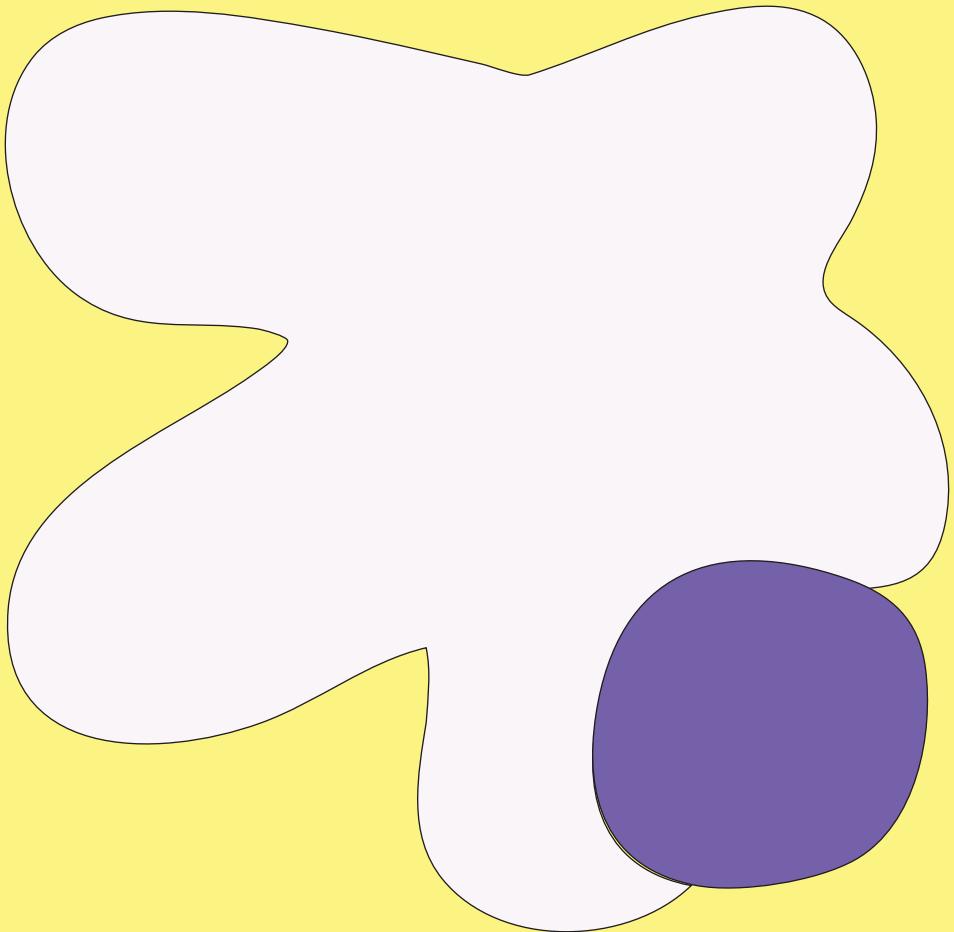


introducing...



The McCormick Arts Center

A not-for-profit community center with the mission of empowering young people to explore their creativity through music. We look to provide an inclusive community space where young people can learn to produce, record, mix, and perform – building confidence, artistic skill, and a lifelong connection to creative expression.

Music and arts programs are continuing to grow inaccessible to many young people due to budget cuts, limited school curriculum, and the high cost of equipment and instruction. This lack of access disproportionately affects low-income families and communities of color, reducing opportunities for creative development and career exploration in the arts.

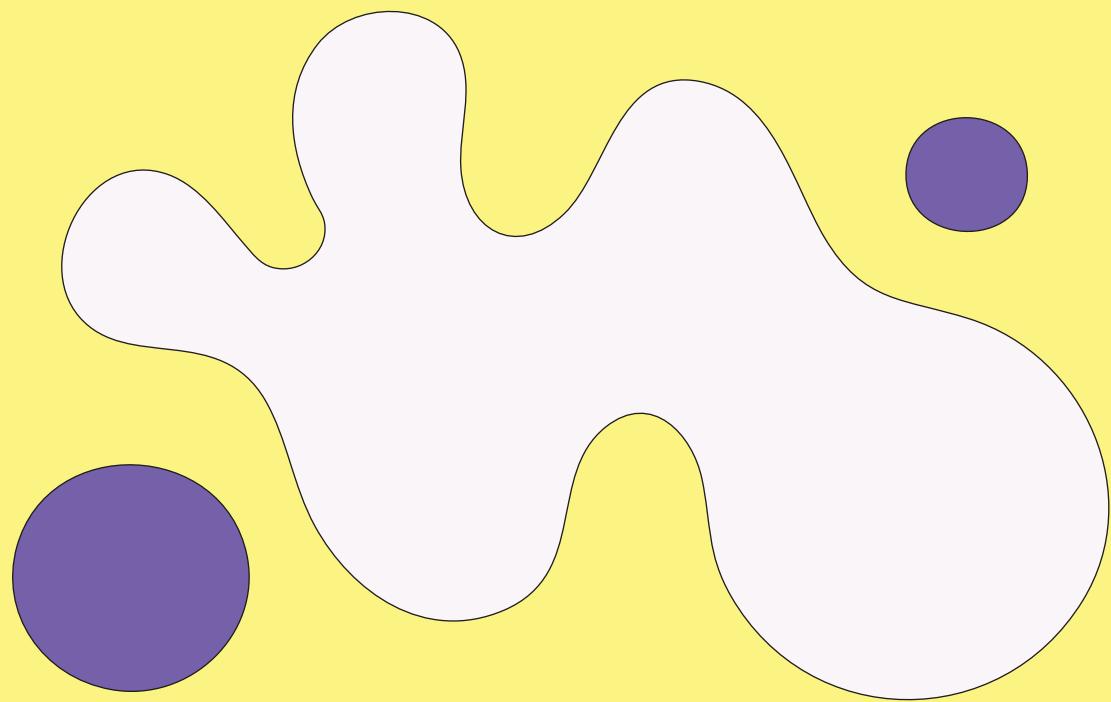
Our community arts center seeks to address this inequity by providing free access to music education, creative technology, and performance opportunities that empower youth to build confidence, skill, and a sense of belonging.

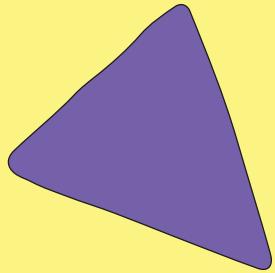
Our vision for the future of Pittsburgh includes a thriving music scene. By giving young people of Pittsburgh a place to learn, create and network with each other, we are investing in making Pittsburgh a national hub for innovation in music and the arts.

Space + Programs

Our community arts center aims to offer resources in four main areas that support every step of a young musician's journey – from learning and creating to performing and discovering.

- 1. The Classroom** - teach practical music skills while encouraging curiosity, self-expression, and teamwork.
- 2. The Studio** - empower youth with technical skills and confidence to bring their musical ideas to life.
- 3. The Stage** - help young artists build confidence, develop performance skills, and engage with Pittsburgh's growing music scene.
- 4. The Library** - encourage independent learning and connect young creators with the broader world of music and culture.





Classrooms + Practice Rooms

- **Group Classes in Music Production & Songwriting:**
Students learn the foundations of creating music – from building beats and writing lyrics to arranging and composing original songs.
- **Instrument Lessons (Public & Private):**
Classes and private lessons in a range of instruments including piano, guitar, drums, voice, and digital production tools. Lessons are tailored to each student's interests and goals.
- **Workshops & Masterclasses:**
Local artists, producers, and educators lead specialized workshops on topics like mixing, performance techniques, and the music business, exposing students to real-world insights.



Studio

- **Recording Sessions:**

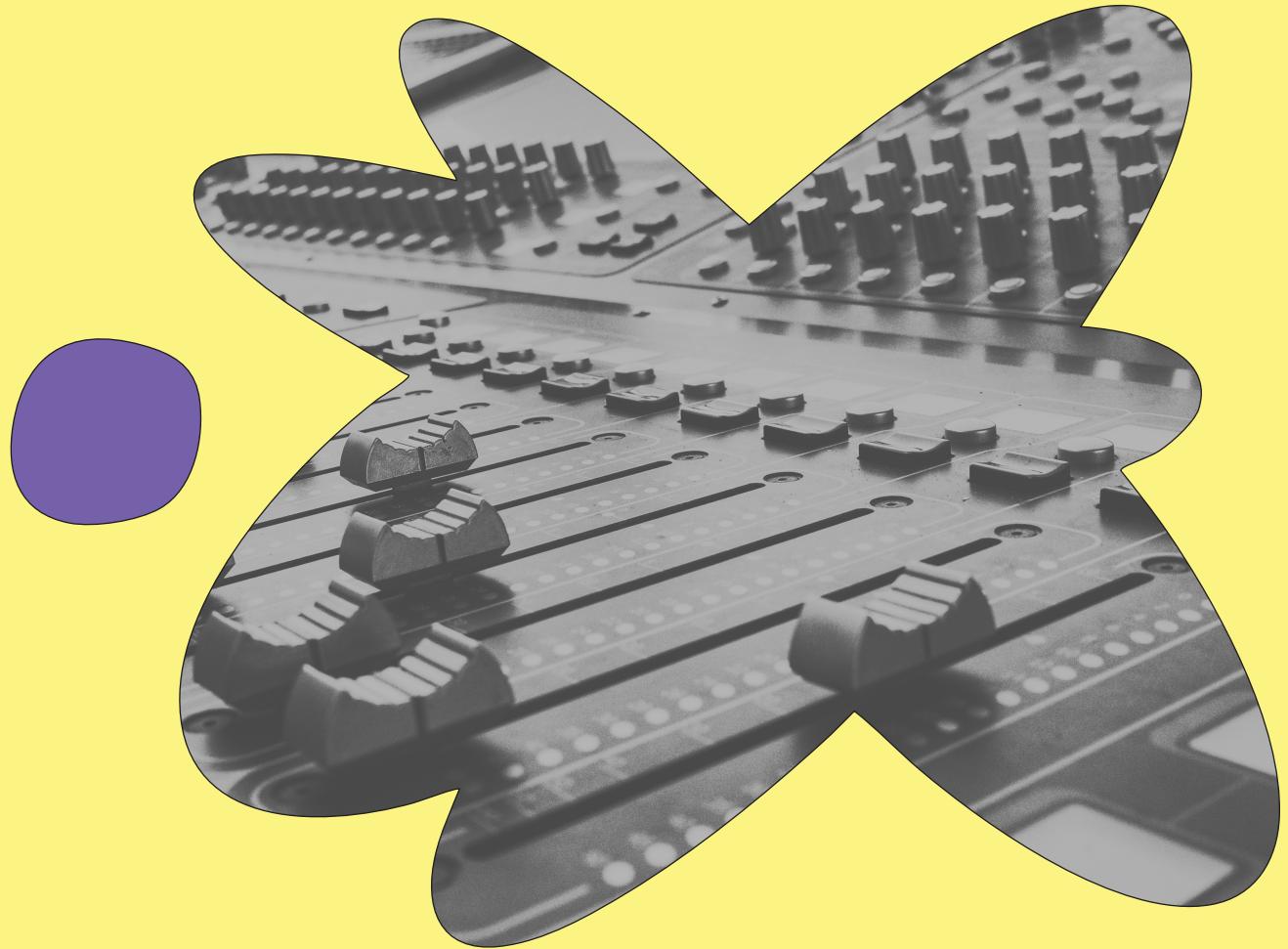
Record vocals, instruments, or group performances in a high-quality, acoustically treated space.

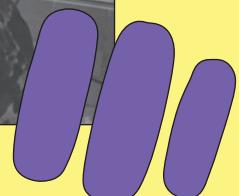
- **Mentored Studio Time:**

Experienced engineers and producers guide young creators through the workflow of recording, mixing, and mastering.

- **Collaborative Projects:**

Students work together to produce full songs or EPs – from writing to final mix – teaching teamwork and accountability.

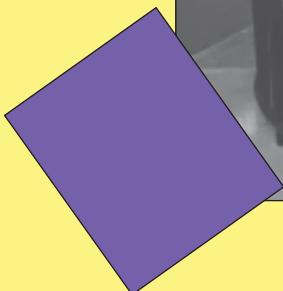
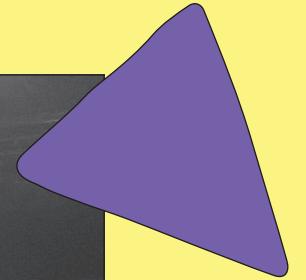




Stage

- **Open Mics:**
A welcoming environment for first-time performers to share original music, poetry, or collaborations.
- **Concerts & Showcases:**
Regular community performances that highlight student talent and give them experience performing in front of live audiences.
- **Workshops on Performance & Stage Presence:**
Students learn how to engage an audience, manage nerves, and express themselves authentically.





Library



- **Books & Educational Resources:**
Covering music theory, composition, production, history, and biographies of influential artists.
- **Audio Library:**
A collection of cds and vinyl with listening stations to explore and experience music from outside students' personal catalog.
- **Rent-to-own Instruments and Gear:**
Discounts and payment plans for students to purchase their own gear for self-expoloration.



Funding

While we are asking for help with funding from interested parties, the arts center is designed so that all four of our main services can be used for adult use at a cost to help keep the space free to use for young people.

The classroom can provide paid lessons and classes for adults.

The studio can be rented during non-peak hours.

The stage can host concerts and shows to help fund the students use of the space.

The library can sell merch and music equipment to help fund the students use of the space.

The Name

Malcolm McCormick (a.k.a. Mac Miller) is well-known for his music that moved millions and his impact on the culture of Pittsburgh. That alone would be enough to name a community center after him, but the mentorship and guidance he gave younger artists still trying to find their way is the true inspiration behind this project.

Many artists including JID and Vince Staples have told stories of Mac being a mentor to them and giving them a safe space to work on music. There are also accounts of Mac being the first critically-acclaimed artist to reach out and offer guidance to some artists that had not yet found their footing.

The way these artists light up when telling about the kindness and guidance Mac showed them early in their career is the inspiration for this arts center. Our hope is to be a beacon of light like that for our kids and inspire them to believe in themselves and their craft.



Support Our Vision

Spread the Word:

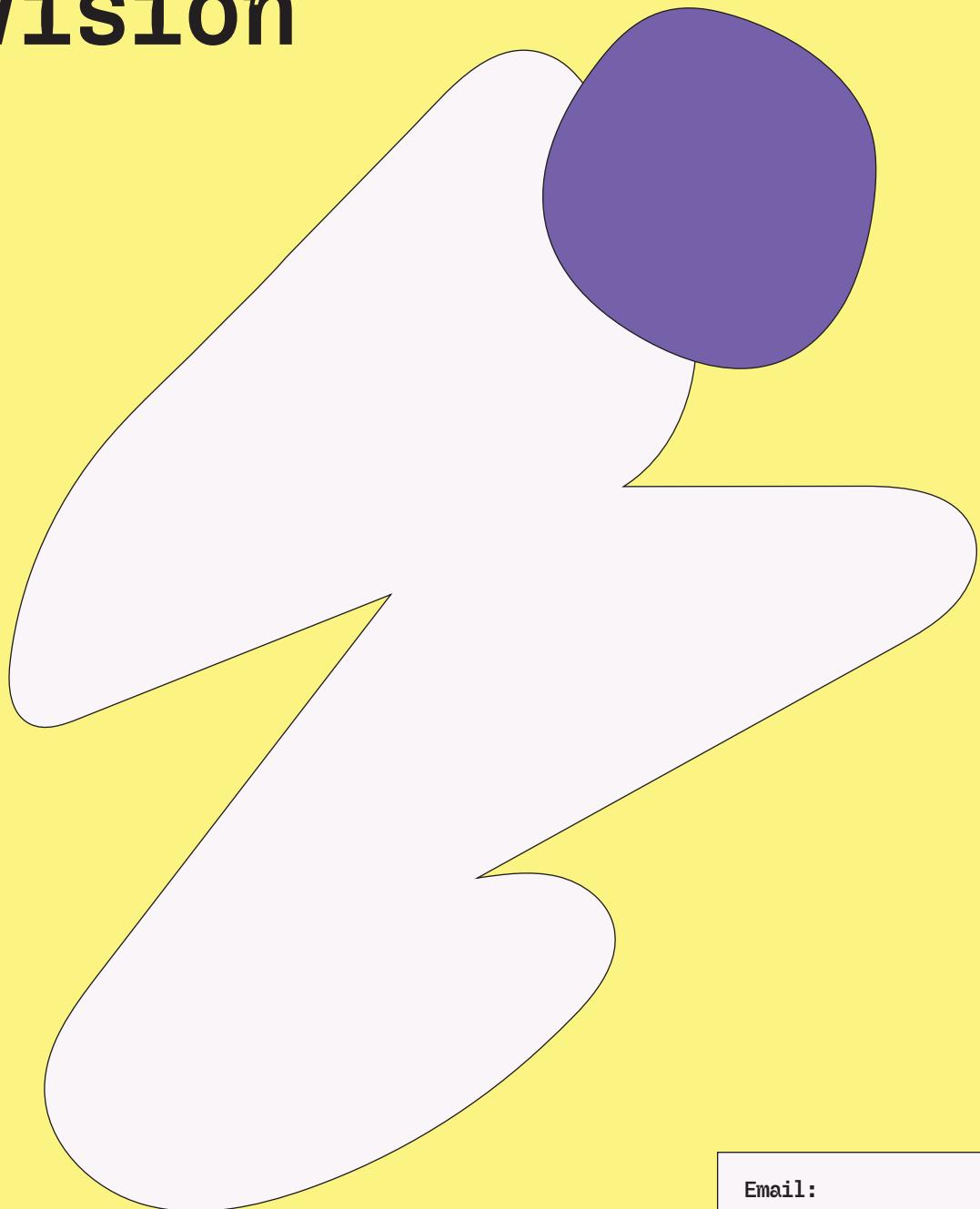
Share our mission with friends, family, and anyone passionate about music and youth empowerment.

Donate:

Financial and in-kind contributions – from instruments and books to studio gear – help us create the environment these kids deserve.

Partner:

If you represent a local business, venue, or arts organization, we'd love to explore partnership opportunities that benefit the community.



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