AMA ANGELS

Empowering Anguilla's Music Future

Join the AMA Angels program and become a vital part of Anguilla's musical renaissance. Your support ensures that the Anguilla Music Academy (AMA) continues to provide world-class music education and recording facilities to the youth and musicians of Anguilla and the broader Caribbean region.

WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Bronze $1,000/YR

- Recognition on AMA websites and the "AMA Angels Supporters Wall"
- Exclusive private tours of AMA Recording
- Access to private performances by Anguilla's top musical artists
- Two specially branded AMA T-shirts
- Special AMA Angel preferred studio rates

Silver $2,500/YR

- Upgrade to two specially branded AMA hoodies
- Invitations to talks with audio engineering luminaries and Grammy-nominated artists
- Full day of studio time at AMA Recording with an experienced audio engineer
- 8x10 framed picture of the AMA Recording studio
- Local establishment perks (restaurants, lodging, entertainment)
- All Bronze Angel benefits

Gold $5,000/YR

- Two specially branded AMA Hats
- (2) Full days of studio time at AMA Recording with an experienced audio engineer
- All Silver Angel benefits

Platinum $10,000/YR

- (3) Full days of studio time at AMA Recording with an experienced audio engineer
- (2) Nights double occupancy stay at one of Anguilla's leading hotel properties
- All Gold Angel benefits

Founding $25,000+ /YR

- (4) Full days of studio time at AMA Recording with an experienced audio engineer
- (3) Nights double occupancy stay at one of Anguilla's leading hotel properties
- All Platinum Angel benefits

All AMA Angels Receive:

- Tax-deductible donation status (for U.S. donors)
- Bi-annual newsletter updates
- Access to a dedicated AMA Angels webpage
- Invitation to two virtual update meetings per year with AMA founder Darius James
- Recognition at AMA's leading events throughout the year

MAKE AN IMPACT

As an AMA Angel, you're not just a donor -

You're a visionary partner in our mission. Your support directly contributes to:

- Providing free, world-class music education to Anguilla's youth
- Maintaining state-of-the-art recording facilities for local and regional musicians
- Expanding AMA's reach within Anguilla's school system and broader Caribbean region
- Relaunching the transformative Music Revolution Project summer camp
- Fostering the growth of Anguilla's creative economy

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AMA-COMMUNITY FIRST

Our Mission

The Anguilla Music Academy 'AMA', a non-profit organization founded by Darius James, has been a stalwart of the Anguilla community since 2015. Leading from a place of service, the AMA has been committed to uplifting the youth and community of Anguilla by providing access to impactful programs and facilities that enable the growth of both a people and their country. We have partnered with numerous Anguilla based entities in the course of our work – Department of Education, Department of Youth and Culture, Ministry of Social Development, Department of Gender Affairs, Adrian T. Hazel Primary School, National Bank of Anguilla, Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School, World Doctor's Orchestra amongst others. Additionally, we have worked with our partners to host community conferences on topics such as - building a creative career, financial literacy, and mental health. All our efforts are rooted in our deep understanding of the invaluable role that the arts have in building robust thriving communities. **www.theamacenter.org**

AMA - SELECT PROGRAMS

AMA Audio Engineering and Music Production Program

AMA's Audio Engineering and Music Production Program, in operation since 2017, merges cutting-edge STEM education with music. The AMA's program, developed under the guidance of Grammy Award- nominated and winning professionals, allows students to be immersed in a rigorous curriculum within our Tec-award nominated recording studio lab, mastering the intricacies of sound from recording to final mix. Leveraging an array of top-tier equipment and software, including an industry-leading API Legacy Console, our program not only hones the technical finesse of young aspirants but also prepares them for diverse professional opportunities in the audio and production realm.

AMA Recording – Premier Studio Access Program

AMA offers the Premier Studio Access Program to nurture the region's rich musical heritage. Our Tec Award-nominated AMA Recording Studios, equipped with a suite of high-caliber instruments and recording equipment, provides an economic lifeline for local and regional musicians. By significantly reducing production costs, we empower artists to produce high-quality music at home, enabling them to make inroads into the global digital music economy and catalyzing innovation and artistic growth.

AMA Summer Youth Camp – Music Revolution Project 'M.R.P'

The Music Revolution Project (MRP) is an annual beacon of creative expression for Anguilla's youth. Launched in 2016, the program is a catalyst where musical genres and cultures converge. Under the mentorship of Grammy-recognized figures, participants aged 13 to 19 craft, record and perform original compositions, gaining invaluable confidence and deep insights into songwriting and performance. The program culminates in a celebrated showcase, marking a significant step in each participant's artistic journey and amplifying their critical, creative, and collaborative acumen.

AMA Artist Spotlight Development Program – "Behind The Curtains" 'BTC'

The AMA's Artist Spotlight Development Program, initiated in 2020, is a strategic platform designed to elevate the professional trajectories of local musicians. The BTC program offers comprehensive support in creating high-quality digital content, enabling artists to harness the power of social media and broaden their reach. By providing resources for live broadcast-quality audio and video production, AMA helps artists to craft compelling digital narratives, securing their place on the global stage and fostering sustainable career growth.

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ORCHESTRATING DREAMS

The Anguilla Music Academy Story

In the heart of the Caribbean, on the pristine shores of Anguilla, a musical revolution is underway. The Anguilla Music Academy (AMA) stands as a beacon of creativity, innovation, and opportunity – a one-of-a-kind institution that's transforming lives through the power of music.

Founded, as a non-profit, in 2015 by visionary Darius James, AMA has blossomed from a modest dream into a 5,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility. It's more than just a music school and world class recording studio; it's a launchpad for dreams, a nurturing ground for talent, and a catalyst for cultural and economic growth.

What makes AMA truly unique is its comprehensive approach. World-class recording studios sit alongside cutting-edge classrooms. Grammy-winning and nominated producers mentor aspiring young artists. The latest music technology meets the rich traditions of Caribbean music. It's a place where a child's first guitar lesson could lead to a platinum record, where a curious student could become the next world-renowned audio engineer or business leader.

But AMA's impact resonates far beyond its walls. As the only institution of its kind in the Caribbean, AMA is putting Anguilla on the global music map. It's attracting international attention, fostering cultural exchange, and contributing to the island's growing creative economy. Every chord struck at AMA ripples out, touching lives, inspiring communities, and shaping the
future of an entire region.

The transformative power of AMA is evident in the stories of its students. Young people who once saw limited opportunities are now dreaming of careers in music production, performance, and audio engineering. They're gaining not just musical skills, but confidence, discipline, and a global perspective. For many, AMA is the bridge between a passion for music and a sustainable, fulfilling career.

As we look to the future, AMA's vision grows even bolder. We're expanding our reach within Anguilla's school system, relaunching our transformative Music Revolution Project summer camp, and cementing our position as a regional hub for Caribbean musicians. We're not just teaching music; we're orchestrating a movement that will resonate for generations to come.

This is where you come in. As an AMA Angel, you have the power to amplify our impact. Your support doesn't just keep our doors open – it opens doors for countless young musicians. It doesn't just maintain our facilities – it maintains hope, nurtures talent, and fuels dreams.

Join us in this authentic journey. Together, we can ensure that the rhythm of opportunity beats strong for every aspiring musician and inspired young person in Anguilla and beyond. Become an AMA Angel, and let's compose a future where every child has the chance to realize their dreams and make their mark on the world.

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FAQs
Frequently Asked Questions

ANGUILLA MUSIC ACADEMY (AMA)

What is the Anguilla Music Academy?

The Anguilla Music Academy (AMA) is a state-of-the-art music education and recording facility located in Anguilla
Founded by Darius James, as a non-profit, in 2015, AMA provides world-class music education, recording opportunities, and creative/professional development for youth and musicians in Anguilla and the broader Caribbean region.

What programs does AMA offer?

AMA offers a wide range of programs including music production courses, audio engineering classes, the Music Revolution Project summer camp, individual instrument lessons, musician focused professional development seminars and access to professional recording studios.

Who does AMA Serve?

AMA primarily serves the youth of Anguilla, but also extends its reach to musicians and students from across the Caribbean region.

DONATING TO AMA

How can I donate to AMA?

You can donate to AMA by becoming an AMA Angel through our patron program, or by making a one-time "Friends of AMA" donation.
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Is my donation tax-deductible?

For U.S. donors, yes. Our philanthropy partner, 'APANY', is recognized as a 501(c)(3) organization, making your donations tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please consult your tax advisor for specific advice.

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Can I donate if I'm not in the United States?

Absolutely! We welcome donors from around the world. While tax benefits may vary depending on your country, your support is greatly appreciated regardless of where you're located.

Can I give in installments?

We are always happy to discuss the best ways to meet your philanthropic goals, please let us know.

Can I give a multi-year commitment?

Yes! Multi-year gifts help further solidify our mission and programs.

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What is the AMA Angels program?

The AMA Angels program is our patron program for committed donors. Angels pledge to support AMA at levels ranging from $1,000 per year to $25,000+ per year. We also have a "Friends of AMA" designation for donations up to $1,000.

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What benefits do AMA Angels receive?

Benefits include recognition on our website and supporter wall, exclusive tours and events, branded merchandise, studio time, hotel stays and more. The specific benefits depend on your giving level. Please contact us or see our AMA Angels brochure for a full list of benefits.

Can I upgrade my AMA Angels level?

Yes! You can upgrade your giving level at any time. Please contact us if you'd like to increase your support.

DONATION IMPACT

How is my donation used?

Your donation goes towards covering AMA's core operational costs, including maintaining our facilities, providing scholarships, funding our educational programs, and ensuring we can continue to offer our services to Anguilla's youth and supported musicians at minimal to no costs.

Can I specify how I want my donation to be used?

While we generally allocate donations to where they're most needed, we're happy to discuss specific areas of support for major gifts. Please contact us to discuss your preferences.

How can I see the impact of my donation?

We will provide regular updates to our donors through bi-annual newsletters, a dedicated webpage for AMA Angels, and annual impact reports. You're also invited to virtual update meetings with our founder, Darius James.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Can I visit AMA?

Yes! We welcome visits from our supporters. AMA Angels receive exclusive tours of our facilities. Please contact us in advance to arrange a visit.

How does AMA contribute to Anguilla's economy?

AMA plays a crucial role in developing Anguilla's creative economy. We're training the next generation of music industry professionals, attracting international artists to record on the island, and contributing to Anguilla's cultural tourism offerings.

Does AMA offer volunteer opportunities?

We occasionally have volunteer opportunities for individuals with specific skills that match our needs. Please contact us to discuss potential volunteer roles.

How can I stay updated about AMA's activities?

You can follow us on *Facebook* or become an AMA Angel to receive exclusive updates.

We're always happy to provide more information about our work and the impact of your support!

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WHY I SUPPORT AMA

Supporter Testimonials

The Anguilla Music Academy (AMA) has touched the hearts and minds of supporters from all walks of life. Here's why our supporters choose to support AMA's mission:

Creating Opportunities

"I support AMA because it opens doors for talented kids who might not otherwise have access to this level of music education. It's about creating equal opportunities for all."

- Mr. Perin Bradley, Deputy Governor of Anguilla

Empowering Youth

"The universal power of music has contributed to well-rounded, dedicated and focused youth who actively participated in AMA summer camps. They gained invaluable skills in song writing, vocal and instrumental performance, production and engineering. I encourage them now to strive and foster the music industry in Anguilla and the wider world, and that's why I'm proud to be an AMA Angel."

- Daphne Jacobs-Richardson, Anguilla Master Educator/Lecturer

Sustainable Development

"AMA's model of arts education as a driver of sustainable development is truly inspiring. It's a blueprint for how small islands can leverage their cultural assets for economic growth."

- Deann Kentish Rogers, Minister of Education and Social Development - Anguilla

Preserving Caribbean Culture

"As someone with deep Caribbean roots, I support AMA because it's keeping our rich musical heritage alive. It's not just about creating musicians; it's about preserving our cultural identity for future generations."

- Avon Carty, Cultural Preservation Advocate, Director, Department of Youth and Culture - Anguilla

Fostering Economic Growth

"AMA is wonderful Music school and so much more- it is an economic engine, an avenue that can create spin-off diverse entrepreneurial activity for Anguilla. By supporting the AMA and it's mission, we are investing in the nurturing and fueling of our creative sector, thereby opening up a myriad of artistic and entrepreneurial opportunities for the benefit of the entire island for years to come."

- Janine Edwards, Business Leader - Anguilla

Supporting Artistic Excellence

"As a music industry professional, I'm blown away by the quality of AMA's facilities and instruction. Supporting AMA means supporting world-class music education right here in the Caribbean."

- Cherrod Lewis, Music Producer - Anguilla

Personal Connection

"Music changed my life when I was young, and I want to pay that forward. AMA is giving that same life-changing opportunity to countless young people in Anguilla and the Caribbean."

- Omalie 360, AMA Angel and Musician

Building Community

"AMA has become a pillar of the Anguilla community. By hosting events and offering a creative platform for our youth, it has enriched the vibrancy of our island. That's why I choose to support it."

- Kenroy Hubert, Anguilla Resident

JOIN US

These are just a few of the many reasons why these leaders support AMA. Every contribution, big or small, plays a crucial role in our mission to empower Anguilla's youth through music education! Ready to become part of our story? Become an AMA Angel today and help us compose a brighter future for Anguilla and the Caribbean.

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AMA's TECHNOLOGY EDGE

Students Orchestrating the Future of Music

At the Anguilla Music Academy (AMA), we believe that cutting-edge technology is one of the keys to unlocking the full potential of our students and preparing them for successful careers in the ever-evolving music industry and the broader spectrum of professional opportunities. Our state-of-the-art facilities and equipment rival those found in the world's top recording studios and music schools, providing an unparalleled learning environment right here in the Caribbean.

WORLD CLASS RECORDING STUDIOS

Studio A: The Ocean Studio

- 21' x 33' acoustically optimized tracking room
- Large control room with isolated sound locks
- 32-channel API Legacy AXS Console
- ATC SMC200 Monitors and Subwoofers
- Extensive collection of vintage and modern microphones
- Steinway B Grand Piano

Studio B: The Sunset Studio

- 9'; x 16' versatile tracking space
- Spacious control room ideal for production and mixing
- 12 channels of top-tier microphone preamps
- Cutting-edge Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs)
- Guzauski-Swist soffited monitors

Both studios feature

- Pro Tools HDX systems
- Extensive plugin collections from industry leaders like Waves, Universal Audio, and Softube
- Wide array of outboard gear including compressors, EQs, and effects processors

INSTRUMENT & GEAR LIBRARY

- Extensive collection of instruments including guitars, basses, drums, and keyboards
- Variety of microphones, amplifiers and effects pedals
- Mobile recording equipment for field recordings and live events
- Sample listing:
  - Guitars: Re-Issue Fender Stratocaster, Gibson Les Paul Custom, Martin D-28 acoustic
  - Bass: Fender Precision Bass, Drums: Vintage 1960s Ludwig kit
  - Keyboards: Steinway Model B grand piano, vintage Moog Minimoog Model D, Rhodes Mark I Stage Piano
  - Amplifiers: Fender Twin Reverb, Marshall JCM800, Vox AC30, Ampeg SVT-CL for bass
  - Effects: Curated pedalboard featuring Strymon and Eventide

DIGITAL MEDIA CAPABILITIES

Video Production

- 4K cameras and production equipment
- Advanced lighting systems
- Post-production workstations with industry-standard software

Music Production Spaces

- Individual production workstations
- MIDI controllers and synthesizers
- Audio interfaces and monitoring systems
- Acoustic treatment for optimal learning environment

Technology Equipment & Software

- Cross-platform workstations
- Latest music production software including Ableton Live, Logic Pro X, and FL Studio
- Coding environments for audio plugin development and music app creation

Networking & Infrastructure

- High-speed fiber optic internet connection
- Robust internal network for file sharing and collaboration
- Cloud-based project management and file storage solutions

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PREPARING STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE

1. Industry-Standard Skills: Our students gain hands-on experience with the same tools and technologies used in top studios worldwide, positioning them on the leading edge. We teach the latest production techniques, from enhanced audio to AI-assisted music creation, ensuring our students are at the forefront of industry trends.

2. Cross-Disciplinary Learning: By integrating music production with video, app and sample creation, and emerging technologies, we prepare students and working musicians for diverse career paths in the creative industries.

3. Remote Collaboration: Our networking infrastructure allows students to participate in global collaborations, mirroring the modern, interconnected music industry.

CONTINUOUS INNOVATION

At AMA, we're committed to staying ahead of the curve and maintain partnerships with leading audio production and technology companies, providing AMA with unique access to industry programs and creative opportunities.

IMPACT ON CARRIBEAN MUSIC SCENE

At AMA, we're committed to staying ahead of the curve and maintain partnerships with leading audio production and technology companies, providing AMA with unique access to industry pros by providing access to world-class technology, AMA is elevating the entire Caribbean music industry. Local artists can now produce radio/streaming-ready tracks without leaving the island, and our students are bringing fresh, tech-savvy perspectives to traditional Caribbean music.

JOIN US IN SHAPING THE FUTURE

Your support helps us maintain and expand our cutting-edge facilities, ensuring that Anguilla's young musicians have access to the tools they need to compete on the global stage. By investing in AMA' technology, you're not just supporting a music school and recording studio – you're fueling a technological revolution in Caribbean music.

Become an AMA Angel and Help Us Stay at the Cutting Edge!

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