

# Black Womxn United

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## Black History Month Arts & Music Residency

### Overview

Two-Month Arts Experience Centering Black History Through Music, Creativity & Performance

Black Women United presents a dynamic Arts & Music Residency designed to immerse students in Black history through choir, creative arts-based learning, and a culminating live concert celebration. This residency transforms Black History Month into a schoolwide artistic experience that uplifts student voice, cultural knowledge, and performance excellence. Rehearsals and instruction begin in January, leading into a powerful February Black History Month Celebration Concert. The art and music curriculum is a standards-aligned, arts-based educational partnership designed for **K-12 public and charter schools**. The program supports districts in meeting instructional goals related to **arts education, literacy, history-social science, equity, and family engagement** while providing a high-quality, turnkey Black History Month experience.

### Arts-Centered Equity & Cultural Practice

Black Women United's Arts & Music Residency is grounded in **culturally responsive and sustaining arts education**. The program affirms Black identity, honors Black artistic traditions, and centers creative expression as a legitimate and powerful form of learning.

Through music and the arts, students engage history emotionally, intellectually, and communally. Instruction elevates Black composers, vocal traditions, and cultural art forms while supporting multiple learning styles and expanding access to high-quality arts instruction. This approach strengthens belonging, cultural competence, confidence, and artistic voice, while aligning with district goals for equity and arts access.

## Program Deliverables

### Black History Month Celebration Choir

- Formation of a student BHM Celebration Choir
- **Rehearsals twice per week beginning in January**
- Vocal instruction, ensemble development, and performance preparation
- Repertoire rooted in Black musical traditions and cultural storytelling
- Choir featured as a centerpiece of the culminating celebration concert

### Arts-Based Black History Curriculum

- Arts-integrated curriculum centered on Black history and cultural contributions
- Music and visual arts used as primary learning tools
- Instruction led by professional Black teaching artists
- Supports creative expression, cultural literacy, and student engagement

### Live Black History Month Celebration Concert

- A culminating **Black History Month Arts Concert** hosted by Black Women United
- Student choir performance
- Featured guest performers and/or artists
- Designed as a schoolwide or community celebration of Black culture, artistry, and student achievement

## Program Highlights

- Two-month residency: **January–February**
- Rehearsals and instruction begin in January
- Arts and music centered approach
- Professional artistic leadership and program coordination
- Turnkey Black History Month arts experience
- Schoolwide impact with a high-quality culminating event

### **PROGRAM INVESTMENT: Total Program Cost: \$6,500**

Includes:

- Arts-based curriculum and instruction
- BHM Celebration Choir with twice-weekly rehearsals
- Live Black History Month Celebration Concert
- Guest performers and/or speakers
- Program direction, coordination, and facilitation

## ABOUT BLACK WOMEN UNITED

Black Women United is a Black-led organization committed to advancing Black liberation, cultural preservation, and creative expression. Through arts education and community-centered programming, BWU creates transformative experiences that honor Black history, elevate Black artistry, and empower the next generation.

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