



35 years of the EMG: The music school of the municipalities in the region!

It was 1989 when the regional councilor, Mr. Miquel Bosch i Puig, presented a completely novel and disruptive music education project: a music school in the Gironès region. The intention was clear; it aimed to fill the existing gap in basic music education. In a way, the proposal was born with the clear and transparent idea of bringing music, musical knowledge, and musical training to all the towns, especially the smallest ones in the region. This was the first step of an experience that has now reached 35 years of trajectory this school year.

It must be acknowledged that until then, the Girona Conservatory was the only institution offering musical education, an education aimed at professionalization, that is, creating musicians or music teachers. The regional initiative was initially launched with classrooms in four municipalities of the Gironès: Cervià de Ter, Fornells de la Selva, Llagostera, and Sant Julià de Ramis (Medinyà).

With this initiative, the Gironès Regional Council sought to give a new interpretation to musical education so that both enthusiasts and those wishing to pursue a professional career in music could find a place, find their space. In this sense, the Gironès Regional Council makes a very convinced commitment to make available to all citizens the tool that must allow for musical training, practice, and education through the "Gironès Music Classrooms", the seed of the Gironès Music School (EMG).

The origin lies in the fact that school-aged children from small municipalities in the Gironès region can access extracurricular musical training in their municipality or very close to it. The project requires three pillars to sustain itself: suitable municipal infrastructure, adequate financing, and the leadership of the Gironès Regional Council.

Thirty-five years after that completely random start, today's EMG is established as a reference music training school in the Girona regions with a unique management model and a unique territorial deployment that, according to data from the Government of Catalonia, is currently one of the music schools in Catalonia with the highest number of students.

The EMG's musical project covers the entire population of the Gironès region and even extends beyond the municipalities of this region. The residents of neighboring regions to Gironès, due to the territorial proximity of some of the municipal music classrooms to their homes, also have access to the musical training provided by the Gironès Music School in the territory.

This academic year, the EMG offers musical training to more than 700 people!