

Sistema

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Making a difference with music



A program of the
New Brunswick
Youth Orchestra



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A free after school program where your child will:

- Learn to play an instrument
- Be part of an orchestra
- Meet new friends and have fun
- Learn to work as part of a team
- Build confidence and self-esteem

*"Music changed my life."
- Rodrigo, age 17,
El Sistema orchestra*



What is Sistema NB?

Sistema NB is a free daily after-school program that will inspire your child to achieve his/her full potential. Your child will learn how to play an instrument and experience the joy of being part of an orchestra. Designed to be fun and engaging, Sistema will help your child develop as a person, learning valuable life skills while at the same time growing musically.

A program of the New Brunswick Youth Orchestra, Sistema NB is founded on a very simple concept - inspiring excellence through music.

Based on the revolutionary El Sistema (the System) program in Venezuela, the goal of Sistema NB is to inspire children and youth to achieve their full potential and to have a positive impact on their lives and society as a whole. It's about helping to foster better citizens, while developing talented musicians.

Is Sistema NB just a music class?

Sistema uses music as a means to create social change through enriching the lives of children just like yours. As a participant of Sistema, in addition to music skills, your child can also expect to develop:

- Improved literacy and better overall school grades
- More self-confidence and self-esteem
- A feeling of belonging and worth
- The knowledge of how to work as a team, and how to help others
- A solid foundation for the future

Does my child need any previous musical involvement?

No, there is no previous musical experience or training required, just a desire to learn. Everyone is welcome to this free program.

Who can participate?

Children from selected schools and grade levels will be invited to apply.

How much does it cost?

There is no cost for the program --- but there is commitment required.

BY THE STUDENT:

To attend everyday, be devoted to the program and try their best.

BY THE FAMILY:

To support your child and encourage them to grow to their full potential.

What instrument can my child learn to play?

The program begins with choral (singing) and rhythm work; and then a 'paper orchestra' – children build an instrument they would like to play.

The first year Sistema orchestra will include string instruments - violin, viola, cello, bass. In future years, all the instruments of an orchestra become an option including:

STRINGS

Violin
Viola
Cello
Double Bass

WOODWINDS

Flute
Clarinet
Oboe
Bassoon

BRASS

Trumpet
Trombone
French Horn
Tuba

PERCUSSION

Do I need to buy an instrument?

No. Musical instruments are provided at no cost and will be kept at the Sistema centre for your child to use each day.

Is every student accepted?

Space is limited to 50 new children each year. Final selections will be made by drawing names so each child applying has an opportunity to be involved.

What else might my child be doing?

To help foster a better learning environment, after-school nutritious snacks will be provided as well as art activities .

"An orchestra is first and foremost about togetherness, a place where children learn to listen to each other and to respect one another."

*-Maestro JOSÉ ANTONIO ABREU,
Founder El Sistema, Venezuela*

What about transportation?

The Sistema NB Centre is located at Beaverbrook School. Children from other schools will be provided free transportation to the Sistema Centre and back to their home school.



When is the program?

Sistema NB is an after school program that operates five days a week throughout the school year.

How can I get more information?

There will be information sessions held at each school where your son/daughter can see, hear and touch the instruments and where they will learn about being in the orchestra. And, there will be times scheduled for parents so you can have all your questions answered. You can also visit NBYO's website at: www.nbyo-ojnb.ca

How do I register my child for Sistema NB?

Registration forms will be provided at the information sessions. Forms may also be available through the school or directly from Sistema NB.



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Guiding Principles

Inclusion.

All are welcome.

Social change.

The focus is on developing better citizens.

Teamwork.

Everything is about the team; the culture is one of respect, cooperation and mutual support.

Leadership development.

Peer support is fundamental. Children helping children.

Music is universal.

Music is everywhere - whether you listen, hum, clap, sing or play an instrument. It is incredibly fun and it can make a difference in the lives of children.

A program of the NBYO

The award-winning New Brunswick Youth Orchestra (NBYO) was founded in 1965 to serve the needs of talented young people, who benefit from the additional educational, cultural and social experiences the orchestra provides.

The NBYO provides young musicians throughout New Brunswick the opportunity to build their musicianship by learning and performing orchestral music. Sistema NB is a natural extension of the NBYO and it's mission to help New Brunswick youth through music.

For more on the NBYO, visit: www.nbyo-ojnb.ca



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