

To: Meet the Music Partners
From: Taylor Lockwood
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Subject: Participation in “Classroom Composers Project”

Dear Teachers, Educators and Staff,

As Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra eagerly transitions into a new artistic era under incoming music director, Jaime Martín, our educational initiatives will also be undergoing advancements to better serve our ever-evolving communities. Looking forward to the 2019-2020 season for our *Meet the Music* concerts, LACO will begin taking steps to create a more comprehensive, specialized and immersive experience for your students. One part of this new instructional outlook will be the **“Classroom Composers Project.”**

In collaboration with the leadership of our artistic-educator Derrick Spiva Jr., this new piece of the *Meet the Music* curriculum will further engage students in the music-making process by teaching the foundations of composition and working with their peers to unlock creativity. The project will involve an hour-long, in-classroom visit by one of our Los Angeles Orchestra Composition Teaching Artist Fellows, where students will be guided through exercises and games that will culminate in them creating their own mini-composition. These final mini-compositions will be showcased at *Meet the Music* concerts, played by LACO musicians. Please note that this classroom visit would occur separate to the regular docent visit offered as part of *Meet the Music*.

Participation in this project is **optional**. We recognize that classroom time and staffing availability is a precious resource in our communities and that not every school will be able to accommodate the “Classroom Composers Project.” However, we hope that you will consider participating in this new and exciting part of our *Meet the Music* program. An option for participation will be included in our application.

Thank you for your time in considering this unique initiative. If you have any questions regarding the “Classroom Composers Project,” please feel free to contact me at any time!

Warmest regards,

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