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# VIJAY GUPTA

VIOLINIST with the LA PHILHARMONIC  
FOUNDER/DIRECTOR of STREET SYMPHONY

Hear how **MUSIC**  
has the ability to  
**CHANGE** our brains,  
**HEAL** ailments,  
and ultimately  
**TRANSFORM**  
our lives.

SUNDAY

**FEBRUARY 8**

4:00-6:00 PM

EVERYONE  
is  
WELCOME

**WHERE** – LOPC, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette

**COST** – \$10, Register at [LOPC.org](http://LOPC.org)

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Free childcare, R.S.V.P. by 1/25.

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# MUSIC & the Human Spirit

**VIJAY** (Robert) **GUPTA**

## Music Builds Community

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Whether you play an instrument or just play the radio, Vijay Gupta shows audiences that music isn't just something to be enjoyed – it's something that can change lives.

- Vijay Gupta explores how music can help bring people back from the brink of their darkest times.
- Gupta is Founder/Director of STREET SYMPHONY, a non-profit organization that offers free classical music concert series for the unaided mentally-ill living in homeless, incarcerated and Veteran communities.
- Vijay Gupta is a friend and violin instructor of Nathaniel Anthony Ayers, the homeless mentally-ill musician featured by *LA Times* columnist Steve Lopez in his book *The Soloist*, and movie by the same title starring Jamie Foxx and Robert Downey, Jr.
- As an undergrad, Gupta studied pre-med and was part of several research projects in neuro and neurodegenerative biology. He held research assistant positions at CUNY Hunter College in New York City, where he worked on spinal cord neuronal regeneration, and at the Harvard Institutes of Medicine Center for Neurological Diseases, where he studied the biochemical pathology of Parkinson's disease.
- A child prodigy, Gupta made his solo debut with the Israel Philharmonic at the age of 11.
- Vijay Gupta holds a master's in music from Yale and is the youngest player in the LA Philharmonic.
- Gupta is a TED Senior Fellow.

## Music is Medicine