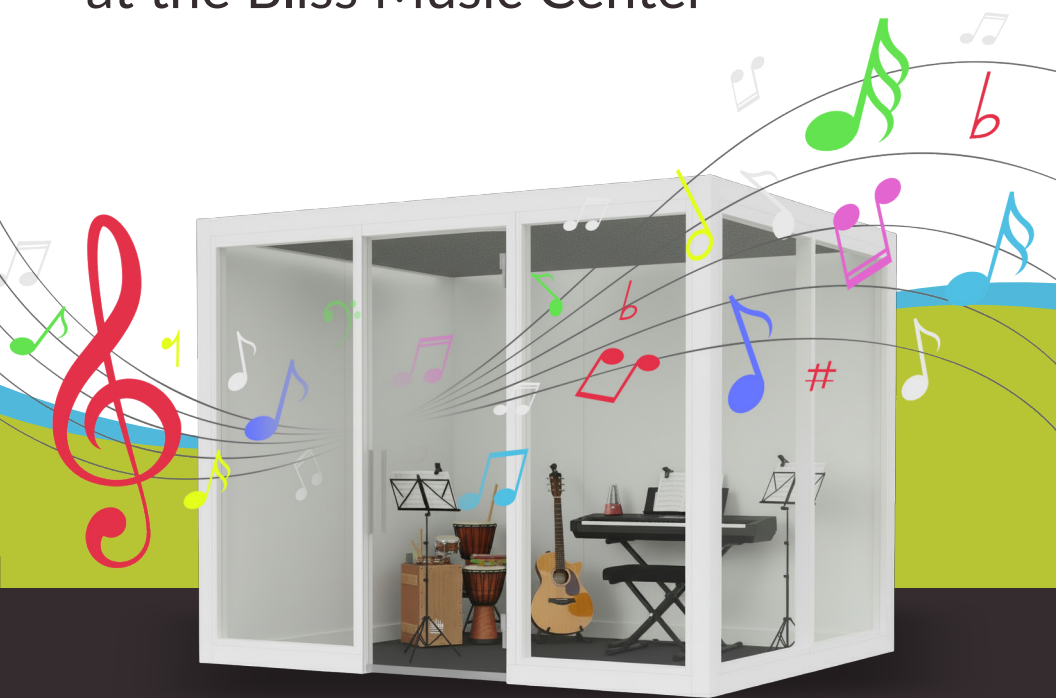


# The MUSIC STUDIOS

at the Bliss Music Center



**IMAGINE** a place, right in the heart of New Rochelle, where musicians and music enthusiasts of all ages can practice, learn and grow their musical talents in a dedicated space, free of charge. A place where musicians can rehearse for performances, students can build skills and adults and families can explore lifelong passions.

# IMAGINE that this space is:

- ▶ Light-filled and welcoming
- ▶ Equipped with instruments, seating, and music stands
- ▶ Soundproof and designed specifically for music practice and exploration
- ▶ Free to use for Library patrons

This is the vision of the Music Studios at The Bliss Music Center. Together, the New Rochelle Public Library and the NRPL Foundation are launching an initiative to expand access to music practice space through Music Studios—a new community resource that removes cost and space barriers to music education and creative expression.

## What are the Music Studios?

The Music Studios at the Bliss Music Center will include **custom-designed, soundproof practice rooms** located inside the Bliss Music Center on the Library's third floor, along with a shared **Library of Instruments** available for use during practice sessions.

Studios will be reservable online through the Library's booking system and available **free of charge for library patrons**, eliminating typical \$25–\$70 hourly rental fees that put practice space out of reach for many.

## Why is this needed now?

Across our community, demand for music practice space is high - and options are limited.

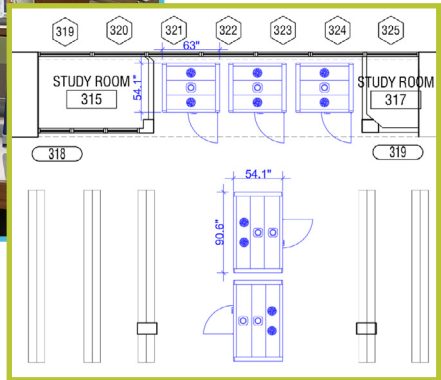
**Library staff consistently fields inquiries about dedicated practice space,** requests the Library is not currently equipped to meet.

- Students receive music instruction at school, but often have no place to practice outside school hours.
- Adults face similar barriers, with limited access to instruments or soundproof spaces.
- For many residents in apartments or shared housing, practicing music at home is difficult due to limited space, shared walls, or noise considerations.
- As downtown development and high-density housing continue to grow, these challenges are only increasing.

# A proven model, brought to Westchester

The Music Studios at the Bliss Music Center will be the **first library-based music practice studios in Westchester County**, adapting a proven model used by leading library systems nationwide. Modern libraries are evolving beyond collections alone to provide creative opportunities that meet the changing needs of their communities.

Thanks to a generous matching challenge from a NRPLF donor, we are on our way to achieving our goal. *Now we invite you, music lovers and believers in the vital role libraries play in expanding opportunity, to help bring this vision fully to life.*



## What will my gift fund?

Your contribution will transform the Bliss Music Center on the Library's third floor with the creation of:

### ▶ Custom-designed music studios

Each approximately 10' x 10', purpose-built for individual and small-group practice.

### ▶ A Library of Instruments

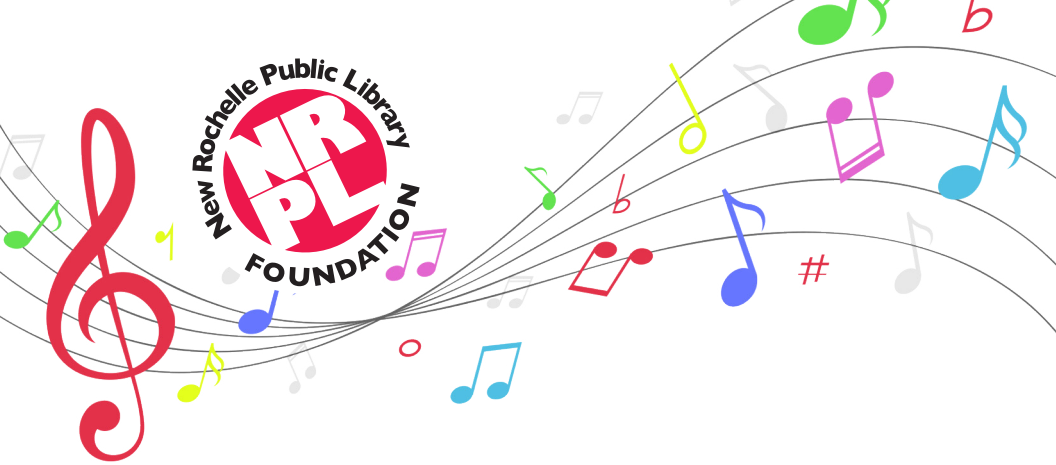
Gifts will also fund a shared collection of musical instruments available for use during practice sessions. This allows patrons to:

- Practice without owning an instrument
- Explore new or unfamiliar instruments
- Learn and develop talents without financial barriers

### ▶ A seamless booking experience

Practice studios will be reserved through the Library's online booking system at [nrpl.org](http://nrpl.org) and will be available free of charge to Library patrons.





## How you can help make this a reality

- ▶ **Make a gift** and help us achieve the \$50,000 match
- ▶ **Gifts of \$1,000 and more** will be recognized on a special plaque in the Bliss Music Center
- ▶ **Underwrite an individual practice studio**
- ▶ **Sponsor an instrument set**
- ▶ **Introduce us to others** who believe in equitable access to the arts



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As a concert pianist and music educator who has recently relocated to New Rochelle, I have struggled to find an apartment that permits the use of an acoustic piano. Access to free rehearsal space, equipped with an acoustic piano — just blocks from my apartment — would allow me to practice freely, developing my skills, without worrying about disturbing neighbors.

—Anita  
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## Help make this a reality

- ▶ **\$50,000 – Music Studios Signature Sponsor (Fulfilled)**  
Underwriting – Provides leadership support for the Music Studios project.
- ▶ **\$15,000 – Instrument Lending Library**  
Sponsors Underwrites the purchase of instruments for the music lending library.
- ▶ **\$10,000 – Music Equipment Sponsors**  
Supports the purchase of music equipment and accessories.
- ▶ **\$5,000 – Music Access Sponsors**  
Supports the purchase of studio furnishings and seating.
- ▶ **\$1,000 – Community Music Supporters**  
Supports equitable access to music learning and creative expression.

Donor support will be acknowledged on a permanent Music Studios recognition plaque.

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I (we) pledge the following amount to the Bliss Music Center Campaign

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Name as you would like it acknowledged on the recognition plaque:

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Payment will be made in

- One installment
- Two installments

Please contact Nina Robertson at [nrobertson@nrplfoundation.org](mailto:nrobertson@nrplfoundation.org) for information about gifts of appreciated stocks and other methods of contributing, or for questions about The Music Studios at the Bliss Music Center.



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