

# Agarita *Inspires!*

*a new initiative providing innovative music education to over 12,000 students per year in Bexar County, TX*

*"It was an important experience for our students to hear and learn about this genre of music and at the same time, connect it to what they learn during social studies." - SAISD teacher, May 2022*

## Agarita's Mission

Agarita nourishes the local community through artistic collaborations, education, community engagement, and free, adventurous programming. Founded by four musicians rooted in San Antonio, Agarita is devoted to reaching new audiences by reinventing the concert experience.

## 3-Year Educational Plan

Spring 2022: Pilot Program - *completed*

- 6 Bexar County elementary schools
- **1,800 students**
- *See Page 2 for Metrics*

2022-2023: Year 1

- 30 Bexar County elementary schools
- **12,000 students**

2023-2024: Year 2

- 50 Bexar County elementary schools
- 10 metropolitan area youth programs
- **24,000 students**

*With your help,  
Agarita can bring meaningful  
music education to over  
36,000 students by 2024*

## Agarita Inspires! Vision

The Vision of *Agarita Inspires!* is to promote equitable access to the arts in order to enhance a child's academic performance and social-emotional learning.

## About Agarita Inspires!

*Agarita Inspires!* is dedicated to working with youth by:

- Developing partnerships with educators to provide musical programming in alignment with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)
- Performing live concerts that infuse standards of learning in schools, community spaces, and outdoors with Agarita's mobile concert hall, Humble Hall
- Partnering with youth-serving programs throughout Bexar County
- Targeting economically disadvantaged school districts and communities in Bexar County
- Expanding our educational team with highly qualified and nationally recognized performers, educators, and administrators

Funding Needed for 2022-2023

**\$96,000**

# Pilot Program Review & Cost Per Student

*Agarita Inspires!* completed its pilot program in the spring of 2022. We performed at 6 elementary schools in San Antonio, reaching over 1,800 elementary school students with free, educational concerts. We played in a variety of settings according to the individual school's preference. On some occasions, we brought along the Humble Hall (mobile concert hall) and performed outside on school grounds. In other cases, we performed inside in the auditorium or cafeteria. All 6 schools have already requested return visits.

Influenced by the elementary curriculum, we crafted a program that paired with Texas History Month, learning about the different countries and cultures that have influenced Texas music. Our program was designed to align with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), the curriculum standards adopted by the Texas State Board of Education.

In order to get important, data-driven feedback, we partnered with the teachers to fill out student & teacher evaluations. 97% of students reported they enjoyed the program, 97% felt they learned something new, 83% thought that the music helped them understand more about Texas history, 85% felt our music put them in a better mood, and 96% want *Agarita* back next school year.




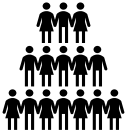

Based on our pilot program, we were able to bring music education directly to students for just **\$8 per student**.

## Agarita Inspires! Team

*Agarita Inspires!* was born out of a shared passion of *Agarita*'s four core members, all of whom have extensive teaching experience that ranges from early childhood education to K-12 certification, through the college and university level. *Agarita Inspires!* is directed by *Agarita*'s cellist, Ignacio Gallego, who was the Assistant Director of Strings at Alamo Heights High School for 5 years. In addition, *Agarita* has recruited some of the most skilled and renowned educators to assist in the development and execution of *Agarita Inspires!* Our advisory team includes Jeremy Brimhall, the former Director of Education and Community Engagement of the San Antonio Symphony, Tiffany Richardson, the co-founder of music education nonprofit Sound Impact and Director of Community Engagement with the National Philharmonic in Washington, D.C., as well as other nonprofit institutions and musicians across the country.

## Partnership Levels

*Agarita Inspires!* is seeking partners to fund its upcoming inaugural season 2022-2023. We have identified and plan to apply for over 30 educational grants this season to generate some of the necessary revenue. However, due to this initiative embarking upon its first full year, we need to raise most of the revenue from corporate, small business, and individual donations. Gifts can be tax-deductible, as we are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. A gift of any size will help us reach our goal, but if you are able, please consider giving at the following partnership levels:

CLASS	GRADE	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	TITLE SPONSOR
				
\$1,000	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000

All partners earn various marketing and PR recognition, including press and media interviews, website acknowledgement, tagged social media posts, banners, and more. The Title Sponsor will be included in all marketing materials and press mentions as "*Agarita Inspires!* presented by [TITLE SPONSOR NAME]"

Join other prominent leaders in the community and become an *Agarita Inspires!* Partner today to get wonderful, positive press recognition with the added bonus of supporting the arts and bringing music education to students in our community!