

2020-2021 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

DENVER ARTS & VENUES

Take Note's annual investment with Denver Arts & Venues supports their Denver Music Advancement Fund, which administers grants for programs providing access to music education for youth within the City & County of Denver. Past grantees include Youth on Record, ACT Music Institute and Colorado Conservatory for Jazz Arts.

LITTLE KIDS ROCK

This ongoing partnership has provided funding for the training of 318 teachers in more than 50 school districts statewide to date.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF COLORADO

Take Note invested in music education programs in 2021 to support the Black Canyon, Southern Ute Tribe and San Luis Valley clubs.



Above: Little Kids Rock. Right: Boredomfighters.



WHAT IS TAKE NOTE COLORADO'S STORY?

History of Take Note Colorado

Take Note Colorado is a nonprofit 501c3 that supports equitable access to musical instruments and instruction for all youth (Grades K-12) in Colorado. Launched in 2017 by Senator John Hickenlooper and Isaac Slade of the Fray, this statewide initiative is led by a volunteer Board of Directors and supported by Governor Polis, as well as many of Colorado's musicians, philanthropists and community leaders.

Sources of Support:

- Fundraising music concerts and events
- Collaborations with musicians and bands
- Private donors
- Individual and corporate contributions
- Partnerships with stakeholders and venues

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OF COLORADO AND OUR WORK.**

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HOW IS TAKE NOTE COLORADO MAKING AN IMPACT?

- Fosters creativity, self-expression and connection
- Engages youth via culturally relevant music
- Fills gaps in access to music education

Take Note Colorado provides funding through its ongoing grant program, with the goal of providing access to musical instruments and instruction to youth across the state of Colorado who lack access to these opportunities. Individuals and organizations can apply for up to \$10,000 per grant application round. It is our aim to grant \$150,000 or more per year.

"Music is often overlooked as an outlet and a way to get through hard times like this or early adulthood. Get people involved in music at an early age so that it's not so formalized and intimidating to them."

- Wesley Schultz of The Lumineers, Co-Chair and Artist Ambassador



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TAKE NOTE COLORADO GRANT PROGRAM

A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2020-2021 GRANTEES

1 CULTURAL ENRICHMENT CENTER

Offers a free acoustic guitar instruction program to meet the needs and interests of Black youth in the Fort Collins area.

"Take Note's funding allows the Cultural Enrichment Center to offer our Black youth beginner guitar lessons in the comfort of our culturally-relevant space. Our students are thrilled to check out an acoustic guitar and take it home to practice each week, as well as explore their own creative connection to the instrument."

- Executive Director Jamal Skinner

2 KID PAN ALLEY

Implements songwriting workshops in northern Colorado with professional songwriters that culminate in performance and recording of the creations, giving youth a unique opportunity to share their perspectives and feelings.

"All my students had such a great time creating their songs, and it was so amazing to see them collaborating on a large group project like this. As I was watching, I got to see the 'lightbulb moment' when they figured out the connection between speech and rhythm. I had many students tell me afterwards that they wanted to start writing songs on their own after doing the workshop!"

- Galeton Elementary School Teacher

3 BEATZ BY GIRLZ

Creates access for girls and gender-expansive youth to learn from BIPOC women music producers and instructors in the Fort Collins area.

4 INSIDE OUT YOUTH SERVICES

Reaches LGBTQ+ youth in the Pikes Peak region through the innovative DJ & MC Skillz Lab program.

5 A CHILD'S SONG

Engages foster youth with learning differences, developmental disabilities and social-emotional challenges in a World Music Drumming Program that teaches drumming, keyboard, singing and movement in metro Denver.

"A 15-year-old student began the first week in a chair with her arms crossed and no participation. Each week ACS's instructor would see her drop her guard down a little, starting with tapping her toe or hands, touching a drum, and eventually unfolding her arms. About four weeks into the session, she began taking on the lead part of the drum circle and would ask to be challenged with new rhythms to try. She became an integral part of the circle and one of the strongest players."

- Outreach Director Kristin Orlando

6 THE MATTHEWS HOUSE RAISE THE ROOF STUDIOS

Provides weekly music lessons including guitar, ukulele and electronic beats, as well as teaching music production and engaging a music therapist to work with foster and other underserved youth in Larimer County.

7 BOREDOMFIGHTERS

Develops music creation instruction, workshops, camps and video production opportunities for youth across the state.

Information about the grant program and all the grantees can be found on [TakeNoteColorado.org](https://www.takenotecolorado.org).



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