



EVALUATION SUMMARY
DECEMBER 2015

MUSICAL BRIDGES AROUND THE WORLD, INC.
San Antonio, TX

PROJECT TITLE: OPERATIONS	
GRANT DESCRIPTION: Operations grant in support of its 2014/2015 season of musical programs and young people's concerts.	
GRANT AMOUNT: \$50,000	APPROVED: January 28, 2015
PROJECT START DATE: September 1, 2014	PROJECT END DATE: August 31, 2015
CHARITABLE PURPOSE: Culture\Arts Activities\Music	
GRANT TYPE: General Operations	
GRANT OBJECTIVES: Individuals will have a better understanding and appreciation for various cultures.	
SUMMARY OF REPORTED FINDINGS:	
<p>During the reporting period for this grant Musical Bridges Around the World presented a variety of international music and artists to a total audience of approximately 38,750 individuals, including:</p> <p>KIDS TO CONCERTS SERIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Flying Balalaika Brothers (Russian dance ensemble) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance incorporated Russian folk tunes, dance, and costumes • 7,500 students from eight San Antonio public schools attended ➤ Austin Troubadors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance incorporated Medieval Renaissance music, dance, colorful costumes, and ethnic instruments • 3,000 students from six San Antonio public schools attended ➤ The Metropolitan Klezmer (from New York City) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance incorporated Yiddish culture and geography with rhythm and sound, history, ethnic instruments, and Yiddish language • 3,000 children from six San Antonio public schools attended ➤ Entreflamenco Company (principals Antonio Granjero and Estefania Ramirez) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance incorporated flamenco, rhythm and sound, history, ethnic instruments, and Spanish language • Included segment performed by the <i>Spanish DanzArt Society</i> with an audience participation component • 2,500 children from five San Antonio public schools attended ➤ Love of China Dance Company performed by Sandeep Das and Urmi Samadar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance incorporated rhythm and sound, dance, Chinese history, ethnic instruments, and the Mandarin language • 1,000 children from two San Antonio public schools attended <p>MUSICA VIVA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Five members-only salon-style concerts ➤ Featured musicians from Japan, Cuba, Italy, Greece, and Eastern Europe ➤ 250 members attended 	

MUSICAL EVENINGS AT SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL

- Five free public concerts
- Featured musicians from Japan, Cuba, Italy, Greece, and Eastern Europe
- 2,500 people attended

MUSIC FESTIVALS

- *Music Without Borders*
 - Series of seven concerts at various venues
 - Variety of artists/disciplines
 - Approximately 2,700 total individuals attended
- *Kids Word Music Festival*
 - History of Jazz performed by a variety of artists
 - 1,500 students attended the event at Laurie Auditorium

GOLDEN AGE 2014

- Retirement community outreach program
- Two visiting artist groups entertained at a total of nine retirement communities
 - *Elena Portnaya* (Russian pianist)
 - *The Flying Balalaika Brothers*
- Approximately 1,000 seniors attended

AN EVENING WITH BENITO CABRERA AT SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL

- Special concert featuring Canary Islander virtuoso timplich
- Approximately 400 individuals attended the free concert

FAMILY AFFAIR AT SAN FERNANDO CATHEDRAL

- Special concert featuring cellist brothers *Walter & Herbert Heim* and pianist *Michael Schneider*
- Approximately 400 individuals attended the free concert

DRUMS & SAX AT SOUTHWEST SCHOOL OF ART

- Special jazz concert featuring percussionist *Albert "Tootie" Heath*, saxophonist *Rene Saenz* and saxophonist *Richard Oppenheim*
- Approximately 300 individuals attended the free concert

ART GALLERY

- Hosted Four art openings
- Over 700 individuals visited the new gallery/office space

Administrative Accomplishments/Challenges

- Created and filled new administrative position
 - Development & Communications Assistant
 - Position sponsored by the President of the Board
- Added three new concerts to the program