

# Beyond Borders

MUSICIANS STANDING UP FOR CHANGE!!!

## Who are we?

Beyond Borders is a community service club envisioned and run by Berklee students, to serve struggling communities and increase local awareness of global issues. The annual Beyond Borders fundraiser will generate financial support for the featured community while educating the public. Beyond Borders will also send a team of students to the community to supply a week of specialized music program.

## MISSION:

Our mission is to inspire love, peace and unity through the power of music. By establishing specialized music programs we hope to diminish adversity in less developed communities. We believe that through music we can bring social change to societies who have been corrupted by the circumstances of this world. We also believe that through music we can raise awareness about the current inspire others to make a difference.



Team HERO 2010 taking a break after teaching the morning

## Project HERO:

**Project HERO: ( Helping Everyone Reach Opportunity )** Is a Beyond Borders initiative working to begin a music program in the Dominican Republic. Team HERO visits Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic each year during spring break to conduct a weeklong music camp. The curriculum covers Music Theory, Improvisation, Global Music

History, and Solfege, while exposing students to various other art forms. Members of Beyond Borders will also be training long-term music teachers in Monte Cristi. In time, Project: HERO will continue in Monte Cristi, led by local musicians offering weekly choral and percussive ensembles to the youth.

## MAY 2010 VISIT



Gabriel Peguero jamming with students from a local school in Monte Cristi during the May 2010 visit.



Students play djembe during recess



Dominican man selling cassava bread at the market place at the border of Haiti and the D.R.

# The Dominican Republic



The Dominican Republic was the site of the first European settlement in 1492 when Christopher Columbus set up camp in Santo Domingo, the city where he was later buried. Led by a husband and wife team of chiefs, the native Tainos later regained rule until forces of European diseases, against which the natives had no shield,

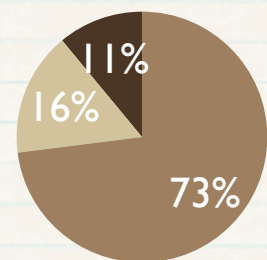
joined sides with the Spanish battalions. After Spanish, came French governance in 1795 when the island consisted of 90% African slaves. As you can imagine, with such a legacy, a rich heritage of diversity, struggle and courage belongs to the Dominican people. If you would like to hear the incredible story of their final

fight for independence and the noble lives of three amazing sisters

In rural areas, 50% of the population lives in extreme poverty and illiteracy is at 16% and its communities suffer badly from racial prejudice. Nonetheless, Dominicans are not lacking in the arts of living!

## Breakdown of Racial Demographics of the Dominican Republic!!!

- Mixed
- European
- African



## Want more information?

Beyond Borders is currently looking for new Berklee students to join us in our mission to stand up for change! For applications please go to the Berklee Student Activity center or download it from our website under the download tab!!

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