



# Local Impact Report - 2018

## Mid-City Community Music

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# MISSION

Mid-City Community Music (MCCM) is dedicated to changing lives through the power of art and music in San Diego's Mid-City neighborhoods. Started in 1974 as The New Expression Folk Music Study Center by three San Diego musicians, MCCM now offers performance workshops, group and private lessons, weekly jam sessions, and free community concerts on a quarterly basis.

For the past two years, MCCM has been providing daily art and music workshops at multiple San Diego Juvenile Court and Community Schools, both during school time as well as through an afterschool program funded by the California Arts Council. 2018 was a year of growth which included new partnerships and expanded programming for teens and adults. Many thanks to our donors, volunteers, and teachers who helped us share the gift of music this past year!



*Teaching artist, James Clarkston, poses with his class of guitar students at Bayside Community School in Logan Heights. School administrators report increased student attendance and engagement as a result of these fun and popular workshops.*

# PROGRAMS

## Jam Sessions

Open to all levels, these community events demonstrate the power of learning in a group and the ability of music to draw people together. Every Monday night. Classic Rock, Folk, Pop, Bluegrass and more. \$5 Suggested Donation.

*“I love to participate in the jams. You don’t have to be a pro, but you can have fun and learn a lot.” –Julie S.*

## Group Lessons

The group lessons are focused on giving students the skills they need to play with others. Basic chords and strumming are taught with some easy songs from the jams. Levels One - Three. \$10 Suggested Donation

## Scholarship Program

Private lesson program for those who are committed to advancing their musical studies and have a demonstrated financial need. 10 Week sessions. \$5 Copay requested from students.

## Performance Workshops

This ten-week intensive seminar is an opportunity for musicians of all levels to improve their skills playing with others in a small ensemble, focusing on a few songs and polishing them up for a public performance at one of our community concerts. \$195 per quarter.

## Community Concerts

These free public concerts showcase teachers, students, and local guest artists and are often followed by a barbeque social. In 2018 we hosted four concerts at our main campus in North Park as well as two concerts at the Performance Annex in City Heights. No charge.

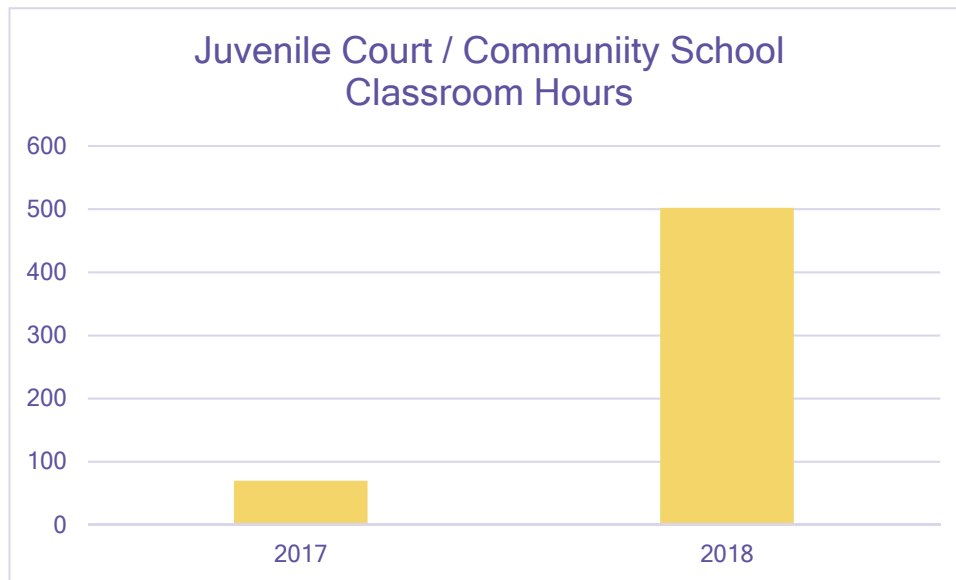
## Teen Workshops

This intensive band workshop is designed to give beginning to intermediate teens the skills they need to play together as a band, culminating with a live performance. Team building exercises help students develop creativity and critical thinking skills as they work together for a common goal. No charge.

# IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS- 2018

• Hours of music workshops in Juvenile Court schools:	502
• Teen performance workshops:	49
• Adult Workshops:	39
• Group lessons:	120
• Open jam sessions:	48
• Jam session attendance:	1043
• Scholarship lessons:	37
• Free community concerts:	6
• North Park Festival of Arts attendance:	40,000

*“The guitar program at Bayside has helped to create a sense of pride and community for our students, has improved attendance, and has helped students meet graduation requirements.” - Angela Gigliotti, Bayside Community School*



2018 was a year of expansion in the juvenile court system, with over 500 hours of class instruction.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## San Diego County Office of Education

Since June of 2017 MCCM has been providing guitar and ukulele instruction to adolescents in the Juvenile Court and Community Schools (JCCS) who are wards of the court, referred by social services, or on probation. With training from Guitars in the Classroom, our teaching artists are using music to help students make positive life choices.

## California Arts Council

In 2018 MCCM a JUMP StArts grant through the California Arts Council to fund our after-school workshops at 37ECB Community School in City Heights. The JUMP StArts program mobilizes partnerships between arts organizations and juvenile justice entities to create, “arts-learning opportunities that foster positive socio-emotional, behavioral, academic, and developmental outcomes for system-engaged youth.”

## National Guild for Community Arts Education

The National Guild has helped provide the vision for community music and art school movement since its founding in 1937. The Guild aims to address our country’s widening opportunity gap by, “developing leaders, strengthening organizations, and advocating for community arts education.”

## San Diego Public Library

Since 2017, MCCM has been partnering with the San Diego Public Library by offering jam sessions and community concerts at the Performance Annex in City Heights. As part of the City Heights Initiative, the two-story library building, the Performance Annex, and the neighboring park opened in November 1998 and offers a variety of free dance and music performances to the public.

## United Way

Our most recent partnership brings a musical element to SD United Way’s Readers in the Heights summer reading program for K-3rd graders in City Heights. MCCM volunteers provided free ukulele instruction to some of the 450 kids who participated in the program.