
Summit Montoya-Collis, Amelia Morla, Josiah
Reed, Prose T. Timothy, Epen T. Timothy, Mayela
Vasquez-Ruiz

 ctd.dpsk12.org

PARTNER SCHOOLS



DORA MOORE

Principal: Abe Janson

Assistant Principal: Jillian Watson

Music Teacher: Michael Martin



Student Performers:

Leilani Barraza-Tresco, Fiona Bird, Nasir Brown, Nariya Candelaria, Sa'Rieyah Comauex, Serenity Cordova, Amaria Grant, Giada Harcek, Corinna Howe, Mya Martinez Rosell, Haven Taylor, Marley Tormohlen, Uriyah Warren, La'Vieyah Woodring

 moore.dpsk12.org

PARTNER SCHOOLS



ELLIS ELEMENTARY

Principal: Anthony Muñiz

Assistant Principal: Amber Bourgeois

Music Teacher: William Heinz



Student Performers:

Isabella García Heluis,

Leismar Mendoza,

Maria Quero

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PARTNER SCHOOLS



OAKLAND
ELEMENTARY

It Takes a Village to Fly

Principal: Dr. Evelyn Cruz

Assistant Principal: Tramaine Duncan

Music Teacher: John Clark



Student Performers:

Dana Arriaga, Gisselle Ayala, Natalia Chavez,
Abby Granados, Jace Harper, Daniella Jara-
Rojas, Synfanee Lampkin-Mills, Lexy Palacios,
Anthony Rodriguez

 oakland.dpsk12.org

PARTNER SCHOOLS



WHITTIER ECE-8 **EAGLE PRIDE**

Principal: Lynette Hall-Jones

Assistant Principal: Jenn Stewart

Music Teacher: Lexie El-Sherif

Band Teachers: Myah Frank and Bryan Powell



Student Performers (Band):

Yohannah Aldaco, Amerius Barber, Azariah Bryant, Tionna Irvin, Santiago Robredo

Student Performers (Vocal):

Sneyder Aparicio, Donald Armstrong, Wisdom Gonerway, Zayne Hill, Ariella Lintz, Azayana Massey, Dhamir Nelson, Layla Robertson, Rahiel Sale, Laila'Sky Trevino, Kennedi Williams

 whittier.dpsk12.org

STUDENT RECOGNITION



MUSIC ESSAY CONTEST:

"Why I Make Music"



WINNER:

Alan Vega, 5th grade, Colfax Elementary

"Music is a talent that seeks inside of you and it's also a talent for everybody.

When I do music with other people it's important because we get to practice, to share different kind of music that we listen to. We play music as a group when we are practicing.

Music it's important because it makes me feel happy even when I'm sad when I have a hard time with something music makes me smile and forget why I was sad at the moment.

Music is essential to all human life, it helps to communicate your emotions and it shows the social and different culture from everywhere."



STUDENT RECOGNITION

ARTWORK CONTEST:

ALL TOGETHER NOW FESTIVAL Logo Design



WINNER:

Adeline Zukel

4th grade, Capstone Academy



ETM-CO MISSION



[Education Through Music-Colorado](#) partners with under-resourced public schools to provide music as a core subject for all children. Music education is a powerful catalyst to improve self-confidence, motivation, and academic achievement.

Today, our programs reach more than 5,000 students, including 3,000 who would otherwise have no access to music in school.

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THANK YOU



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