



Elementary School Partnership

How Your School Can Partner with Pacific Symphony to Enhance Student Learning Through Music



Information packet for schools interested in
Class Act for the 2023-24 school year



The Frieda Belinfante Class Act Program is Pacific Symphony's flagship youth education program. Individual Symphony musicians are trained and placed in year-long residencies at up to 25 K-8 schools in Orange County, bringing the magic of symphonic music to over 15,000 students.

Class Act's theme-based curriculum is aligned with both Common Core and VAPA standards and allows school communities the opportunity to explore a new theme and composer each year. In 2022-23 the program's 28th season, Class Act explored the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and the theme of "Musical Conversations."

The strong partnership component between the Symphony and school communities is key to the success of the program. 8,500 teachers and parents are part of the program each year, while Class Act serves as an entry point to other Symphony activities.

Program activities include **Teacher Workshops**, which provide educators with grade-level appropriate, multidisciplinary arts activities to enhance student learning in multiple subject areas through music. Student-centered activities include **Prelude Assemblies**, viewed by each school's entire student body and hosted by a professional actor who introduces students to their musician and the year's theme and composer. **Classroom Lessons** then follow, presented to each grade level and taught by Symphony musicians. As with all program elements, these age-appropriate lessons are aligned with national Common Core and state VAPA standards. Lessons focus on the year's theme and featured composer, as well as providing details about the musician's instrument and career. **Family Night** ensemble performances are then presented at each school by a Symphony quintet, led by the school's musician and featuring their instrument. **Youth Concerts** are interactive performances presented in late spring by the full Symphony at the Renée and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall. These concerts, designed for students in grades two and higher, emphasize musical concepts learned during the year through the featured composer's music. Students in grades K and 1 participate in the **Interactive Musical Experience**, an age-appropriate culminating activity that emphasizes active music-making. **Bravo Assemblies (or Codas)** conclude the year, featuring each classroom's creative expression of what was learned through Class Act, in formats of their choosing: dance, music, theater, writing, or visual art presentations.

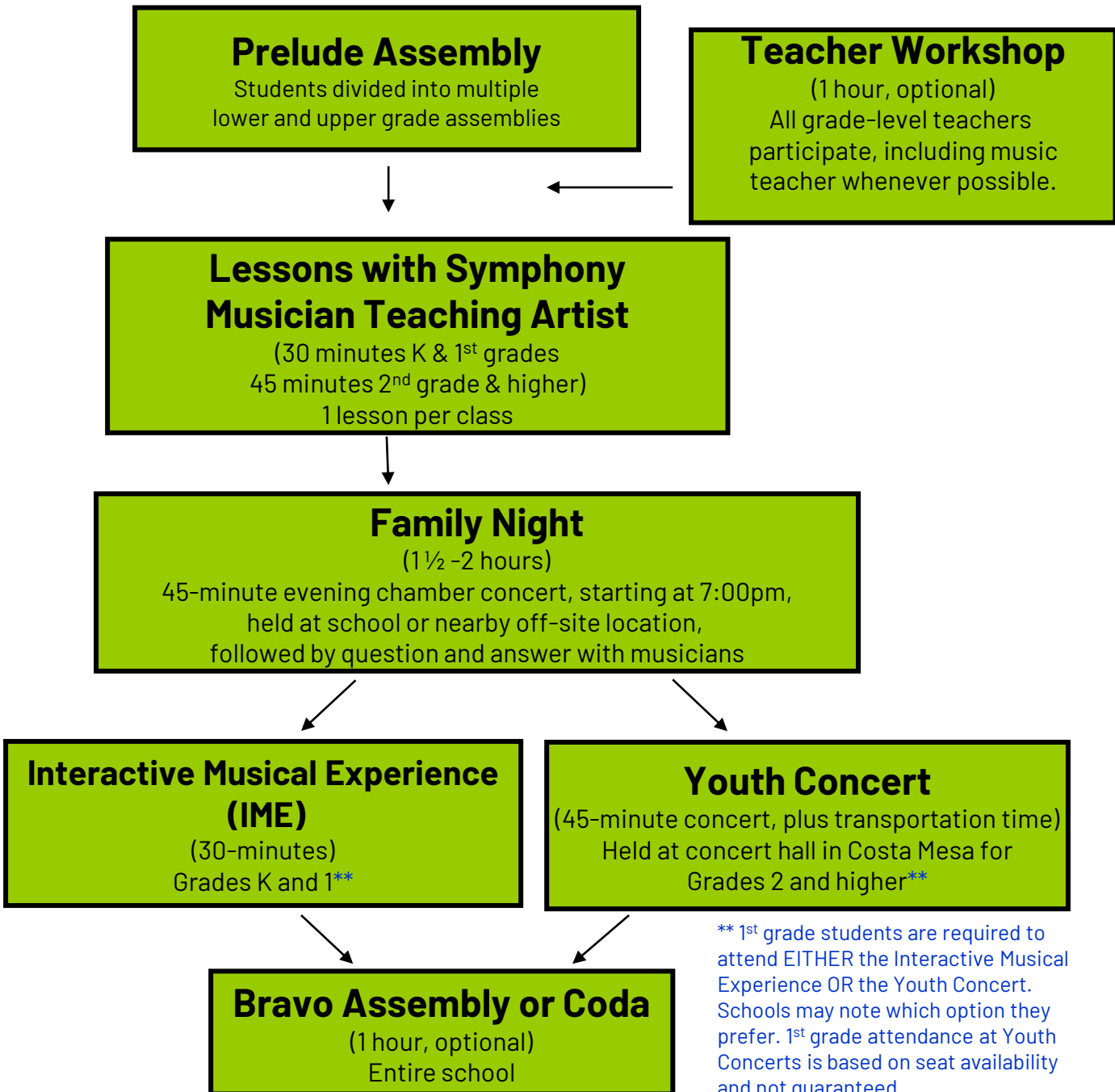
The *Frieda Belinfante Class Act* program is presented for a minimal charge to the participating schools in 14 cities countywide and has been recognized by the League of American Orchestras and the National Endowment for the Arts as one of the nine most exemplary music education programs in the United States.

For more information, please contact:
classact@pacificsymphony.org



Class Act Events

Level II Program



** 1st grade students are required to attend EITHER the Interactive Musical Experience OR the Youth Concert. Schools may note which option they prefer. 1st grade attendance at Youth Concerts is based on seat availability and not guaranteed.

Sample Level II Traditional Class Act Schedule - 500 Students

Prelude Assemblies: divided into lower and upper grades

Date	Time	Grades/Location
Thursday, November 29	10:05 - 10:35	K-3/MPR
Thursday, November 29	10:50 - 11:20	4-6/MPR

Teacher Workshop: All grade-level classroom teachers attend. If a school has music teacher(s), they are asked to attend whenever possible.

Date	Time	Location
Monday, December 3	2:15 - 3:15	MPR

Lessons with Symphony Musician Teaching Artist : One lesson per classroom. All lessons take place in central location on campus (such as MPR, library, music room, etc)

Date	Time	Grades/Teachers
Tuesday, January 29	9:10 - 9:55	6/Cruise & SDC/Gonzo
Tuesday, January 29	10:05 - 10:50	3/Troper & SDC/Daniels
Tuesday, January 29	11:05 - 11:50	6/Peters
Friday, February 1	9:10 - 9:55	5,6/Holland
Friday, February 1	10:05 - 10:50	3/Sonder
Friday, February 1	11:05 - 11:50	5/Johns
Friday, February 22	9:10 - 9:55	5/Winger
Friday, February 22	10:05 - 10:50	2/Ashley
Friday, February 22	11:05 - 11:50	4/Bush
Friday, March 8	8:20 - 8:50	1/Stanly
Friday, March 8	9:00 - 9:45	4/Quan
Friday, March 8	10:05 - 10:35	K/Kinsley & SDC Crow
Friday, March 8	10:45 - 11:15	1/Benson & SDC Adams
Monday, April 8	8:45 - 9:30	2/Simmons
Monday, April 8	10:00 - 10:30	K/Bradley
Monday, April 8	10:35 - 11:20	1,2/Hadda

Family Night: Chamber music concert, entire school community invited

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, April 17	7:00 - 9:00 PM*	MPR

* 45-minute concert, starting at 7:00pm, followed by meet & greet with musicians

Interactive Musical Experience (IME): K & 1st grades only

Date	Time	Grades/Location
Monday, April 22	10:05 - 10:35	All Kindergartners / MPR
Monday, April 22	10:50 - 11:20	All 1 st Graders / MPR

Youth Concert: Grades 2 & higher only, considered ½ day field trip

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, April 28	10:00am - 10:45am*	Concert Hall, Costa Mesa

* Sample itinerary: 8:30am buses depart school, 9:00am buses arrive at concert hall for registration, 10:00am - 10:45am concert, 11:45am buses arrive back at school.

Bravo Assembly: Entire school at 1 assembly

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, May 7	10:00 - 11:00	School Blacktop

Class Act Level II Program

Participation Fees* & Volunteer Commitment

For 2023-24

For this year, Pacific Symphony subsidizes 87% of the cost of the Class Act Level II program for schools paying suggested participation fees.

Class Act schools are responsible for the following Fees and Volunteer Commitment as part of the Class Act partnership:

Participation Fees*: Participation fees are provided to applicants based on school size and level of program participation. Fees cover 13% of program cost.

Volunteer Commitment:

- Each school is asked to have a dedicated **Class Act Team** in place to include at least the Principal, 1 Lower Grade Teacher, 1 Upper Grade Teacher, Office Manager, Music Teacher (if applicable) and 2 Parents from the school. These team members should be identified during the application process.
- Class Act Level II schools are required to provide **10 volunteers**[^] to assist Symphony staff at a Class Act Youth Concert date.

***Participation Fees stated here are for the 2023-24 school year only.**

[^]If it is difficult to provide 10 volunteers on a weekday but your school is interested in the Class Act program, there may be alternative volunteer opportunities to fulfill this requirement.



Request for Class Act Application Materials

Thank you for your interest in Class Act. If you would like to have Class Act application materials sent to you, please take a moment to complete this form so that we may learn more about your school. Applications are currently open for the 2023-24 school year. If you have questions about Class Act, please contact classact@pacificsymphony.org

Thank you for your interest in Class Act and we look forward to learning more about your school!

Name of School _____ District _____

School Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Principal _____ Vice Principal _____

Preferred Contact Person _____ Title _____

Contact Email _____ Contact Phone Number _____

Grade Levels _____ Number of Students _____ Number of Teachers _____

Please use a separate page to provide the following information:

1. Provide a brief description of your school community and share why your school is interested in applying for Class Act.
2. Class Act is a volunteer-based program with support needed from Principals, Parents, and Teachers. Describe how you might organize a support team of individuals from your school for the Class Act program.

Please return your completed form by email (scanned or typed in body of email) to:
classact@pacificsymphony.org