

Music

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Music in the middle school is an adventure, a voyage that is a reflection of Thornton-Donovan's global approach to learning. We continue where lower school music leaves off, introducing students to a wider variety of musics from around the globe. And we get to play around with the instruments that make that music! Oud, Baglama Saz, Pipa, Kantele, Kalimba, Cajon---we make worldly music with worldly instruments, but more than that, we *learn* about the music.

We sing and we clap and stamp-and we play instruments! In middle school music we are all about the guitar and the ukulele, exploring and expanding our knowledge through solo and ensemble work. We learn songs from whatever part of the world we are studying along with popular songs from the radio. Several times throughout the year students have the opportunity to perform for the school family at our Arts House Café, a showcase evening at the New Rochelle Public Library's theatre.