



September Newsletter: New El Sistema Inspired Program Launch

Here's what's up with ChiMOP this month...

School is back in session and our summer camp is almost all wrapped up. We have one final performance this coming Saturday, September 7 at 2PM at Merit School of Music to kick off the International Beethoven Project's annual festival. 40 young students worked extremely hard with 10 teaching artists for 6 hours every Saturday this summer. Please come out and support these kids for one last final show! It is free and all are welcome. More info on the festival can be found [here](#).

This past Sunday was a great day for community. Summer camp orchestra and chamber ensembles performed for an enthusiastic and appreciative audience at Our Lady of Mercy festival celebrating the parish and community. Thanks to all parents, family, friends, and community members who came out and made it such a special day.

BIG NEWS!

ChiMOP will launch a full scale El Sistema inspired community youth orchestra, band, choir, and bucket band program this month! We are very excited to launch this program in partnership with Mary Lyon Elementary School located in the west side's Belmont Cragin neighborhood. This new

initiative will serve almost 100 young students in grades 3-8.

We will also be working in partnership with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. An arrangement is currently being discussed in which musicians from the Civic Orchestra's Citizen Musician Fellowship program would work as teaching artists alongside our staff, gaining valuable on-the-job experience in this growing field while lending their talents to our children and community.

If you want to support music for social change in Chicago,

consider making a tax deductible donation at chimop.org/donate. Thank you in advance for your support of the youth of this city.

Our Mission

Chicago Metamorphosis Orchestra Project (ChiMOP) is dedicated to affecting positive social change in young students with limited access to the arts by providing a safe and fun environment for them to make music in pursuit of artistic excellence together with peers and role models.



Upcoming Events

9/7

Summer Camp Symphony
Orchestra
International Beethoven Festival
Youth Day Concert
2PM, Merit School of Music

9/30

New Program Launch!
Mary Lyon Elementary School
El Sistema inspired youth music
program