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The History, Mission and Purpose of the Jenny Lin Summer Youth Music Program

The **Jenny Lin Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization** dedicated to promoting child safety and youth music education. Since its inception in 1994, the Foundation has produced fifteen summer youth music programs. Each year, the program offered music learning opportunities to about 200 music students during the summer months of June and July. Over the years, the music programs have benefited a total of about 3000 students with diverse music disciplines. In addition, the Foundation offers multiple scholarship awards to music students with high potential to excel in orchestra, band or choir.

The annual summer youth music program is designed to benefit teenage musicians and music lovers in the San Francisco East Bay area. The youth music program starts in mid-June, and lasts for 6 weeks. During this period, music students will rehearse in music rooms twice a week, under the direction of professional music teachers. At the end of this period, the students will showcase their talents in the annual summer youth concert in front of a live audience. The music camp style rehearsal sessions provide the participants an opportunity to sharpen their music skills, learn to work in a team, increase self esteem and make new friends along the way. In addition, the program provides opportunity for student volunteers to drive and coordinate some of the program activities, which enables them to gain leadership and teamwork skills and to service the community.

This program includes participants of age from 12 to 18 years with diverse ethnic background. Music sees no boundaries in this area. Participants come from cities throughout the East Bay such as Castro Valley, Hayward, San Lorenzo, San Leandro, Fremont, Oakland, Pleasanton, Dublin, and San Ramon.

The program is offered to music students **free of charge**, and the concert is open to public with **admission free**. The Foundation relies solely on corporate sponsorship, public donations and dedicated volunteers to produce and support this beautiful program.

The program has proven to be very successful as it keeps attracting new students, as existing students continue to stay with the program year after year, and as the concert continues to attract music lovers in the community. It has enhanced participants' music and social skills in a safe and friendly environment, and developed planning, leadership and communication skills for those volunteering as student coordinators. In addition, the community as a whole has improved the quality of its summer time through this magnificent music program.