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*Bringing music programs
to students since 1991.*

**The Music Foundation
of Southwest Florida**



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND - To provide financial assistance for students to attend our 2020 Summer Arts Camp and to award scholarships to several High School students to attend a Summer Music Camp. **Goal: \$12,000**

PERFORMANCE AND MATERIALS / SUPPLIES FUND - To provide the resources and supplies needed for student presentations. **Goal: \$2,000**

MASTER CLASSES PRESENTATION FUND - To support presentations by area professionals for our Summer Arts Camp students. **Goal: \$2,000**

FACILITY RENTAL FUND - To help pay facility rental fees. **Goal: \$3,000**

5TH GRADE TRAVELING INSTRUMENT FUND - To subsidize care and maintenance of our instruments in this program. **Goal: \$1,000**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIPS - To support continuing education workshops for several music teachers in Lee County. **Goal: \$1,500**

SOCIAL MEDIA AND ADMIN COSTS - To present our organization appropriately in our community. **Goal: \$3,000**



Join us! Attend the Annual Benefit Dinner and/or Donate

_____ I wish to purchase _____ tickets for \$50 each by mail or online registration at <https://www.music-foundation.org/>
(Please let us know any special dietary needs) _____

_____ I am unable to attend, but wish to make a donation in the amount of \$ _____
You may do this by mail or online at our website: <https://www.music-foundation.org/>

_____ I wish to donate an item for the silent auction. Item and approximate value: _____

_____ I wish to donate \$1 - 99 Donor \$100-499 Supporter \$500-999 Sponsor \$1000 and over Angel

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Phone# _____

We will be reserving seats and will be happy to have you sit with friends! Just let us know their names.

Seating preference: _____

Please send the completed form and make checks payable to:

THE MUSIC FOUNDATION 13300-56 S. Cleveland Avenue, PMB 214 Fort Myers, FL 33907

Questions, please contact 239-275-0057 or JCMFA@aol.com Website: <https://www.music-foundation.org/>

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Fifth Grade Traveling Instrument Program

Teachers and students continue to be delighted with the quality of our new instruments that are now circulating around 5th grades in Lee County Public Schools. To be on our schedule, a 5th grade music teacher just needs to ask. We are so grateful to Suncoast Credit Union, Gannett Foundation and the Rotary Club of Fort Myers for their kind generous donations that allowed us to update this program.

Professional Development

Last year we awarded three scholarships for music teachers to attend the FMEA conference. This year we will be offering scholarship opportunities for continuing musical education workshops to music teachers after the FMEA conference. For example the American Choral Directors Association may be of interest to a vocal teacher or an Orff workshop (4th and 5th grades who play recorders, xylophone and marimbas together are called an Orff ensemble) for an elementary school music teacher.

More details will be available at our Benefit Dinner on January 21, 2020.

High School Summer Music Program Scholarships

Auditions will be held in the Spring at Florida SW State College. Check out our website for more details and an application. www.music-foundation.org

2019 Summer Music & Arts Camps - We served 12 elementary schools and 17 middle schools!

This year 225 students attended our camps and over \$15,000 in scholarships was awarded to 57 students.

We are so grateful to our wonderful leaders: Erin Gisse, Camp Director and Recreation/Break Coordinator, Morgan Pepitone, Assistant Camp Director, Amy McQueary, Assistant Camp Director and Ruth Christman, Executive Director of the Music Foundation of SW Florida.

Our four week summer camps were led by talented teachers, many of whom wish to return next year. Thanks to all the parents who supported their children throughout the camps! And of course thank you to Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School for hosting the camps.

In order to maintain the quality of our camps, funding is required and our heartfelt thanks goes to the following:

2019 Summer Arts Camps Donors

Angels (\$1,000)

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The City of Fort Myers
The Stardust Memories Big Band

Sponsors (\$500-\$999)

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NEWS AND UPDATES - A PLACE FOR YOU!

Dear Friends and Supporters of Music and Arts Education,

The Music Foundation of SW Florida aims to enrich and transform the lives of young people by igniting and nurturing the life-long joy of making music. Our 2019 Board of Directors: Dorothy Rodwell (President), Katherine Light (Secretary/Treasurer), Patrick Neuman, Stacey Gossman, and Jason Thomashefsky work with Ruth Christman (Executive Director) to support our mission.

If you ever wanted to be part of a small Board of Directors where you can make a big difference, this is the place for you. We have more ideas than we are able to implement and having your help (as a volunteer for a project or being on the board) would make more programs available to students and teachers. Time, Talent and Funding are what allows our organization to continue!

Please feel free to contact us at 230-275-0057 or JCMA@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

Honoring the Past, Present and Future

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 5:00-8:00 PM

Location: The Helm Club at The Landings Yacht,
Golf and Tennis Club
4420 Flagship Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33919

Social hour and silent auction followed by dinner and entertainment.

Please join us for our annual fundraiser and evening of music.

Rob Green will once again be our Master of Ceremonies as we honor the history of this organization and remember the amazing folks who have contributed over the years. If you have a piece of the history that would be interesting to share, just contact Dorothy Rodwell at drodwell@embarqmail.com.

We are fortunate to have Reiko Niiya-Chow, violin, as our featured artist. Whenever Reiko plays for us we are bathed in amazing stories from a lifetime of professional artistry as well as some of the most beautiful sounds that a violin can make. Her musical achievements are many and include being Concertmaster for 30+ years with the Southwest Florida Symphony and a consummate music educator.

We wish to honor our High School Music Program Scholarship winners and several of them will play for us at the event. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear some of our winners perform and speak about their experiences. Check out our website at www.music-foundation.org for the names of the performers who have graciously agreed to join us. The cost of a ticket is \$50.00 and online registration will be available by early December at our website.

Our silent auction is important to this event, so please donate what you can. Take this time to consider donating for all our programs! We rely on such donations and appreciate every one.