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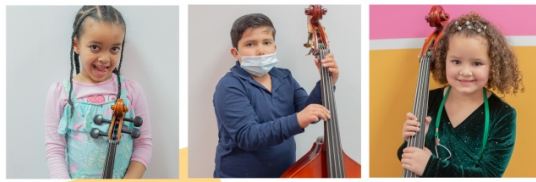
New Year, New Opportunities

El Sistema Colorado Newsletter

Congratulations Prelude!

Congratulations to all our Prelude students for receiving their instruments! Congratulations to our amazing group of Prelude students who just received their real instruments last week! They all couldn't have been more excited to finally graduate from their paper violins! We are so excited to see this group grow and continue to fall in love with music!





VIOLIN

Ainsley
Bianca M
Breisy
Brittany
Eleonor
Isabella
Lucia
Markyiah
Olivia
Rivkah
Hannah

CELLO

Danilo
Gabriel
Hadley
Yohanna
Yanelli

DOUBLE BASS

Bianca R
Moises

VIOLA

Joshua
Kai
Emanuelle
Alejandro

We would especially like to thank Luther Strings for assisting us at Prelude Graduation! Luther Strings is the preferred luthier of El Sistema Colorado and is an important partner of our organization. Thank you Luther Strings!



Welcome to our new Site Coordinator,
Beatriz Martinez!



We are so excited to welcome a 2017 El Sistema Colorado alumna as our new Site Coordinator! Beatriz is in her third year at University of Colorado Denver working toward a bachelor's degree in International Studies and will be joining us at the Music Center to assist with programming.

Beatriz says, "I first heard of El sistema when I was in middle school and was a student for the program for about four years. During my time at El Sistema I learned how to play the Saxophone. It was one of the best things I ever did in school. Currently, I am a student at the University of Colorado Denver, working towards my bachelors degree in International studies. Growing up my parents took us on yearly trips either around the United States or Mexico which inspired my passion for traveling and getting to know the world. My family is from Nayarit, Mexico and on our travels back to Mexico I have come to appreciate the beauty in different cultures as well. During my free time my family and I will either watch movies or go to baseball games during the summer. A fun fact about me is that a couple years ago I got to meet a few Rockies players at a school event."

Welcome to Katie Burns as ESC's first String Pedagogy Specialist!



We are so thrilled to officially introduce Katie Burns as El Sistema Colorado's String Pedagogy Specialist! Katie has been involved with ESC for years and has been an integral member of our teaching artist staff!

She has an extensive history of teaching with El Sistema Colorado and has a master's degree from the University of Denver in cello pedagogy, in addition to Suzuki training and early childhood specializations. As a soloist, chamber musician, teacher, and activist, Katie aims to use music to engage people in unique and meaningful musical experiences. She has served as Principal Cellist of the Denver Philharmonic Orchestra and has played for various musicals, ballets, operas, film recordings, and season concerts since 2003.

Katie will be leading our Teaching Artist team for the Prelude, Explorers, and Jumpstart levels moving forward and working on strengthening our curriculum and training new teachers as we continue to grow and expand. She is an amazing and passionate teaching artist and we are lucky to have her continue working with El Sistema Colorado in this new way!

Quartets at Colorado Music Educators Association Conference!



We are so proud of Quartets Maravilla and Mycelium for all the hard work they put in for their presentation at the Colorado Music Educators Association Conference(CMEA) this past week! Joined by Executive Director, Whitney Luther, and teaching artists, Jamie Wolf and Alex Vittal, the group presented El Sistema Colorado's program and our mission to provide music without barriers to all our students. Congratulations to both quartets for the honor to perform and be recognized at CMEA!



Exciting Announcement!



El Sistema Colorado is so excited to announce that we recently received a \$20,000 grant from Arts in Society to support our student-led ensembles! With this funding our quartets will have the opportunity to work with the [Ivalas Quartet](#) and Conductor [Taylor Gonzalez](#) throughout the year!

Sphere Ensemble, *Leyendas: An Andean Walkabout!*

Mark your calendars for the upcoming performance with the Sphere Ensemble on February 18th at 5:30 pm! Sphere will be performing *Leyendas: An Andean Walkabout* by Gabriela Lena Frank. This concert is absolutely free and open to the public, so don't miss this opportunity to see them live!

Event Information:
February 18th @ 5:30 pm
El Sistema Colorado Music Center
2980 Curtis Street

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