
THE ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF MUSIC AND ART SCHOOLS IN THE SYSTEM OF EXTRACURRICULAR EDUCATION

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ABSTRACT

This article highlights the role and importance of music and art schools in the system of extracurricular education, using the example of the Navoi region. It discusses their contribution to the healthy upbringing and quality education of children.

KEYWORDS: Music, art, education, talent, upbringing, extracurricular education.

INTRODUCTION

Children's music and art schools operate in various fields such as music (piano, string instruments, pop music performance, folk instruments, wind and percussion instruments, traditional instrument performance, traditional singing, academic singing, and pop singing) and art (choreography, theater arts, visual and applied arts), aiming to further develop students' interests, talents, and creative abilities. According to the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated May 5, 2016, "On the Approval of the Regulation on Children's Music and Art Schools," the Regulation on children's music and art schools was approved. Article 1 of this Regulation states that children's music and art schools are a non-compulsory form of continuous education, designed to provide extracurricular education [1]. The duration of study in these schools is 5-7 years, depending on the creative direction, and children aged 6-8 are admitted to them. Students study in these schools outside of school, in their free time. Children's education in music and art schools is paid. In some cases, students are exempted from fees based on established requirements.

There are more than 320 children's music and art schools in Uzbekistan (as of 2024), where about 100 thousand students study music and art in extracurricular activities. 11 children's music and art schools have been established in Navoi region. They are:

1. Navoi city Children's Music and Art School No. 1
2. Navoi city Children's Music and Art School No. 8
3. Zarafshon city Children's Music and Art School No. 7
4. Karmana district Children's Music and Art School No. 2
5. Uchkuduk district Children's Music and Art School No. 10
6. Navbahor district Children's Music and Art School No. 11

7. Qiziltepa district Children's Music and Art School No. 13
8. Konimekh district Children's Music and Art School No. 4
9. Khatirchi district Children's Music and Art School No. 6
10. Tomdi district Children's Music and Art School No. 12
11. Nurota district Children's Music and Art School No. 5

In 2015, the 12th Children's Music and Art School was put into operation in Tomdi district of Navoi region. This place has become a place for artistic youth from Tomdi to demonstrate their talents. This institution has a concert hall and a small amphitheater in the courtyard. The school is equipped with modern national and European musical instruments, educational literature in the field [2].

Students studying at music and art schools in the Navoi region actively participate not only in district, city, and regional events and competitions but also in interregional and national contests. In particular, during the regional selection stage of the 2021 Republican Competition "Iste'dod Egalari" (Owners of Talent), more than 150 young people aged 17 to 30 with physical disabilities showcased their talents. At the national stage of the competition, four participants from the Navoi region took part. Among them, Asaloy Qo'ldosheva, a student of Navoi City Children's Music and Art School No. 1, was awarded in the category "Best Design", while Maftuna Sadullayeva won in the category "Best Traditional Singer." On May 4, 2021, the Navoi regional stage of the Republican Competition in the "Art Direction" category, held among teachers of children's music and art schools, took place in Navoi city. Ten young winners earned the right to participate in the national competition and were awarded diplomas and commemorative gifts from the Navoi Regional Department of Culture. Notably, Muxlisa Zokir qizi Mardiyeva, a student of Children's Music and Art School No. 9 in Khatirchi District, won first place in the category "Graphic Visual Arts" at the regional stage.

In January 2025, Shahnoza Davronova, a student of the Piano Department of the Children's Music and Art School No. 2 of the Karmana district, took an honorable 2nd place in the "New Year Stars" republican musical and creative competition held in Tashkent [3]. This year, on March 25-27, in the "Bukhara Sadolari" Republican Competition of Young Artists, held in the Bukhara region, students of the Karmana District Children's Music and Art School No. 2 actively participated and won honorable places in various categories. In particular, Salomov Sarvar won 1st place, Kabulova Umida won 2nd place, Saidova Muharram won 2nd place, Namoroz Jahongir won 2nd place, "Nihol" dance ensemble won 3rd place, Ikromov Anvar won 2nd place. Nematullayeva Faridabonu also won 3rd place.

Students of children's music and art schools in the region also participate in various international competitions and win honorable places. In particular, on November 6-8, 2024, Timurbek Rozimurodov, a student of the pop singing class of Navoi Children's Music and Art School No. 8, participated in the 7th international competition called "Music Life" held in Tashkent and won. Also, in the 2024 international competition "We are happy children" held in Baku, the capital of the Republic of Azerbaijan, Tursunova Gozal Ulugbek kizi, a student of Navoi Children's Music and Art School No. 8, participated and won an honorable 1st place. In the 2025 international

competition “Azerbaijan Grand Festival” held in Baku, the Republic of Azerbaijan, Dilbar and Dilobar Mukhtarova took an honorable 2nd place in the solo performance category, with the participation of students of Navoi Children’s Music and Art School No. 1.

Children's music and art schools operating in the region actively participate in various events at the district, city and regional levels, including national holidays such as Navruz, New Year, Independence Day, March 8 - International Women's Day, and various cultural festivals with their performances. The results of interviews with students of the Children’s Music and Art School operating in Navoi city and Khatirchi district and their parents showed that students in these schools not only want to become professionals in this field in the future, but also study to further develop their interest in music and art. They also noted that even if they have a profession in another field in the future, they can continue music and art as their interest [4]. The results of these surveys show that the respect for art and artistic and aesthetic thinking of students studying in Children’s Music and Art Schools in the region are also growing. Students of Children’s and Youth Schools operating in the region are also achieving good results in the field of science at school. At the same time, outside of school, they are trying to further improve their knowledge and skills in these schools within the framework of their interests. However, most of these schools are located in district and city centers. The results of the surveys conducted as part of the study showed that the majority of the population of the region is not well aware of the activities of Children’s Music and Art Schools in their district or city. They do not have information about the results that their students achieve. The majority of respondents, more than 50%, feel that their children have talents in music and art, but are completely unaware of where they can further develop them or whether there is an opportunity to receive extracurricular education at the Children's Music and Art School. 5% of the survey participants did not think about attracting their school-age children to these schools, 5% said that they could not afford to pay, 25% of parents said that these schools were far from their homes, and 15% were completely indifferent to this question [5].

CONCLUSION

The conclusions showed that it is advisable to promote the activities of Children’s Music and Sports Schools operating in the region through the media, including radio, television, newspapers, and to highlight students who have achieved proud results at the district, city, republican and international levels. The most effective means of promotion are undoubtedly the Internet, in particular social networks. Observations showed that most Children's Music and Art Schools do not have pages on social networks. Opening pages on social networks of each Children’s Music and Art School through the Regional Department of Culture will create an opportunity to constantly cover their activities, as well as highlight students who have achieved certain achievements, and to attract their peers to these schools. This will expand the material capabilities of Children’s Music and Art Schools, as well as provide a positive impetus for the effective organization of students’ free time.

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