



HISTORY

Born in L.A., growing beyond

Established in 2020, the Bloom Arts Foundation (BAF) was created to address the lack of early childhood arts education in Los Angeles County public elementary schools.

Growing from deep community relationships and the excellent reputation of the **Bloom School of Music and Dance** (founded in 2008 by BAF Executive Director Laura Porter) BAF's creates engagement opportunities for students who lack access to arts programs.

Driven by the **proven impact of music and dance** on social, emotional, and cognitive development in young children, BAF's co-founders Laura Porter and Radhika Fliegel created a program that allows elementary students the benefits of this education during their school day.

Beginning with just 8 schools and 2 teachers in 2021, BAF has grown to include over 20 teachers, impacting 45 schools, engaging 20,000 students through its **school programs**. They also lead professional development workshops which deliver practical strategies for teachers to integrate music and dance into their daily classrooms.

With partnerships throughout the Pasadena, Glendale, Culver City, and Los Angeles Unified School Districts, as well as their international program, **Futures in Tune**, BAF's contributions to youth arts education have been transformative.



MISSION *and* VISION

Our Mission

Our mission is to provide music and dance education that sparks joy, creativity, and belonging in PreK-6th grade students in Los Angeles County, and through international partners abroad.

Partnering with schools where arts programs are limited, we ensure every child has the chance to create original work, perform, and grow through artistic expression.

Our Vision

We envision a future where every child, regardless of circumstances, receives quality arts education that strengthens memory, attention, and problem-solving abilities.

Through early arts education, students are prepared to become innovative problem solvers and creative leaders in any career path they choose, equipped with tools that serve them for life.