



The "Enriching Lives Through Music (ELM)" student ensemble delighted the residents of the Aldersly Garden Retirement Community in San Rafael with a recent musical performance for Bread & Roses. It is a community based music program for elementary school students who have a talent and passion for music. Using voice, recorders and xylophones and with the help of three teachers, the students presented a program of music from various countries.

Soloists and different-sized groups of musicians performed, sometimes accompanied by their leader, Jane Kramer, on guitar and sometimes by clapping or rhythm instruments. The musicians all proudly wore their green or yellow tee shirts with the "ELM" logo on them.



The students came with soprano, alto and base xylophones as well as soprano and alto recorders. They sang a song in Spanish and played an Irish song, among others. In their last song each recorder represented a different instrument, like a trumpet, which made an interesting piece. Everybody came forward for the finale. These budding musicians "did themselves proud!"

The audience loved hearing the students perform and meeting them after the show. It is always a treat for them to have young people perform and do it so well. It was a most enjoyable afternoon for all.

Story by Volunteer Host Sally Peter