



519 672 7950 WWW.AEOLIANHALL.CA 795 DUNDAS ST. E. LONDON ON N5W 2Z6

## El Sistema Aeolian

### Principles, Goals and Objectives

There are 5 fundamental principles of El Sistema:  
(Jonathan Govias, Canadian Abreu fellow)

#### 1. Social Change:

The primary objective is social transformation *through* the pursuit of musical excellence. One happens through the other, and neither is prioritized at the expense of the other.

#### 2. Ensembles:

The focus of El Sistema is the orchestra or choral experience

#### 3. Frequency:

El Sistema ensembles meet multiple times every week over extended periods.

#### 4. Accessibility:

El Sistema programs are free, and are not selective in admission.

#### 5. Connectivity:

Every *nucleo* (El Sistema Centre) is linked at the urban, regional and national levels, forming a cohesive network of services and opportunities for students across the country.

# THE AEOLIAN

519 672 7950 WWW.AEOLIANHALL.CA 795 DUNDAS ST. E. LONDON ON NSW 2Z6

## **Social Goals:**

- Increasing opportunities for youth and their families in the pursuit of excellence
- Working as a team toward the building of community in the orchestra
- Fostering community interaction
- Building self esteem
- Cultivating passion
- Teaching communication skills
- Meeting and engaging with various members and organizations of the community: creating community connectivity - *is this not a repetition of the second bullet?*
- Learning how to give back to others
- Engaging parents in the process
- Helping youth develop social and academic skills by providing positive interactions with teachers and peers
- Fostering a sense of pride and accomplishment by providing public performance opportunities
- Cultivating a sense of belonging

## **Music Goals:**

- Providing excellent music education
- Offering teaching experience to peers and mentors
- Instilling appreciation for classical music as well as music of all styles
- Gaining familiarity with great repertoire
- Helping take classical music out of the hands of the elite and give it back to everyone in the community
- Building new audiences for classical music as well as music of all styles
- Fostering performance skills through frequent performance opportunities
- Increasing emotional and musical sensitivity

## **Other Goals:**

- Refining motor skills and coordination
- Encouraging the ability to multitask
- Providing and teaching about good nutrition