

Press Release – Special Music Event

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Special Music Program for San Diego Unified School District Teachers K-6

On Saturday, May 17th from 1:00-5:00 PM, Guitars in the Classroom (GITC) in collaboration with Hornblower Cruises & Events, will offer a free professional development seminar for teachers at The Abbey, which is a Hornblower historic venue at 2825 5th Avenue in San Diego! This special music integration workshop will show teachers the basics of playing simple guitar, singing with students, teaching songs, and facilitating classroom songwriting while meeting state educational standards. Teachers are welcome to borrow an acoustic guitar, free of charge, courtesy of GITC sponsor, Daisy Rock Guitars. The industry's premiere girl guitar company is well-known for their unique selection of lightweight, thin-necked instruments ideal for the smaller hands and lighter builds of females and children alike. Guitars in the Classroom and Daisy Rock share a common goal of making music accessible and getting guitars into the hands of musicians everywhere. Guitars in the Classroom's online enrollment is happening now at guitarsintheclassroom.org. Ongoing classes are also planned for San Diego teachers next fall.

As many San Diegans know, Hornblower tours often give special attention to environmental and community education. The venue donation is a part of their exemplary dedication to education, and the belief that all of San Diego's students will benefit from making music at school.

This professional development event will be presented in partnership San Diego's [Mission4Music](#) charity foundation, a parent and community-led organization that last year raised funds at the Wee Rock Music Festival to help provide this training to teachers regardless of ability to pay.

GITC, a non-profit based in Solana Beach, trains and equips educators in 23 states to integrate music across the curriculum each day so all children get the chance to discover the joy and power of making music. The work has proven itself to be a powerful tool for all kinds of learners including those who face special challenges or are learning English as a second language. Teachers who consider themselves shower singers and total beginners are encouraged to sign up. Everyone has the ability to succeed in this program.

For more information on this event please visit the Guitars in the Classroom website at www.guitarsintheclassroom.org or call (858) 755-2239.

To learn more about Hornblower Cruises, please visit <http://www.hornblower.com/>. To learn more about Daisy Rock Guitars, visit daisyrock.com now. To find out about Mission4Music and the Wee Kids Rock Festival, please visit <http://www.mission4music.org/>.

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