



a musical celebration by and for children



Featuring Students From:

P.S. 42, Chinatown
P.S. 72, East Harlem
P.S. 98, Douglaston, Queens
P.S. 139, Rego Park, Queens

P.S. 180, Harlem
I.S. 229, Morris Heights, Bronx
P.S. 243, Bedford-Stuyvesant,
Brooklyn

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Change, Manhattan

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About The Children's Music Festival



The Midori & Friends 1st Annual Children's Music Festival involved hundreds of children, parents, and educators in music, dance, and set décor workshops and presented their accomplishments in a culminating concert that took place at Symphony Space in Manhattan.

Featuring music by and for kids, the festival fostered involvement, unity, and pride in all participants and strongly affirmed the importance of music in the lives of our city's children.

Parents, children, school administrators, as well as the general public came from throughout New York City to attend the standing-room only concert.

"The festival was a spectacular experience for the students and me! Thank you for giving our students this wonderful opportunity. I look forward to working with Midori & Friends next year."

-Principal, P.S. 98, Douglaston

THE CHILDREN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

Who:

Midori & Friends, in collaboration with selected partner schools throughout the city

What:

Music and art workshops in 9 schools and a culminating performance at Symphony Space with student performances and participatory pieces with professional musicians

Why:

To provide New York City public schoolchildren with an opportunity to express themselves musically in a public theater with professional musicians

When:

April-June 2006: in-school workshops
June 24, 2006: culminating festival concert

Where:

Workshops in 9 schools in 4 boroughs
Performance at Symphony Space
(Broadway & 95th Street, Manhattan)

With:

137 student performers
860 standing room only audience
350 families of students
57 communities in attendance
150 students involved in stage décor

In-School Workshops



Creative Composition

Composer and jazz artist Joe Fiedler was commissioned to create a contemporary suite on the theme of instruments and music, featuring songs about the drum, trombone, piano, and saxophone. Fiedler worked with children at four schools to develop individual pieces that reflected their own unique voices. The four schools came together for the first time at Symphony Space to form an inter-elementary chorus and premiere *It's Instrumental!*

Stage Décor Workshops

Large tapestries with music themes were created by students and families at four schools during half-day and weekend workshops led by master quilter Diane Holland. Members of I.S. 229's art club and special needs students worked with art specialist Gil Fletcher to design and paint giant musical banners. The tapestries and paintings were prominently displayed as set décor at the festival's culminating concert.

Staging & Presentation

Working with a professional director and school-based music-specialists, children prepared for their performance at Symphony Space. The workshops focused on stage presence, movement, and expression.

The Symphony Space Performance



Hosted by

Lynda Baquero
Newschannel 4 Anchor

Professional Performing Artists & Ensembles

DrumCafé

Fiesta Flamenca

David Gonzalez, Musical Storyteller

Marcus Rojas, Tuba

It's Instrumental! inter-elementary choir and combo



Students/Performers

Choral: 110

Flamenco Dancers: 10

Guitar: 10

Drums: 6

Piano: 1