

Community Outreach

Montana Skies enjoys coordinating community residency during their tours to promote arts education in the schools and community, but even more importantly to *inspire* the individual's desire to connect to their life through music, art, or any type of sincere expression.

Montana Skies has specially prepared several programs in an educational format suitable for schools, senior citizens, and all special audiences that would benefit from music. Montana Skies has substantial experience in presenting school programs and community outreach.

Some of the Residencies that have been most memorable are:

Rural Montana Schools

Atlanta Homeless Mission

Inner city schools of Philadelphia/Camden (with metal detectors!)

Rural New Jersey Schools

Assisted Living facilities and Hospices

Montana Skies specializes in bringing artistically excellent music performance to under served communities that may not be able to attend concerts outside of their environment due to disabilities, transportation, economic difficulties, etc. The essential element of their outreach services is to bring music to those who may not have an opportunity to hear music any other way.

Community Outreach Programs:

I. Schools: General Assemblies (all ages k-12), This program is a general music education presentation which teaches the children about the instruments we play and relating them to other music instruments, the different styles of music and genres, classical music and its styles, music vocabulary, and how to better express oneself artistically.

II. Workshops with young musicians on all instruments band, orchestra, or guitar. (k-12)

III. Masterclasses with young musicians. Strings only or small ensembles that may include different instruments in addition to the string instruments. (intermediate-advanced students)

IV. Adult/Aging Community: Music Therapy suitable for assisted living facilities, hospitals, and the aging community. A casual performance "visit" with the audience. Extended amount of talking with audience and encouraging any questions from them.

VI. Fundraiser Concert for School Music Programs: This program is a concert open to the general public where several songs are performed with

students from the orchestra and band programs. The music is from several selections that have been scored for Montana Skies with symphony orchestra. The level of the music is intermediate to high and would require rehearsal time before Montana Skies appearance and rehearsal time all together once Montana Skies is in town. The students in the programs and the parent organizations sell tickets to the concert and recieve a percentage of the profits for their music programs. In addition to raising funds, this event brings positive attention and education about the music programs to the general community.