



## La Mirada music school student earns prestigious scholarship

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BOSTON - Aspiring singer-songwriter Mychal Fabela is having the summer of his life.

Fabela, 21, is one of 900 students awarded a full Berklee City Music Summer Scholarship to attend Berklee College of Music's summer performance.

Fabela is at the Boston music school through a collaborative after-school program between the La Mirada-based Project RYTMO (Reaching Youth Through Music Opportunities), and the Berklee City Music Network, a national partnership initiative for Berklee to give underserved youths a music education.

He is the first Berklee scholarship recipient from Project RYTMO.

"It's been life-changing," Fabela said.

The self-taught guitarist is sharpening his skills in private lessons, ensembles and concert performances of contemporary music styles.

"What I've learned so far has been invaluable, especially since I want a career in music," said

Fabela, who sold T-shirts he printed to help with flight and living expenses.

"Michael is a fabulous music talent," said Mike Anderson, RYTMO executive vice-president.

"He's been with us for a year, and, although he was always a strong lyricist, Mychal's talents have grown so much," he said.

Anderson said Fabela was chosen because he showed potential.

Fabela had to audition and write an essay as part of the selection process.

"He's got a pretty broad range of words he uses as a lyricist, which helps set him apart," Anderson said.

Project RYTMO was founded in 2003 by the Christian Latino Association of Music & Arts, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving Orange County-area youths who desire a career in the arts.

The organization's mission is to educate, empower and equip youths through music, music technology and artistic development.

Berklee College of Music was founded on the principle that the best way to prepare students for careers in music was through the study and practice of contemporary music.

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"I am going to just soak up what I can here so I can use it to make my dream of a career in music a reality," Fabela said.

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