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Outreach Program 2021-2022

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## Outreach Summary

Darlington's mission to provide Every Art for Everyone is beautifully demonstrated through our Arts Education Outreach Programs. After two years of uncertainty, our Outreach Programs returned to consistent, in-person instruction. This gave our students and teaching artists a chance to reconnect and ground themselves in the art making process. While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to challenge us, our students remain resilient. During the 2021-2022 Academic Year, we proudly served 400 students across three schools. Throughout the year, our teaching artists focused their efforts on promoting collaboration, discipline, and dedication during their sessions. Because of this amazing instruction, students acquired new skills, and even discovered new passions. There were a number of culminating performances held in-person at the end of the school year. Students worked together to perform an original play production at Chester County Family Academy. Each of the Suzuki Violin students at Stetser Elementary had their moment to shine when they performed their solos.

Our 2022-2023 plan is to continue strengthening our partnerships with Chester County Family Academy, Stetser Elementary, and Chester Charter Scholars Academy. Our partner teachers and administrators are at the heart of these partnerships. We are so grateful to work with such dedicated educators who believe in the power of arts education. Thanks to foundational and individual support, we can ensure that our Arts Education Outreach Programs continue to thrive. We are certain more than ever that the arts are vital to the personal development, and will continue to steadfastly work to ensure that Darlington Arts Center continues to provide Every Art for Everyone.



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**Total Students Reached: 400+**

**Chester Theatre Arts Program** - Chester Charter Scholars Academy students, grades K-8, participated in a Saturday morning program featuring instruction in Music, Dance, and Drama. This program was held for 26 weeks. Due to safety restrictions, a culminating performance was not possible. Arts Instruction continued through the summer, as a part of CCSA's Summer Camp Program, 4 days a week for 5 weeks.

**Stetser Elementary School** - Kindergarten students participated in a weekly program improving their literacy skills through the arts. The students enjoyed learning about different musical styles and composers while writing song parodies and improving their sentence structure, rhyming patterns, and language skills. 3rd grade students and a selection of 4th grade students participated in a weekly Suzuki Violin program improving their musical skills and providing a unique artistic experience. The Kindergarten program and the Suzuki Violin program both had culminating performances at the end of the school year.

**Chester Charter Scholars Academy** - All students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades received units of weekly Suzuki Violin instruction for one trimester each. Students worked with a Darlington Teaching Artist to learn and build upon the five Suzuki rhythms for violin, improving their musical ability and performance decorum. While a public performance did not occur due to COVID restrictions, the students frequently played for each other.

**Chester County Family Academy** - Students grades K-2 were able to meet weekly for Suzuki Violin instruction and Vocal Music instruction through the year. In addition, 2nd grade students participated in a Literacy through the Arts program each week, improving their literacy skills through songwriting and playwriting. All students were able to participate in a schoolwide performance, in-person, safely outside, in June 2022, highlighting their original play and songs they learned throughout the school year.

**70%** like coming to school on violin days.

**78%** say playing the violin makes me feel good about myself.

**"Violin helped me be calmer and happier."** – CCSA Student

**"I feel the program helped my children with focus and dedication."** – Stetser Parent

**"It gave them something to look forward to in the week."** – CCSA Teacher

**"Children get an opportunity to learn an instrument that is often overlooked. It boosts their enthusiasm for music class."** – CCFA Teacher

**"Violin helped me learn things that are easy and hard."** – Stetser Student

**"I like playing violin because it helps me have a great day."** – CCSA Student