

**TIP SHEET #1:**

## **How to Keep Music in Your Life**

**1. Schedule time playing music with friends.**

- Put it in your calendar as something you are committed to do
- Play by yourself to get ready for the group and having fun
- Music becomes more “real” when you share it with others
- It’s ok to talk to your non-musician friends about your music and show them what you can do!

**2. Money is not a barrier to music.**

- Public schools
- Community and county recreation programs
- Youth orchestras have more challenging orchestral literature (they have fees but offer scholarships)
- Churches and temples sponsor free choirs and performing groups.

**3. Listen to music on the radio and online with YouTube.**

- Classical radio announcers often put the music they are playing in the social context of the time, along with interesting facts about the composers
- Learn new music by watching videos, reading tablature or “regular” music
- Turn it up loudly so you can hear the subtleties!

**4. Make friends with trusted and trustworthy adults who play or sing.**

- They can refer and connect you to other people and methods and modes to learn
- They may know someone who has an un-played and lonely instrument in his or her garage or attic that you can borrow
- Make phone calls or send emails to those people: follow up!