

Lifelong Learning & Community

•Rocky Mountain Dreams

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•Friday, Sept. 1, 4:30 – 5:20 PM

•Saturday, Sept. 2, 1:00 – 1:50 PM



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Overview

- .My why
- .Time to reflect
- .Lifelong Learner
- .Community in and through music
- .Connecting lifelong learners to support community development

.DRIVING QUESTION – *How does my lifelong learning connect with community?*





Out of your “Section”

Share 1. name & where you’re from

2. instrument you play

3. funniest thing that ever happened to you while playing your instrument or a memorable moment in music

4. one **character trait/personal skill** you’ve improved, as an **adult** by playing in an ensemble

A Lifelong Learner is someone who....

- continues to learn new skills and competencies after they have completed their 'formal' education
- adapts, grows, thrives
- learns different subjects
- has a positive, open, and growth mindset
- is curious, proactive, adaptable
- is looking for new ways to deepen knowledge
- learns things of personal interest (not always job related)

73%



Lifelong Learning is aligned in the current *Personalized Learning* in Education where **Habits of Mind / Executive Functioning Skills / Character traits/habits** drive all learning within the four attributes:

- Voice
- Co-Creation
- Social Construction
- Self-Discovery



Poster Time!

- Why are you a lifelong learner?
- What does it look, sound, and feel like?

Group share out



Lifelong learners continue to learn because



Community is a

- social unit (a group of living things)
- commonality in activity, norms, religion, values, customs, or identity.
- sense of place situated in a given area (e.g. a country, village, town, neighborhood) or space

Group sharing –

What does your musical community look, sound, and feel like? (in addition to when they are rehearsing/performing.)

Groups of 3 (name, instrument, where you're from)
Choose 1 of the questions from below to share

1. What moments in your life experience with music gave you a sense of community?
2. How does a moment in your life experience in music contribute to who you are today and what you choose to do as a lifelong learner?
3. What does this musical community give to you and what is your contribution to a community through music?



Learning through community

- provides opportunities to think critically, problem solve
- requires a level of communication (practice)
- enhances learning
- it's how humanity builds culture and capacity to a larger connection
- engaged citizen

“The artist as citizen, has a golden opportunity for you to really show and utilize the full power of music to actually make impactful change in people's lives.”

- Jon Batiste



The arts as an ‘indicator species’ for a community

The presence of arts in a community is linked to

- increased neighborhood livability
- community identity
- social wellbeing
- empowerment of the community
- a sense of pride and community ownership

“Recent studies and reports suggest that arts and cultural practices enhance **social cohesion**, **preserve culturally relevant social capital**, and **contribute to healthy communities**, as well as to **individual wellbeing.**”

([Landry, 1996](#); [Daykin, 2012](#); [Gillam, 2018](#); [Sonke et al., 2019](#); [Vougioukalou et al., 2019](#); [Engh et al., 2021](#))

Music playing and participation and creating community contribute to employability skills.

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The top 10 employability skills in 2025

1. Analytical thinking & innovation
2. Active learning & learning strategies
3. Complex problem-solving
4. Critical thinking & analysis
5. Creativity, originality & initiative
6. Leadership & social influence
7. Technology use, monitoring and control
8. Technology design and programming
9. Resilience, stress tolerance and flexibility
10. Reasoning, problem-solving & ideation



One take-away share out

Resources

.NAMM Foundation

.Pew Research

.University of Cincinnati

www.artsfund.org

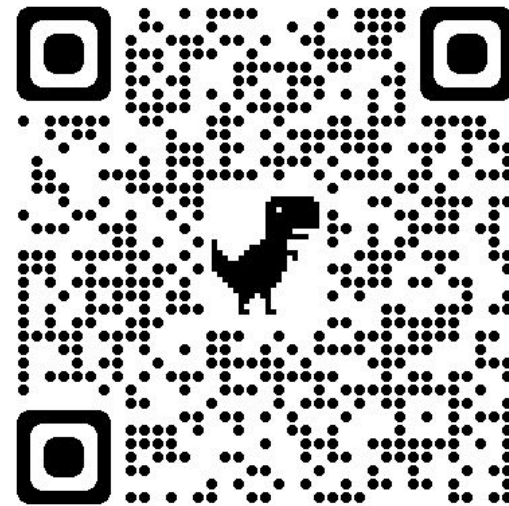
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