

ONLINE SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS: ACCESSIBLE, HIGH-QUALITY MUSIC RESOURCES FOR MINNESOTA

WHAT IS MACPHAIL CENTER FOR MUSIC?

MacPhail Center for Music is one of the nation's oldest and largest community-based music education centers. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit, we pride ourselves on being a statewide resource for music learning, events and community partnerships.

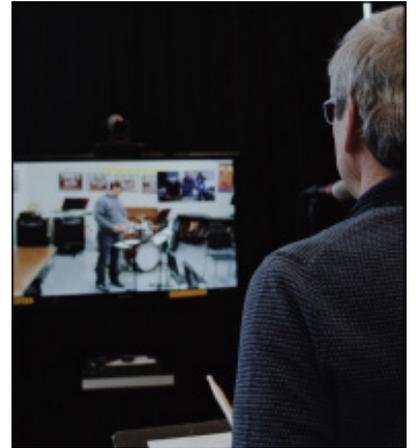
Serving 15,000 students across the state with over 103 different partnership programs, MacPhail has been an influential leader in online learning, music therapy, Suzuki Talent Education, early childhood music and community partnership programs. MacPhail has more than 210 teachers teaching 35 instruments including voice at our locations in Minneapolis, Apple Valley, Austin, Chanhasen, White Bear Lake, and MacPhail Online.

WHAT MAKES MACPHAIL UNIQUE?

Resources to a school district:

- Early childhood music for Pre-K classes
- Support to school ensemble programs
- Professional development for educators

MacPhail's Online School Partnerships (OSP) program supports school educators through supplemental online music learning experiences. Using technology, students of all ages and instruments connect with MacPhail Teaching Artists live online, working toward goals set by school educators. This program is available to all schools in Greater Minnesota and schools who have been deemed Title I, or have 40% free and reduced lunch rate.



"The students have achieved much higher levels of success both individually and as a group because of their work with MacPhail teachers."

– Kristen Castiglione, Band Director at YME Middle/High School



"The MacPhail Online School Partnership program is incredible. The teachers have been able to assist me and take my large and small groups and individuals to the next level. My program is now better because of this partnership with MacPhail."

–Tim Siewert, band director at Detroit Lakes High School

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FUNDING REQUEST

\$300,000 would expand access for online music education for Minnesota schools during the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years. Schools and private foundations contribute as well. HF 657; SF 321

WHY FUND MACPHAIL?

While Minnesota schools have been adding teachers since 2006, the trend in music has been the opposite.* MacPhail Online School Partnerships (OSP) contribute substantially to the strength, vibrancy and vitality to Minnesota communities by supporting school music programs.

*MDE data 2006-2013



"The expertise and high quality instruction that the MacPhail staff can bring to our youngest learners is invaluable."

- Martin Heidelberger, KMS Public Schools Superintendent

OUTCOMES

- 15 schools and early childhood programs received online instruction in 12 counties during 2019-2020 school year
- 553 students and 23 educators reached (Pre-K through Grade 12)
- 90% of OSP students stated higher motivation to do well on their instrument.
- OSP students demonstrated an increase in technique and skill, as well as ability to focus and confidence in playing.
- School educators stated *"More students that maybe wouldn't do private lessons are able to. It brings our band to a new level because of that, and it also fosters their musical interests because it is accessible to them."*

-Wilder Research



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