



**SAN FRANCISCO
SYMPHONY**
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ADVENTURES IN MUSIC FACT SHEET

- AIM is a sequential, curriculum-based music education program designed for the public elementary schools of San Francisco in collaboration with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD). AIM was launched in 1988 and celebrates its 29th anniversary this season. The San Francisco Symphony presents AIM free of charge.
- AIM serves every 1st through 5th grade student in each of the SFUSD's elementary schools, plus 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students in a number of independent and parochial schools.
- In the 2014-2015 school year, the AIM program served a total of 25,050 students and 1,159 teachers in 95 schools. More than 1,100 ensemble performances were presented in the public elementary schools of San Francisco.
- Through AIM, every SFUSD elementary student receives five consecutive years of music education experiences at school and at Davies Symphony Hall.
- The AIM approach is a pluralistic one, celebrating the rich diversity of cultures in the Bay Area and as represented in San Francisco's public school classrooms. The curriculum teaches about music of many cultures.
- Each student receives a sequence of four in-school ensemble presentations. Each musical presentation is the centerpiece of a specially-designed curriculum unit that introduces and reinforces music concepts while supporting curricular goals in areas such as the language arts, history, geography, social studies, science, or the visual arts.
- A central component of AIM's sequential curriculum is a private concert at Davies Symphony Hall, performed by the San Francisco Symphony and attended by the entire AIM population.
- The AIM curriculum is designed to support local, state and national academic standards, including SFUSD's Common Core Curriculum, the California State Visual and Performing Arts Framework, and the National Music Standards. AIM also aligns with Frameworks and Standards for other subjects targeted in a particular year's curriculum.
- To assist each teacher in implementing the AIM curriculum, the AIM program includes a training/professional development component for teachers, a student journal workbook for every child, and supplementary resources such as instruments, books, videos, maps, and CDs, depending on the year's curricular needs.
- Through AIM, the San Francisco Symphony touches the lives of citizens in every neighborhood of every corner of the City, by ensuring children's access to music education and providing engagement with musical excellence.