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“NO WALLS AROUND PEACE” SHOWCASES THE WORK OF THE MOSAIC PROJECT

Oakland nonprofit uses music to teach empathy with help of professional musician

The Mosaic Project, an Oakland based nonprofit, has an innovated approach to solving the problems faced by our society. They use music to teach empathy and communication across cultural divides to foster community. What makes The Mosaic Project so unique is their intentional partnerships with schools from vastly different communities and the way they combine students in truly diverse groups for genuine experiences with those different from themselves.

At a time when schools, neighborhoods, and social circles are becoming more and more homogenized, The Mosaic Project works diligently to expose children to diversity before stereotyping, prejudice, and discrimination become entrenched. Their proven curriculum uses music, theater, and experiential games to teach students to value their own history as well as the history of others. Mosaic also addresses the underlying social systems that keep people separated and informs students that they have the power to change the way people are treated.

One of the most potent and long-lasting tools that The Mosaic Project utilizes is the power of song. Renowned singer/songwriter Brett Dennen played a crucial role in crafting Mosaic's songs that teach youth the concepts of empathy, assertiveness, and conflict resolution. Participants often leave The Mosaic Project singing these songs and teaching them to their families.

On Saturday, August 19, The Mosaic Project is teaming up with Brett Dennen for “No Walls Around Peace,” an intimate evening concert in the East Bay, to teach people about their work with children. Funds raised at this concert will help schools send students to The Mosaic Project to learn how to create a more compassionate future.

The Mosaic Project invites anyone who believes that empathy, connection, and love are important values to attend this event. The concert will be preceded by silent and live auctions with food and beverages. Space is limited. Learn more at mosaicproject.org/concert. Sponsorship opportunities are available.