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Our 2019 Summer Music & Arts Camps

The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida has been offering summer arts camps for over twenty five years and once again is proud to offer another high quality program of summer camps to the young people in our community. We are so pleased to again be at the centrally located and wonderful campus of Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School. This year we will be offering 27 camps. These camps include all areas of instrumental and vocal music including piano and guitar, as well as Band, Theatre, Visual Arts, Dance, Musical Theatre, Show Choir, Strings, Culinary Arts, and TV Production and Film. A Flute Ensemble will be given for middle and high school students in the final week of camp.

And there is more! Elementary Music Ensemble is available for students currently in grades 3-5. What a wonderful opportunity to check out making music. (No instruments or experience needed). Check out the details of the camps carefully as there are other camps that include third grade and up. Our Camp Brochure is posted on our website at <https://www.music-foundation.org>. Online registration is also offered there. Donations are accepted there as well.

Help us support our expanding summer camps! Our goal is to never have to turn a student away because of financial limitations, however that can only be possible with your support. During the 2018 summer camps we awarded more than \$12,000.00 in scholarships to students to attend our summer camps. Your contribution will enable deserving talented students who need financial assistance to participate in our 2019 summer arts camps and also enable us to bring in many special clinicians to work with and inspire the young students.

And there is more! Title IV Grant to send students to our camps this year. We are so honored that Dr. Santini, Ed. D., Executive Director of Fine and Performing Arts of the School District of Lee County has awarded some Title IV Grant funding to allow participation of students in need to attend our summer arts camps. A total of \$3,000 has been awarded.

And there is more! It may sound like we do not need your donation but that would not be accurate. We do need you! Please donate so that we may continue to support music education in Lee County with our programs. Every bit counts and we are so grateful!

2019 High School Scholarship Auditions

We were once again honored to be able to award the following scholarships to some very talented young musicians to attend the following summer camp music programs.

Claire Schreiber – violin – attending New York University
Daniel Holmes – piano – attending University of Miami
Elijah Lowman – piano – attending Florida State University
Gus Bahruth – alto sax – attending Florida State University
“Lexi” Cora McQueary – French horn – attending University of South Florida

Matthew Meunier – percussion/marimba – attending Mallet Lab in Palm Beach Atlantic University

Sarah Elizabeth Conley – viola – Annie Moses Summer Music Festival
This audition was also an audition for a possible scholarship with Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

Check out the photos on our website.

The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida aims to enrich and transform the lives of young people by igniting and nurturing the life long joy of making music.

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NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Friends and Supporters of Music and Arts Education,

The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida is preparing for summer but also planning for an exciting 2019-2020 year of activities. Our enthusiastic board has been working hard to advance the mission and goals of the organization: Stacey Gossman, Kathy Light (Secretary/Treasurer), Patrick Neuman, Dorothy Rodwell (President and web master) and Jason Thomashefsky (Traveling Instrument Program Coordinator). Also many thanks to Morgan Pepitone our Facebook Coordinator. We are happy to have been reaching out to music and arts teachers and making some new connections in our community that hopefully will result in some new and exciting partnerships to help provide high quality music and arts education programs to the young people of Southwest Florida. Please feel free to contact us at 239-275-0057 or JCMFA@aol.com if you have any questions or suggestions or would like to assist us in any way. Thank you for your support!

Ruth Kostush Christman – Executive Director

2020 Annual Benefit Dinner – Save the Date!

Plan now to join us on January 21, 2020 for our annual fundraiser and evening of music that showcases some of our recent scholarship students as well as professional musicians.

Fifth Grade Traveling Instrument Program

Our instruments have been replaced and shiny new instruments are circulating to participating schools in Lee County. The teachers and students have been quick to thank us and the excitement of discovering which instrument a student may wish to play when he/she gets to middle school is continuing. Now the repair and maintenance program is underway and we are so appreciative that we were able to update this program in this way. Photos are on our website.

Professional Development

Supporting music teachers is one of our ongoing initiatives! Jennette Ruskowski (Mirror Lakes Elementary School) spoke at our Benefit Dinner about what that scholarship to the FMEA Conference meant to her and her students. Last year we were able to give out three scholarships. Please help us to do that again.

Thank you to past donors from 2018 – 2019, if you have not donated this year, please join us again!

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