



Changing Lives Through Music Since 2006

About Daniel's Music

Daniel's Music Foundation (DMF) is a non-profit organization founded in 2006 by the Trush Family to provide access to music for people with disabilities. Today, we have expanded our programs serving thousands - both locally in NYC at our 8,700 square-foot music center, and nationally through the DMF Online Community. Our mission is to provide a comfortable, educational, and social environment in which individuals of all abilities can enjoy, learn and practice the joy of music together.

Through the universal language of music and the power of performance, we are challenging stereotypes about disability with high profile events like - The Danny Awards® and Hello Inclusion®, and our boutique record label - Just Call Me By My Name®. Please find below, a brief overview of our programs. To learn more about Daniel's Music, please visit danielismusic.org.

Music Has the Power to Connect us All

At DMF we use music to promote creative self-expression, while building confidence, connection and community. A variety of free and fee-based music programs are available for people with disabilities at our state-of-the-art, custom-built music center in NYC.



In-Person Music Programs

For Individuals

Free group classes for individuals is how we started nineteen years ago. Each participant is placed in a class that is best suited for their musical interests and social well-being. Classes focus on music education, performance, and socialization, with options that include Singing, Song Composition, Keyboard, Drumming & Percussion, and Rhythm & Movement.

For Groups

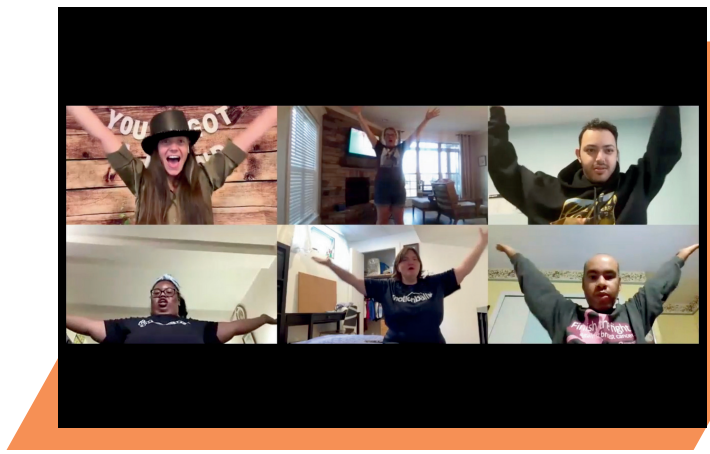
We offer customized fee-based group music classes for special education schools, adult day programs, and other organizations. With the costs covered by the organization, participants can celebrate the joy of music together, at no cost to them. Classes focus on expressive music and movement.



Music Without Boundaries

Online Music Programs

Launched in 2020, in response to the global pandemic, the DMF Online Community is a place where individuals of all abilities can learn, connect, and celebrate the joy of music together.



For Individuals

For those who can make an ongoing commitment we offer free, online music classes that focus on music education and self-expression. Can't commit, no problem! Join us online for our free Open-Mic Nights, themed dance parties, Sing-a-longs, and a variety of uplifting 25-minute mini-classes that promote positivity and joy. Our DMF On-Demand channel, with a robust video library of music activities and series, allows members of our community to stay connected through music, regardless of where they live.

For Groups

Customized fee-based online group classes are available to organizations that serve people with disabilities. Offered as a one-time class or in a series, a variety of class options are available, all with a focus on music education and self-expression.

Inclusion In Action

Using music as the great equalizer, we are furthering our commitment to creating a more equitable future for people with disabilities through our high profile signature events and record label.

The Danny Awards®

The Danny Awards is our annual, global award show that recognizes artists with disabilities and celebrates their incredible contributions to the world of music. The 6th Annual Danny Awards will take place on Saturday, October 25, 2025, at The Town Hall in New York City.

Hello Inclusion®

Hello Inclusion: A Festival of Possibilities is a one-day, all encompassing music festival that celebrates Disability Pride month. Hosted in partnership with Bethel Woods Center for the Arts (the original site of Woodstock 1969) on July 25, 2025, it includes a wide-range of music activities such as drum circles, dance parties, accessible instrument demonstrations, and performances by our record label artists on the Horizon Stage.

Just Call Me By My Name®

Just Call Me By My Name is a purpose-driven record label that promotes positive, uplifting and thought-provoking music by artists with disabilities, and champions inclusive artistry. As a Daniel's Music initiative, all profits support free music programs for people with disabilities.

