

Turning donations into joy.



What does music mean to you?

While you are reading this, the curtain is rising on another Bread & Roses Presents performance nearby.

It was another evening of “And now for something completely different” at New Bridge addiction treatment center in Berkeley. The performer of the night was Dobbs, Bach With Verse. When he began to play, the lovely, deep resonant sound of the bass seemed to have a magical effect on the audience. They sat transfixed, following the movements of Dobbs’ bow and his fingers as they danced along the frets. Many simply closed their eyes and got lost in the music as they felt the vibration coming from this beautiful instrument.

When the piece concluded, there was resounding applause as the audience expressed their appreciation not only for Dobbs, but also for Bach. It was an intimate evening, connecting through beautiful music and for some, probably their first ever experience with classical music.

So, what does music mean to you? If that were you; if that were someone you know, someone you love; what would you give for a renewal of heart, rekindling of spirits, to be reminded what it is like to be a part of rather than apart from community?

The next time you go out to enjoy a live performance and find yourself moved, inspired, joyful, energized and simply entertained, consider that with a gift to Bread & Roses you can make similar experiences possible for our neighbors most in need.

By 2016 year-end, our program hit some all-time highs: 626 shows presented in 127 facilities in eight Bay Area counties for nearly 34,000 audience members all with the help of more than 1,000 volunteers.

Your contributions to Bread & Roses Presents are central to our success. Your gift of any size-- \$25, \$50, \$100, \$500—will make a big difference to those we serve and to the vitality of our mission. Thank you!



Learn more about what we do, check out our new video with narration by Peter Coyote.

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