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## The Magic of Music

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***"One thing that we learned during this whole process is that music is very strong, the act of making music together is very strong. But at the same time, it's fragile. Because we lost it! ...To be back in a room with a bunch of other amazing young people, to share in the gift of music-making; we've learned that it's not something we should take for granted." ~Dr. G***

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### **The music nearly stopped.**

Programs were wavering, uncertainty took hold. We didn't know how long the world would be paused.

But we knew we couldn't pause the music – the magic – happening in our rehearsal rooms and concert halls. Our online platform was born, and we saw a new level of growth that has launched us back into in-person programming stronger than before.

**The magic is still there.**

Committed more than ever to providing a place of excellence through transformative and forward-thinking music programs, MYS moves into our winter term with nearly 350 resilient young musicians, plus another 45 who find access to instrumental music through our free Beginning Strings Program.

**That's 400 young people in 13 different ensembles finding purpose, discipline, success, joy, and hope.**

These young musicians are leaning into – some for the first time – the power of making music together. And they are flourishing. At MYS, youth who want to do something remarkable are not the exception, they are the rule. *Together* we can keep music education and performance accessible and consistent, especially at a time when young people need positive constants so badly.

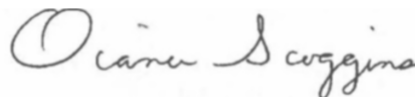
**Our music has not stopped. Help us get to our year-end goal of \$80,000 to keep the magic going as we navigate the costs and consequences of the pandemic. *Your gift matters.***

Thank you for listening to our story, for supporting young musicians in our community.

With gratitude,



President, MYS Board



Executive Director



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