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Sistema Global Launches an Educational Partnership with iClassical Academy

Online El Sistema Music Education Initiative to Accelerate Youth Development

<u>Sistema Global</u>, the El Sistema collective impact network, and <u>iClassical Academy</u> announce a new partnership providing Sistema educators and students access to iClassical's suite of online instruction. This exciting new partnership will serve as an online support source for complementary training at home and classrooms for our network Sistema programs. Both organizations believe in the power of music as a transformative force in developing the whole individual.

This new initiative has been launched to our Sistema Global network members. iClassical Academy will give access to its online music content, and special activities tailored to our Sistema Global community will be created in the future.

"We are thrilled to partner with such a comprehensive educational resource as iClassical Academy," said Sistema Global Executive Director Dr. Gisela Flanigan. "Many Sistema programs lack the financial ability to access such content and this partnership will go a long way to providing the educational support they need to thrive. Sistema Global's focus on new partnerships will provide tremendous collective impact on Sistema-inspired programs around the world."

I Classical Academy Executive director Irma de Jong, shares the same vision: "We believe that classical music education should be accessible to everyone at all times. Like Sistema programs, online education offers an opportunity for inclusion and diversity and contributes to personal development and well-being. Our mission is to provide new generations of musicians from all parts of the world with the opportunity to improve their skills and reach higher levels. Partnering with Sistema Global is a great opportunity to fulfill these objectives, and we are excited about it!"

ABOUT THE PARTNERS

Sistema Global is a worldwide network of El Sistema inspired music programs and supporters working together to advance youth empowerment and social change and through the power of music.

iClassical Academy is a leader in high quality and professional online classical music education. Thousands of music professionals, teachers, students, and amateur musicians continuously work on mastering music.

For additional information visit: https://iclassical-academy.com and sistemaglobal.org