

Childrens Music Foundation in Bellevue

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Rourke O'Brien is the head of the Childrens Music Foundation. He is on a mission to bring more music into the classroom, and make it a more significant element of elementary education. He has designed a Dvd Format program called "First Note"...and now there are approximately 1000 students and 45 or so teachers giving it a beta test.

Patricia Campbell, the professor of music at the University of Washington, is a board member of Childrens Music Foundation, and she is joining with O'Brien in his quest to get a much larger amount of music curriculum exposed to the younger generation, as music programs have been neglected. Campbell states, "We're looking at a new way of bringing responsibility and hopefully an invitation to people who aren't music specialists, but who love children, a chance to make music a part of childrens environment. If children don't have musical training, they are not going to be musical — and all the neuroscientists say if you don't use these musical synapses, they will die."

Rourke and Campbell are hoping to make a difference by giving classroom teachers a chance to include music along with the rest of their curriculum. I applaude their efforts.

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