



# Midori & Friends

“...a music education organization that has become a cornerstone of music for students throughout New York City.” -New York Times, 4/23/06



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# Inspire

Founded in 1992 by the world renowned violinist, Midori & Friends has inspired over 130,000 New York City underserved children and their families through quality music education activities. Our programs offer opportunities for children to play instruments and sing, discover multicultural musical traditions, and express themselves creatively through music. Each year we give thousands of children in grades K-12 unparalleled experiences to participate in performances and workshops in schools, communities, and professional venues with world-class artists.

# Educate

Midori & Friends is an integral part of children's educational experience. Countless testimonials from school administrators, parents, and children, underscore how our programs contribute to youth development by encouraging critical thinking, awakening creativity, building social skills, and supporting academic success. We form and maintain long-term relationships with principals, educators, and parents to create school-wide visions for comprehensive, multi-year programs linked to curricula. Each year we partner with approximately 40 public schools, customizing our programs to complement the needs and challenges of each school's population.

# Transform

Midori & Friends is a catalyst that transforms schools into vibrant learning communities. Programs are offered in neighborhoods throughout the boroughs, including the South Bronx, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Jamaica, and Harlem. The primary goal of our programs is to help children develop a love for music and become creative, dynamic human beings. Whether learning an instrument, singing in a choir, "jamming" in a band, experiencing multicultural concerts, or performing for thousands, children in the Midori & Friends programs experience the positive and life-changing power of music.

# Play Your Part

Making a meaningful difference and playing your part is easy with Midori & Friends. With your help, many more of New York City's underserved children will be inspired through music. Tax-deductible donations may be made payable to Midori & Friends by check or you can call us at 212-767-1300 to charge your contribution. Please also consider matching gifts of securities, trusts, and other.

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