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Musical Introduction Series | Women of the World |
 #GivingTuesday December 3, 2013

Ian, 3rd grade, Central Park East II

"We learned about so many places, like Italy and Japan. I loved the show! You should go! The women are really, really, really good at singing."

Katja Frazier, teacher, Future Leaders Institute

"Women of the World was amazing. It was so developmentally appropriate for young children. This was the first group we have seen that got the kids out of their seats and incorporated movement within the show. As teachers, we absolutely loved it, and the students had a blast."

Alison Gardy, director of International Relations, 92Y

"With maps and photos of each country projected on a screen behind gloriously-dressed performers who helped children not only learn about a country but feel the culture in their muscles and bones as they sang, clapped and danced. This was probably the best 'social studies' class any of us in the audience ever had."



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The Musical Introduction Series kicked off to a new arts education year celebrating Women in Music! This dynamic and culturally rich program introduces young students in grades K-3 to the world of music, both in the concert hall and in the classroom, connecting the joy of musical learning with an academic curriculum and providing multiple avenues for students' artistic engagement, creativity, and growth.

The program launched in October with over 100 school administrators and classroom teachers in the first of two Classroom Teacher Workshops at 92Y. Educators experienced the language and culture of many different countries through the songs of the a cappella group, Women of the World, and the children's songs of Southeast Asia performed by Elena Moon Park. The music acquainted everyone with the styles and cultures that would be explored more deeply in the classroom setting with students.

Professional teaching artists prepared students for the Women of the World concert delving into the stories that inspired the music while experiencing and defining melody, harmony, and a cappella singing. In the classrooms, students learned songs in five different



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#GivingTuesday

December 3 marked a national day of giving. Created by 92Y, #GivingTuesday marks a day of giving and made a big impact far beyond 92Y.

- More than 10,000 organizations around the US and in more than 40 countries around the world participated.
- National campaign of online donations up 90%.
- #GivingTuesday was the top trending term on Twitter in the US.

The Musical Introduction Series is a grant funded initiative providing students with the gift of music. Over 4,000 students and 32 schools participated in the in-school residencies that culminate into a professional concert.

languages while experimenting how to use their voices to create the sounds of instruments composing original music through rhythm, layering, and onomatopoeia. Through these lessons, students examined how they define themselves within a specific culture.

Hundreds of students arrived for the first concert in Kaufmann Concert Hall greeted by a balloon artist handing out his creations to each class and drawing students into the festivities of #GivingTuesday (see side column). The 2013-2014 concert series, which served over 4,000 students, introduced Women of the World, an all woman ensemble celebrating songs from around the world sharing the message of peace, harmony, and diversity of all cultures. The students' world tour of music began in Africa, then Italy, Haiti, Cuba, Brazil, Japan, Bulgaria, and India. Students shared traditional dances from their cultures onstage with the singers emulating the message of wisdom, joy, and respect for others.

The dedication of the students and staff to learning, sharing, and creating music was clearly revealed. The excellence of the Women of the World's singing was rivaled only by the student sharing of language and culture. They became the arbiters of the Women and the World's message "to show the world that no matter where you are from, people of the world can sing, live, and work together in peace and harmony. In this spirit, we celebrate the beauty of diversity."



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