

SONRÍE MUSIC SCHOOL

A MUSIC SCHOOL IN CUBA, FOR EVERYONE

HISTORY

Running since 2013 and founded by Sister Anna Quinterio, the Sonríe music school was born in Rodas, in the Cuban province of Cienfuegos, after a stay by the musician Lorenzo Frizzera, who taught music courses to children, adults, older people and people with disabilities in the town and the villages around it.

The school meets a small part of the great demand for music courses among ordinary people — those who do not intend to take up a professional career at the Conservatory.

Besides music courses — guitar, piano and choral singing — the school runs theatre, dance and craft workshops, and every year it organises a number of events and shows.

The word ‘Sonríe’ means ‘Smile’.



TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Five teachers — Taimy, Adianez, Ileana, Yamisley and Yoel — teach **50 students**:

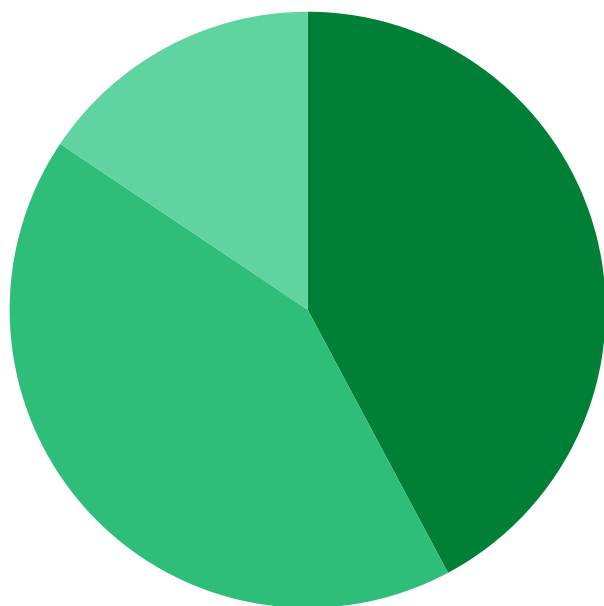


- Guitar 28%
- Piano and choir 18%
- Theatre 14%
- Crafts 20%
- Dance 20%

Management and administration

-  **Sister Lavinia Serban** is the head of the school
-  **Patrizia Vaccari** is the Italian contact for the project

FUNDING



- Echoo – formerly UpDoo World **42.2%**
- Ass. Spagnolli-Bazzoni **42.2%**
- Mario Medici **15.6%**

Every year the school costs

€ 4.480

Thanks to a substantial donation from **Elena Albertini**, in 2016 the parish was able to buy a house with three rooms to hold the school's activities in.

The building is also used for meetings of people living with HIV and for distributing medicines.

CONTEXT

In Cuba, music education is purely academic and meets the demand of only

0.05%

SOCIAL IMPACT

"We are very grateful because, honestly, there are not many opportunities here for children and teenagers to spend their time constructively. Together, each with their own gift, you have made it possible for these children and young people to grow up with values, and a little happier."

Sister Lavinia Serban (head of the school)

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