

# The OSP Music Program

## Mission Statement

The OSP Music Program is dedicated to providing Adults in Custody (AIC) a music program that allows those interested in the audio arts the ability to learn the fundamentals of music theory, to assemble with other musicians for collaborative composition production and to provide a professional sound stage for a variety of entertainment geared toward the general population here at the Penitentiary. Music is a language that people around the world can understand, no matter what language they speak, and the OSP Music Program desires to bring people together, on common ground, in a social setting that will promote tolerance and positive interactions.

## Introduction To The OSP Music Program

The OSP Music Program is a “special interest group” that came to life in the 1970’s as the “Roadie School.” The Activities Department at the time would have stage entertainment events for the general population. These events required sound reinforcement that the Dept. of Corrections rented for these events. An idea then came to life between the Activities Staff and Adults in Custody (AIC) of building a program that would acquire the necessary sound equipment and then creating a Roadie School that would teach all of the aspects of setting up a professional sound stage for events. The Roadie School maintained a key group of instructors qualified in different technical aspects of sound stage production that would teach these skills to those who were interested in learning. These men could later use the skills learned upon release to gain employment in the entertainment sound stage industry. Now known as the OSP Music Program, education is still a key feature of what we do. However, we now focus on aiding beginning and intermediate level musicians in their music education, as well as promoting growth in their ability to assemble with other like-minded musicians in collaborative musical interactions, with an emphasis on public performance experience. The Music Program coordinates with the various AIC clubs in providing the necessary sound stage needs for a variety of educational, speaking and entertainment events they put on each year. We also promote and schedule musical entertainment events through out the year for the general population that have musicians from both outside of prison, as well as in-house AIC Bands/Solo Artists to perform for the men at OSP. The OSP Music Program welcomes inquiries about possible donations to our program, as well as interest from musicians who would like to come and perform for the men. All funds from this program come from the AICs or outside donations. You can contact the OSP Activities Section for these inquiries.

Sincerely,

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