

The Hunts

Outreach Offerings

The Hunts offer educational outreach programming designed to inspire a passion for music and the arts. Their extensive background in music education ranges from hosting numerous music camps throughout the state of Virginia, to working with school children all over the U.S. while on the road during the past 10 years of touring, and even traveling to Haiti on several mission trips to deliver donated instruments and teach Haitian orphans about music.

School Shows

The Hunts' school show is a 45-60 minute program that consists of performance, student/artist participation and question-and-answer opportunities. School shows can be tailored to any age or experience level.

When working with elementary and middle school students, The Hunts teach students about the various instruments that are played during their performance, including banjo, mandolin, fiddle, viola, hand drums and more.

When performing for high school and college students, the Hunts often cover such topics as the evolution of the band's career, navigating life on the road with extensive touring, professional recording, marketing and how the songwriting process works.

Workshops

Workshops are offered in songwriting and strings—with the option to focus on fiddle or Suzuki violin. The sessions are about an hour long and typically host up to about 40 participants. Students are divided into groups according to their age and experience levels.

Music workshops cover a wide variety of topics, including daily exercises for strength, establishing good habits, setting goals, the importance of consistent practice and striving for excellence, proper posture, tips for improving, maintenance and tuning of instruments, exposure to diverse musical styles and community involvement in the arts.

In their songwriting workshops, The Hunts shed light on their uniquely collaborative songwriting process while also focusing on the skills needed for every singer-songwriter whether working individually or collaboratively.

Outreach with Orchestras/String Ensembles

With many years of experience working with orchestras and string groups, The Hunts offer a personalized and interactive experience for young, aspiring musicians to learn from and perform alongside a professional touring group.

The experience begins with a workshop during which The Hunts spend time rehearsing with the orchestra or string ensemble, and it culminates in a concert featuring the orchestra and the Hunts performing together onstage. Original song selections performed together typically include "Make this Leap" (which has been featured in a nationally aired Milk-Bone TV commercial), "Illuminate" and "Above the Storm."

This is an exciting and rewarding experience for students, giving them an opportunity to branch out and work with a commercially successful touring band. It also boosts attendance at the concert, draws attention to the music program and provides a unique, memorable experience for the audience.

Feedback on The Hunts' Educational Outreach Offerings

"The principal at Goshen Elementary was thrilled. She loved their interaction with the children and said 'Our students come from very rural backgrounds and we just don't get opportunities like this to experience live music and meet the performers. We loved it!'

'Of all the performers you (The Troy Arts Council) have given us, this was the very best!'"

-President of the Troy Arts Council – Troy, AL

"I can't thank you enough for sending The Hunts our way. They were fantastic and the kids LOVED them! The Q and A was a great opportunity for my fifth graders to ask some really good questions. Schools are really missing an opportunity if they don't bring this talented and caring group of musicians to their schools! I am hooked on their music now!"

-Principal of General Wayne Elementary School – Malvern, PA

"The school matinee was fabulous and very interactive. Most teachers said it was the best they'd seen."

-Executive Director of Idaho Falls Arts Council – Idaho Falls, ID

"They were AWESOME!!! They have so many new fans!!! Truly, I will not be able to top their show. I have set the bar too high for assemblies this year. Thanks for getting them to us. Will we be able to get them in the future? It sounds like it may not be so easy???"

-Linkhorn Park Elementary School – Virginia Beach, VA