



30th Anniversary Season Fact Sheet

- ◆ AIM is a sequential, curriculum-based music program designed for the public elementary schools of San Francisco in collaboration with the San Francisco Unified School District. AIM was launched in 1988, and celebrates its 30th Anniversary this season.
- ◆ AIM **serves every student in grades 1–5 in each of the SFUSD’s 76 public elementary schools**. Equitable access for every public elementary school student to participate in AIM has been a mainstay of the program since its inception.
- ◆ This season the AIM program will reach 23,500 students. AIM is present in every public elementary school in every SF neighborhood and supervisory district, providing students with five consecutive years of music education experiences.
- ◆ The San Francisco Symphony presents AIM **free of charge**.
- ◆ AIM is designed at two developmental levels: AIM I for grades 3, 4, and 5; and AIM II for grades 1 and 2.
- ◆ More than 750 in-school music ensemble performances will be presented this year in the public elementary schools of San Francisco as part of the AIM program. AIM ensemble musicians are specially selected and trained by the SF Symphony for their role as in-school teaching artists.
- ◆ AIM focuses on and teaches about music of many cultures. It celebrates the rich diversity of cultures in the Bay Area and as represented in San Francisco’s public school classrooms.
- ◆ Each student receives a sequence of three 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 and social sciences. This year’s curriculum is called *Music of San Francisco, Music of the World!*, and is designed to connect music with classroom lessons in history, geography, and social studies.
- ◆ AIM’s curriculum is aligned with curriculum frameworks of the SFUSD, California State Visual and Performing Arts Framework, the National Music Standards, and Common Core Academic Standards.
- ◆ AIM’s curriculum is created by the SF Symphony’s Education Department expressly for SFUSD classrooms. In addition, every child receives an AIM Student Journal as a workbook and learning tool, and all teachers receive classroom resources such as maps, books, and CDs to assist in implementing the curriculum. AIM also includes a professional development component for teachers and principals, and provides assessment materials to aid teachers in gauging students’ progress.
- ◆ A central event of AIM’s sequential curriculum is an interactive educational concert at Davies Symphony Hall, performed by the San Francisco Symphony and attended by all AIM participants.
- ◆ AIM is part of a larger Education & Community program by the SFS that includes Music and Mentors, SFS Youth Orchestra, Concerts for Kids, Music for Families, Free Concerts, and other programs.

78% of children served by AIM represent ethnic minorities
55% qualify for free or reduced-priced lunches
24% are English Language Learners