

LASF and Music

LASF is committed to music education. At the elementary level, LASF's commitment is evidenced by the funding of programs designed to enrich and benefit the young student. These include a partnership with the Lafayette School District to provide credentialed choral music teachers, extensive music aide time made available for young instrumental musicians, and the California Symphony program.

Support of music and drama continues at the middle-school level. Stanley enjoys not only a strong Musician-In-Residence Program but guest performances as well. The After-School Drama Program has grown to include more students than ever in three yearly performances.

At Acalanes, LASF continues its commitment to the arts. Musicians-in-Residence, music accompanists, coaches and an expanded program of vocal coaches and music TAs will thrive in the school's new Performing Arts center and offer students unique and unforgettable experiences.

Tell me, and I forget.
Show me, and I remember.
Involve me, and I understand.

About LASF

The Lafayette Arts & Science Foundation is a private, nonprofit educational foundation run by volunteers to benefit the children attending Burton Valley, Happy Valley, Lafayette and Springhill Elementary Schools, Stanley Middle School and Acalanes High School. Our mission: **to support and enrich the education of every child in the Lafayette public schools through a broad community-based effort.**

The 2005/06 school year marks the 25th anniversary of LASF. Since 1980, LASF has been providing core academic programs and educational enrichment to Lafayette students in partnership with our schools and our community.

Since LASF's humble beginnings, it has raised more than \$9 million to benefit our community's students and schools. Thanks in part to the Foundation's continuing support, Lafayette public schools today remain among the highest-ranked in California.

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Mostly Music...
and Drama too
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Elementary Schools

Choral Music Program

LASF works closely with the Lafayette School District to help enhance its K–5 vocal music program. With LASF sharing the cost of credentialed vocal music teachers with the District, each elementary-school student is the beneficiary of 30 minutes of vocal music instruction each week.

Instrumental Music Program

LASF funds **instrumental music aides** hired by the instrumental music teacher, many of whom are professional musicians. Their **passion and expertise** provides students not only with **additional instruction** and the benefits of **small group instruction**, but an invaluable and exciting musical experience as well.



California Symphony

LASF began funding this as a pilot program in February 1995; it has since been provided to all schools on a three-year rotating basis. The Education in the Schools Program has been enthusiastically received by teachers and the administration.

The Symphony’s program **exposes all students to instrumental music**, the symphony orchestra, and its four instrument families. This early exposure to professional musicians **stimulates, excites and encourages students to appreciate music and to pursue music**

practice and performance. This is an ideal way to prepare all students for the instrumental music program offered to the 4th- and 5th-grade students and the middle- and high-school programs.

Stanley

Instrumental Music

LASF pays for instrumental music aides hired by the instrumental music teacher at Stanley. This **Musicians-in-Residence Program** offers more than 800 hours of help by professional musicians for students in the band and orchestra as well as a before-school program featuring instruction and music theory on Big Band Jazz.

In addition, LASF funds **Guest Artists and Programs for Performances** as well as administrative support for the Instrumental Music Department. The **accompanist** for the Stanley choral music program is also funded by LASF.

Last year, LASF awarded two grants to the music department at Stanley: funding for **new sheet music and a contribution toward the purchase of a new grand piano**. This year, funds were allocated to **update the music computer programs used by Stanley music students**.

Drama/Performing Arts

LASF funds after-school productions for **Wildcats On Stage**. Past productions have included both musicals and dramas.



Acalanes

Choral and Instrumental Music

Music has long been a part of LASF’s activities at Acalanes. This year, by funding **musical accompanists, choreographers, set designers and teaching assistants**, LASF offers Acalanes students many unique opportunities.



Master classes for the instrumental music program allow experts to teach students how to improve their playing, and the **Musicians-in-Residence** program provides students with unique small-group instruction.

This year, LASF will provide funds to purchase **instruments for daily use in the classroom**.

Drama Presentations

LASF provides **speakers and experts** who visit high-school drama classes and present workshops in **improvisation, combat, voice and diction, movement, audition and breathing technique**.

