

***Read what our teachers and students say about the
Mentorship Program and Project Muse in-school concerts:***

“The students at Mark Keppel High School have grown in musicianship since our partnership with Southwest Chamber Music. The Orchestra students in particular are playing with better intonation and tone quality, note accuracy, and musical expression. They are also gaining in confidence as a result of the personal mentoring they are receiving. I am learning more about string technique each week I observe and interact with the mentors.”

--- Dr. Carla Bartlett, Mark Keppel High School, Alhambra and 2007 Music Center Bravo Award Winner

”My kids were enthralled with Stravinsky’s music even though they are not very familiar with it and we spent the better part of the day listening to the recordings I have of his music in the classroom.”

--- Dr. David Miller, Pasadena High School, after a Project Muse

“The *Mentorship Program* and the *Project Muse* concert series have had a measurable impact not only upon my student instrumentalists, but Irving students as a whole. Through the guidance of the Mentorship program, my instrumentalists have developed musical skills unknown in previous years. Thus, we have been able to schedule many more performances and play a greater variety of orchestral literature.

The excitement and enthusiasm of Irving's music students is palpable on mentorship days. We experience an enjoyable symbiosis during our sessions with the Southwest Chamber Music mentors, whereby the Music Department at Irving comes alive and has the feel of a conservatory.”

--- Dan McNamara, Irving Middle School, Los Angeles Unified School District

“Our students and teachers have grown in their understanding and love of music through presentations of selected pieces of superb chamber music covering many centuries... They graduate as young people whose appreciation, understanding and enjoyment of music has grown and developed because of this special partnership.”

--- Sister Daleen M. Larkin, Principal, Saint Andrew School, Pasadena