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ORGANIZATION**

The Docents, one of 26 Affiliates of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, are adult volunteers with a background of sound musical training as instrumentalists, vocalists or teachers.

Founded in 1970, the Docents have remained under the continuing sponsorship of the Southern California Symphony-Hollywood Bowl Association. An Artistic Director is provided from the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

Since its inception, the service of the Docents has steadily increased in volume and scope, reaching city, county and parochial schools in many areas of Los Angeles County. In three years the Docents have given music presentations in 300 schools to a total audience of 60,000 students in elementary and junior high schools.

The Docents' contribution has been recognized in public expressions of appreciation by administrators of both the city and county schools.

The Docents of the Los Angeles Philharmonic are serving as a model for groups affiliated with other symphony orchestras in the United States.

PURPOSE

The Docent purpose is to stimulate and sustain an interest in music among school children.

DOCENT PRESENTATIONS

The Docents provide free presentations upon request from elementary and junior high schools in the Los Angeles City, County and parochial school systems.

Spanish language presentations are available to schools with a significant enrollment of students of Latin American background.

In addition, occasional presentations are given for patients at Children's Hospital.

There are two basic types of presentations:

1. Previews of Youth Concerts to be given by the Los Angeles Philharmonic at the Music Center or in the schools;
2. General introductions to music designed to cultivate good listening habits and to stimulate participation in music.

It should be noted that each presentation is individualized to make use of the special skills of the participating Docent.

MEMBERSHIP AND REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are selected on the basis of training, skill, experience and the potential ability for relating to student audiences. There is no age limit.

The Docent group is comprised of active and provisional members. Provisional members are selected periodically and are admitted to active membership on satisfactory completion of the training program within the first calendar year of membership.

All members must meet the following requirements:

1. Annual payment of dues, \$5.00;
2. Purchase of one season ticket to a winter series of the Los Angeles Philharmonic;
3. Attendance at semi-monthly training sessions between the months of October and May;
4. Fulfillment by active members of the following service requirement: a minimum of 8 school presentations per year.

TRAINING PROGRAM

All members must satisfactorily comply with training requirements.

Principal elements of the training program are:

1. Provisional training, under the supervision of the education committee and

other experienced Docents, includes instruction in the use of source materials and the actual preparation of a proposed presentation. Approval by the evaluation committee is needed before the presentation may be given at a school.

2. On-going training for all members includes attendance at lecture-demonstrations given by musicians and music educators. These sessions are held semi-monthly between the months of October and May.
3. Evaluation questionnaires are completed by school administrators and Docents after each presentation. Letters from the children are encouraged. These provide a further means of evaluation and much reward for efforts put forth in the Docent program.
4. Equipment is provided to facilitate the completion of training and service requirements. A classroom setting, with piano, is used to simulate the real experience. In addition, the Docents maintain a library containing reference books, records, teaching manuals, a clipping file and pictorial material. Record players, cassette tape recorders and rhythm instruments are also available.

THE DOCENT AND THE COMMUNITY

Each presentation offers to the Docent a new opportunity for individual growth and creative expression while giving service to the community at large.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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