

What is UniSound?

Our mission is to create a more accessible, sustainable, and equitable youth music ecosystem in the greater Pittsburgh area through building an alliance of organizations that provide music education and performance opportunities for youth. UniSound is a program of Three Rivers Young Peoples Orchestras, but is ultimately a collaborative project of more than 35 Pittsburgh area organizations that share a common trait of providing opportunities for children and/or teens to create music out-of-school time.

Why UniSound?

Strengthen Organizations

UniSound strengthens organizations that provide opportunities for children and teens to create music out-of-school time. These are just some of the benefits for UniSound Member Organizations:

- Professional development and networking to help organizations learn new and pertinent skills and practices, build capacity, collaborate, and form partnerships.
- Mini-Grants that celebrate and support existing work that our organizations are already doing!
- Paid opportunities for organizations and their teaching artists to participate in community engagement events, write blog posts, and more.

Connect organizations and musical families

UniSound makes it easier for Pittsburgh families to find organizations that provide out-of-school time music-making opportunities for their children. Too many families don't know about the opportunities available, and small organizations have difficulty marketing at a large scale. Here's how UniSound can help:

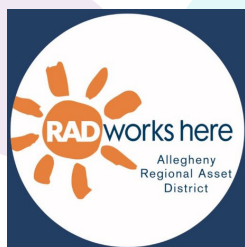
- A comprehensive directory on the UniSound website, to make it easier for families to find the best programs for their children.
- Shared marketing initiatives.
- An events listing to showcase local music-making activities.

Speak up!

UniSound will have a voice in important conversations, policies and initiatives in our region. With over 35 organizations, serving students all over the region, our collective voice will have impact when we:

- Identify common issues and causes related to overall arts education access and equity in our region.

How does UniSound make this all possible? It's thanks to our AMAZING funders:



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Who can participate in UniSound?

Any interested individual or organization who has a vested interest in the mission of UniSound can participate at various levels.

UniSound
Member
Organization

This is an organization that provides opportunities for children and/or teens to be a part of creating music out of school time, AND has signed and submitted the UniSound Letter of Agreement.

UniSound
Friend

This is an organization that provides opportunities for children and/or teens to be a part of creating music out of school time, but has not signed the UniSound Letter of Agreement.

UniSound
Circle

Other organizations who do not provide opportunities for children/teens to create music out-of-school time, but share the UniSound vision!

UniSound Benefits	UniSound Member Organization	UniSound Friend	UniSound Circle
FREE TO JOIN!	X	X	X
Full Listing in the UniSound Directory	X		
Basic Listing in the UniSound Directory	X	X	
Eligibility for shared "festival style" marketing promotion of concerts (i.e. sending a postcard about a 'December music festival' featuring 10 concerts that fall between specific dates to a bought mailing list)	X		
Eligibility to send events that will post in the UniSound online events calendar	X	X	
Eligibility to be featured on UniSound website	X		
Eligibility to apply for Mini-Grants	X		
Eligibility to send staff and/or teaching artists to paid UniSound events (ex: Three Rivers Arts Festival instrument petting zoo), and to submit paid blog posts on the UniSound blog page.	X		
Access to shared materials (ex: Emergency Planning Template)	X		
Access to monthly e-mails and news	X		
Attendance at UniSound meetings and networking events	X	X	X
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Access to monthly blog/advice columns	X	X	X

The time commitment for participating in UniSound is up to your organization, and what you find valuable for you and the community! That can be an hour or two a year keeping your UniSound listing up to date up to attending a few meetings a year, working on a committee, networking or attending professional development, writing blog posts for our website, sharing your events on our calendar, and more!

How to Join UniSound?

Check out our website at unisound.us for more information on how to join UniSound as an organization or as a family! For any questions, please email staff@unisound.us.