

WHEN MUSIC CHANGES LIFE

THE YOUTH ORCHESTRA SANITANSAMBLE FROM NAPLES

Based in a popular neighbourhood of Naples (Italy), [Sanitansamble](#) is one of the Youth Orchestras inspired by the wonderful experience of the [Orchestral System of Venezuela](#). In January 2019, *Sanitansamble* celebrated its 10 years of work, which has allowed to involve more than 300 children and young people of the neighbourhood in the Orchestra.



The *Sanitansamble* Orchestra was created in 2009 with the support of the *L'Altra Napoli* Association, the *Pianoterra* Foundation and other partners, in order to offer a free musical education to children and young people living in difficult social contexts of the *Sanità* Neighbourhood in Naples. Through its activities, the Orchestra offers young people an important educational and pedagogical opportunity to build their future.



Currently, 85 children and young people of the neighborhood, from 7 to 24 years old participate in two musical groups of *Sanitansamble*: the Junior Orchestra and the Senior Orchestra. The young musicians are attended by 15 teachers.



55 children from 5 to 12 years old are part of the Junior Orchestra. Each child, once a week, participates in the lesson in the orchestra and in an individual lesson with the teacher of the chosen instrument. The Junior Orchestra includes 14 violins, 6 violas, 3 flutes, 3 oboes, 3 clarinets, 4 cellos, 4 double basses, 3 horns, 3 beams, 6 trumpets, 2 trombones and 4 percussion musicians. [The young artists are mentioned on the Sanitansamble website.](#)

The Senior Orchestra includes 30 young people from 12 to 24 years' old who started the Orchestra project in 2009. The Senior Orchestra participate in numerous concerts and some children of the Youth Orchestra accompany them during shows in local and national prestigious events.



The *Sanitansamble* Orchestra is also a place of multiculturalism: children from different countries share the experience of learning and playing together, establishing bonds of knowledge and friendship through a universal language like music.

The Orchestra is currently invited to give concerts at local and national events. On December 22, 2018, for example, the Junior and Senior Orchestra *Sanitansamble* were the protagonists of the 2018 *Christmas Concert* at the Teatro San Carlo in Naples, under the direction of [Maestro Juraj Valčuha](#). The young musicians had the opportunity to participate in the performance together with the San Carlo Theater Orchestra, the most prestigious in the city.

The Orchestra's plans are to expand the impact of its musical training activities in other neighbourhoods of Naples and in other cities of the Campania Region with the support of various partners.

The *Sanitansamble* Orchestra of Naples participates in the [Sistema di Orchestre e dei cori giovanili e infantili](#) which was created in Italy in 2010 to offer better educational opportunities to children and young people from difficult contexts through music. The system in Italy involves more than 6,500 children and young people in 27 Orchestras operating in 12 Regions of the country. To strengthen the development of the associated Orchestras, the System provides support with musical educational activities and mobilization of citizenship and institutions in this project of high pedagogic and social value. For example, it realizes campaigns to recover musical instruments from families, professionals and institutions that no longer use them, to let them be available to children and young people of the Orchestras.

The Honorary President of the System implemented in Italy was the [Maestro José Antonio Abreu](#), founder of the National System of Youth Orchestras of Venezuela and an organic plan of technical and musical exchanges is taking place between the two countries.

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