

קונסרבטוריון הסדנה ירושלים
Jerusalem Conservatory Hassadna



From Risk to Opportunity

**Bringing the Beauty of Music and Dance Education
into the lives of children of Ethiopian Descent**

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Lea Talihon, Piano

Lea, 12 years old, began studying piano in May 2005. She was one of the first students of Ethiopian descent in our From Risk to Opportunity program. Lea has progressed beautifully since then and today dreams of being a pianist. She regularly performs in festive concerts with her beloved chamber group; recently they were honored to perform for the Israeli Knesset.

Lea's Father Told Us: "I have to work all day to provide for my family, so Lea is alone most of the day. Thanks to her piano lessons, Lea uses her free time to practice and to attend lessons and events at the Conservatory. The piano is truly a lifesaver because it keeps Lea away from the bad influence of the street. We could not do this alone! We are grateful to all those who support Lea's learning, they treat her as if she was their child and we are their family."

Weekly Program of Study: Piano with Einat Sola (90 mins), Chamber Music with Ronit Berman (60 mins) and home tutoring with Shahrar Yelnik.

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Sarah Taklo, Contrabass

Sarah, 10 years old, began playing the recorder in September, 2007. Two years later, Sarah decided to transfer to the contrabass, in part because she wanted a big instrument like her sisters (Ronit = piano and Orit = guitar). Sarah has a tremendous musical ear and we were happy to support her in her decision. Over the years, Sarah has gained much musical knowledge through playing the recorder with the piano and harpsichord. This has created a strong basis for her to continue her musical development on the contrabass.

Weekly Program: Contrabass with Merav Reuel (60 mins), Theory with Shira Elad (45 mins) and home tutoring with Ehud Eton

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Avraham Terifa, Violin

Avraham, 10 years old, began violin studies in September 2005 in the context of a special Conservatory program held at Avraham's elementary school. Very quickly, his incredible musical ear and exceptional ability to play violin were recognized by his teacher.

Avraham and his brother, raised by a single mother, are alone for most of the day. For Avraham, lessons with his home tutor are crucial for his advancement as it creates the time and space he requires to properly focus on his studies. Significantly, the incredibly special relationship he shares with his tutor has truly enriched both of their lives.

Weekly Program of Study: Violin with Mariana Tetro (60 mins), Master's Class with Prof. Michael Gaisler (once a month); Chamber Music with Ronit Berman (60 mins); Jazz Ensemble with Oleg Bogod (60 mins) and home tutoring with Ehud Eton.

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Adi Shimon, Cello

Adi, six years old, began our pre-music program in September, 2008, after being referred by the family's social worker. Shy, yet smart, she grasped the material very quickly and made tremendous progress in a short period of time. Adi has demonstrated good rhythm and a strong musical ear and is believed to be sufficiently mature musically to begin instrument instruction.

Adi's Mother Told Us: "I am so grateful to you for giving my daughters (Adi and Maya) the opportunity to enter the world of music and dance. If it weren't for their lessons, they would be sitting at home without using their time to their benefit. It is so heartwarming to see them involved in an activity which is both constructive and beautiful. I hope you will continue to help us in the future because I want us to continue to be involved in a world which brings our family so much happiness."

Weekly Program: Cello with Yoni Gotlibovitch (60 mins), Theory with Shira Elad (45 mins) and home tutoring with Meital Koher.

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Orit Taklo, Guitar

Orit, 11 years old, began guitar instruction in September, 2007. She was referred to *From Risk to Opportunity* by her school's music teacher. Since then, Orit has demonstrated a strong desire, talent and commitment to her musical advancement. She practices consistently and serves as a very good role model for her sisters (Sara- Contrabass, Ronit- piano). This amazing young girl was honored to play her guitar in front of her school at a performance marking the conclusion of the academic year.

The Music Coordinator at E.D. Rothschild Elementary School Told Us: "I have observed the progress of our students participating in the Conservatory's special program and am left speechless when attempting to express my praise and gratitude for this incredible opportunity. Children who would never, ever have been able to learn to play musical instruments, from families where acquiring such instruments is totally out of reach, are making tremendous progress. They have responded to the investment in them with seriousness and devotion; they practice at every available opportunity and are performing together with their peers at school enabling them to reach very high levels of musicianship.

It is well known that playing instruments contributes to academic performance, self-confidence, the ability to deal with challenges, the setting and achievement of goals and improved concentration. It is my pleasure to share with you that all of the students participating in this program have exhibited improvements according to all of these parameters and are regarded as role-models in a number of areas among their peers. Our students in this program - Ronit, *Orit*, Avishag, Hodaya and Sara - perform in official school ceremonies and are integral contributors to the school orchestra and to the school as a whole."

Weekly Program of Study: Guitar with Guy Meir (60 mins) and Theory with Shira Elad (45 mins).

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Oriya Goshen, Piano

Oriya, six, began with the Conservatory's Pre-Music program in September, 2008. After a year of participation in this program, where he learned to play the xylophone, Oriya knew without a doubt that piano was his instrument of choice.

Weekly Program: Piano with Ron Trachtman (60 mins), Theory with Shira Elad (45 mins) and home tutoring with Shahar Yelnik.

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Malkamo Malaka, Guitar

Malkamo, 13 years old, was referred to our program by a social worker in the Jerusalem municipal welfare office. His family is new in Israel and neither parent speaks Hebrew. They have faced a very difficult transition from rural life in Ethiopia to city life in Israel and are facing multiple obstacles to successful integration.

Malkamo began saxophone lessons in September, 2008. He came to the Conservatory armed with his saxophone and a huge smile of joy and pride. Music lessons are the highlight of Malkamo's week; indeed, he basks in the warmth he experiences as a member of our community. Malkamo's timid, yet charming, smile while playing with his ensemble touches us anew every time. At the end of last year Malkamo expressed his desire to keep playing butthe electric guitar. After many discussions we decided together to give him the chance to realize his dream. Malkamo is very happy with his choice and we hope to see him growing for many years with his chosen instrument.

Weekly Program of Study: Guitar with Denis Sobolov (60 mins) and home tutoring with Itamar Striyar.

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Racheli Taklo, Recorder

Racheli, nine years old, began studying recorder in September, 2008. Racheli's father heard about the program from relatives and hoped to give his three children the same opportunity. Unfortunately we could only take one of the children and Racheli, the youngest, was chosen. Racheli arrives at her lessons with a smile and loves playing for her friends. Last year she performed in public for the first time in her life and very much enjoyed this uplifting experience.

Weekly Program of Study: Recorder with Yael Zamir (60 mins), Theory with Shira Elad (45 mins) and home tutoring with Shlomit Bloomendal.

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Hodaya Mizrahy, Recorder

Hodaya, 10, began studying music in September, 2007. She first sang in the choir and the following year took guitar lessons. During the middle of her second year, Hodaya, who had been estranged from her father for many years, underwent a difficult period in her relations with him. Thus, she temporarily discontinued her studies and returned to us a few months later. We welcomed her back enthusiastically and, with the help of a music consultant, we have begun to instruct her in playing recorder.

Weekly Program of Study: Recorder with Idit Paz (60 mins), Choir with Ayelet Carmon (105 mins) and home tutoring with Beny Fine.

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Ruth Adena, Piano

Ruth, 10, began piano lessons in September, 2007. She is a very special girl who has faced serious challenges at school and at home. At the Conservatory, she has found a second home; a place characterized by warmth and on-going concern for her well-being. Ruth has developed very strong bonds with her teacher and tutor. Meetings with her tutor are so important to her that, when the tutor was out of the country for a month, Ruth frequently visited the office to inquire regarding the tutor's return. Since Ruth began studying at the Conservatory, music has become a central aspect of her life.

Ruth Told Us: "I love coming to the Conservatory to learn piano and theory and I love my teacher a lot - she gives me so much help!"

Weekly Program of Study: Piano with Mina Dashevsky (60 mins), Theory with Shira Elad (45 mins) and home tutoring with Shahar Yelnik.

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