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Music as Bridgebuilder in the Peace Corps

Learn how to use your music education to make a difference with the Peace Corps. Two Returned Peace Corps volunteers talk about their experience with music in Madagascar and Thailand and where that experience has led them now.

Friday, March 5, 2021
2:00-3:00 p.m.



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Benjamin Fairfield served in Peace Corps Thailand from 2007-2009. As a community development volunteer, he worked with weaving groups, built adobe houses, taught after-school music programs, and produced a full-length album with a high school rock band. He obtained his MA and PhD in Ethnomusicology from UH and has taught music at various institutions on-island, including Ala Wai Elementary, UHWO, and UHM. He currently works for the East-West Center Education Program and is Affiliate Faculty for UH Mānoa Music Department & the Center for Southeast Asian Studies.



Jennifer Manzanillo is a Dominican-American vocalist, educator, and social entrepreneur. She is a graduate of Berklee College of Music, where she majored in Professional Music, focusing on Music Education. She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV) in Madagascar from 2017 until being evacuated in 2020 due to Covid 19. As a PCV, Jennifer worked on numerous projects, including working on projects to promote gender equity and leadership skills amongst youth in rural Madagascar. She currently works at New Mission High School in Boston, where she continues to foster leadership skills amongst inner-city youth through music and the arts.