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Noteworthy News at Pakachoag Music School of Greater Worcester

A publication of Pakachoag Music School, an independent, not-for-profit community school of the arts,
providing news and information on school programs and activities

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When You Give, Your Impact Ripples Beyond Pakachoag

To each and every one of our donors, grantors, and sponsors, we thank you for making music come alive both within Pakachoag and without, all around Greater Worcester.

June 21st was one particularly fun 'ripple effect' days. Pakachoag brought music to Elm Park as part of Make Music Day Worcester. A global event, timed to coincide with the summer solstice, Make Music Day is an annual, free,

volunteer sharing of music.

Worcester's first Make Music Day was spearheaded by the Worcester Arts Council in partnership with WICN and Music Worcester.

Pakachoag faculty members Julie Holston and Laurie Knorr led our Make Music Day activities with

some fun drumming and scarf waving songs for our younger visitors, followed by an informal performance by our Suzuki Violin Presto Group. Thanks to all of our donors and volunteers; musicians too. Your support is making music for community, inside and out... for life!



Community Music...

Engaging Community Through Performance



The Annual Suzuki Program Group Class Concert

Community building at Pakachoag never ceases, thanks to donor support. Programs and families cross connect in different ways during the year, whether through weekly Music Together early childhood classes or

performance programs for school aged students and adults.

In March, over 30 violinists gathered for the Annual Suzuki Program Group Class Concert, performing selections from the Suzuki repertoire in small groups. The concert finished with everyone playing together. Aside from the smoothly flowing concert, accomplished by faculty (and

parents, too) under the adept leadership of program coordinator Amy Matherly, the now annual concert is an inspiration for all, as we listen to our youngest beginners up through high school seniors.

This and so many other 'extra' activities we program during the year are only possible because of your support.



Worcester Children's Chorus



Above: Members of the Worcester Children's Chorus Sing for First Night Worcester.

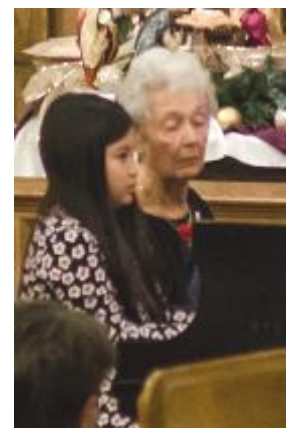
Right: Laura Le of Auburn plays a duet with teacher Janeen Baker as part of the First Night Outreach Concert

First Night with the Worcester Children's Chorus

Pakachoag soloists and a violin ensemble happily took the stage at Wesley Methodist in Worcester on New Year's Eve with the Worcester Children's Chorus. The combined concert provided a nicely balanced and varied program for roughly 100

audience members. Our partnership with the Chorus is a nice way to expand community reach, while also sharing some skills sets internally between organizations.

Did you know? ... You can hear snippets of various concert performances on the School's You Tube page.



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When you make a donation to support Pakachoag and our financial aid fund, you're helping students in need discover, learn, enjoy, excel, and so much more.

You're also creating a more diverse learning community - in our studios, in the hallways, and as part of our performance programs.

Your gift also means that what

students learn at Pakachoag is flowing into the larger community: students bring their music into their schools, worship settings, to civic events and gatherings where they engage creatively.

Through our member organization, the National Guild for Community Arts Education, you are part of a nationwide commitment to ensure access to the arts that collectively contributes millions every year, shaping students and community.

Thank you for building a strong, accessible Pakachoag; a richer local community; and for contributing to a national movement committed to helping all citizens experience the value of the arts in life.

“ I love music because it can show how you feel without having to say a word. I love my lessons, and its fun to perform in front of an audience. For me, music makes the world a better place. “

*Diana Pickett,
Voice Student*

Age 11



Sharing Community, As Adult Learners

“Looking back throughout the school year, it's quite amazing to realize all the different ways that we come together during the year, around music,” notes Sarah Smongeski, Executive Director.

In March, several adult students gathered together to share songs and instrumental selections for piano, clarinet, guitar, violin and cello.

Many thanks to faculty member Janeen Baker who organizes these classes each year.



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Charles Moser, of Shrewsbury, died on May 31st at age 76. Charles was a founding board member (in 1989) and returned to serve on the board again in the late 1990's.

Charles became connected with the School when he and wife Nydia brought his now adult daughter Erica for early childhood music classes in the early '80's while the

School was operated under the umbrella of Pakachoag Church, our founder.

Charles held a degree in Electrical Engineering from MIT. He retired in 2004 as Vice President and Chief Engineer for Mass Electric (now National Grid).

We remember Charles for his kindness, his pointed feedback, and

wisdom surrounding strategic decision-making. Charles remained engaged with the School throughout its now 35 year tenure—as donor and advisor.

We extend our sympathy and express appreciation for the family's long time support of the School to wife Nydia and daughter Erica.

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include all of our donors. If we
missed you, please let us know.

Donors/Grantors Enhance Access



Joel, of Worcester, one of a growing number of adult students, is completing his second year of piano lessons with faculty member, Andrey Karpyuk.

Thank you. You're building a strong, accessible Pakachoag; a richer local community. You're contributing to a national movement intent on making sure all citizens can experience the value of the arts, throughout life.

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Pak@TheClub continues this spring with guitar lessons at the Boys & Girls Club. Here, three industrious students celebrate following their performance at the B&G Annual Meeting.

Keeping the Music Playing: Thank You Event Sponsors

Thank you to the following locally owned restaurants who generously provided gift certificates for this year's special events door prizes.

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Alumni News

Daniel Lefferts was cast as Mozart for Gordon College's spring production of Amadeus. Congrats Daniel and happy to read you are still playing piano. Daniel is currently in his junior year. He was an eleven-year piano student of faculty member Inna Muravnik,

studying through high school graduation.

Zachary Roper (2013; Trumpet; from Douglas) graduates from Bentley College this spring with a major in Accounting and minors in Finance and Law. Zachary shares: "I have continued to play the

trumpet serving as the president of the jazz band on campus." Zachary will work for PwC (PricewaterhouseCoopers) this summer. He will attend Boston College pursuing a Master's in Accounting starting September and plans to pursue the CPA exam.



Flying the Wild Blue Yonder

Krysten Renihan (2010; Flute; from Auburn), following a series of highly competitive tests and interviews, was awarded one of two pilot slots with the Rhode Island Air National Guard in January, flying the C-130 Hercules. Krysten will be attending officer training school this summer pursuing a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force/Air National Guard. Her summer stint

will be followed by two years of Active Duty Pilot Training.

Krysten writes, "I find many of the skills I learned in music carry over to my pilot training. They both require discipline, self motivation, focus, multi-tasking, and the ability to perform in stressful situations (concerts vs. checkrides). They both have a completely different 'language' that has to be learned and they both take years of study and hard

work in order to become proficient. In both music and flying you have to continually be pushing yourself to be better every day and never cease learning. Finally and perhaps most important—flying and music are both a calling. Once they get in your soul you can't ever get them out."

Above: Krysten Renihan, flutist and now pilot, flying a Grumman Yankee: "It is a blast to fly!"

Flying the Wild Blue Yonder

"In both music and flying you have to continually be pushing yourself to be better every day and never cease learning."

*Krysten Renihan
Alumna
(Flute, 2010)*

Student News & Congratulations

Congratulations to our Graduates



Executive Director Sarah congratulates Sean Renihan, of Auburn, one of 16 students receiving five-year milestone certificates for 2017.

Rachel Anderson, of Auburn; flute student of Sarah Smongeski and Alice Daugherty will attend UMass/Lowell majoring in Music Education.

Leah Cammuso, of Worcester; piano student of Inna Muravnik will take a gap year and also continue her piano lessons.

Dominic Del'Olio, of Worcester; Viola student of Peter Hughes will attend UMass/Amherst majoring in Chemical Engineering.

Andrew Lefferts, of Oxford; piano student of Inna Muravnik

will take a gap year and continue his piano lessons.

Paul Mara, of Auburn; violin student of Amy Matherly, will attend WPI majoring in Robotics Engineering.

William Erickson, of Auburn; former voice student, theater, and Music Together will attend Rhode Island College in September, pursuing a degree in Music Education, with emphasis on voice and organ.

Joe Ricca, of Shrewsbury; violin student of Amy Matherly, will attend the Univ. of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science with a double

major in Marine Science and Biology.

Afternoon Tunes Volunteer Acknowledgement

We extend thanks to

Matthew McCoy, of Shrewsbury, Piano; and

Shannen Lin, of Worcester, Violin.

Both students have volunteered this year as part of All Saints Church's Afternoon Tunes outreach program. Pakachoag serves as a lead partner for the AT program.

Five & Ten Year Milestones

Peggy Kelly Reinburg Award 2017

Congratulations to **Andrew Lefferts**, 11 year piano student of Inna Muravnik, recipient of this year's PKR Award for Effort, Commitment and Attitude.

Ten Year's of Lessons Milestone

Congratulations to **Olivia Curnen**, of Auburn; violin student of Amy Matherly for reaching the ten year milestone mark. Olivia plays with Pakachoag's Fiddle Band, and is active in her school music program as string player and vocalist.

Five Years of Private Lessons Milestone

Congratulations to this year's Five Years of Lessons students:

Kamden Carll, Violin
Marly Gallo, Guitar
Jenna LeDuc, Piano
Sydney Lyons, Guitar
Sophia Maloney, Guitar /Voice
Declan O'Connor, Piano
Sean Renihan, Piano
Serena Sotto, Violin
Elizabeth Elkinson, Violin
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PJ Mara, Violin
Caitlyn Myers, Voice
Emma Polhemus, Violin
Joe Ricca, Violin
Colin Rzeznik, Piano
Henry Wang, Violin / Piano

We have 38 students enrolled this year who have reached the five years (or more) of lessons milestone!

Let's keep the music playing!!

Mai Caslowitz, of Sturbridge and **Seth Boudreau** of Douglas, both violin students of Amy Matherly, were both accepted into the MMEA Jr. Central District Chorus this spring. Congratulations!

Ava Johnson, cello student of Betsy Bronstein, of Oxford, was accepted into the MMEA Jr. Central District Orchestra.

Special Events: The Next Generation

Artist, Teacher, Student

As we move toward the end of our school year, we reflect on all the many ways we came together this year with music.

One of those many moments shone through on April 29th when 20 plus year faculty member Inna Muravnik performed Schumann (with great technical prowess), and then treated us to snippets of piano four-hands with senior students Andrew Lefferts, of Oxford, and Leah Cammuso, of Worcester. With over 80 audience

members, including former students of Inna's from decades past and young current students, we heard full force how music can fill our lives and span the generations.

Thank you event sponsor Security Engineered Machinery and

Music for Life Donors who made this program (and more) possible.

Continued thanks to Pakachoag Church for making the Great Hall and Steinway Piano available for this performance.



The NEW Piano: A Real Life Story

by Declan, age 13 of W. Boylston, student of Janeen Baker.

"Me and my father went to the piano store. It was a long ride in New London, CT. There were hundreds of types of piano there and even a Steinway! Finally we found the right one. Even though it was used it looked as good as new and sounded even better than our current one. The guy at the piano [store] would come in only in a week...one week later.

"The piano finally came but I wasn't there to see it come. When

we got home I got to use it and there was a huge difference!"

THE END

Dear Declan, Glad you can hear a difference from your old piano. Isn't it cool that pianos can sound quite different depending on the craftsmanship of the builder, the materials used, and age. We hope that your new piano inspires you to work even harder. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely, Sarah Smongeski
Executive Director

Dear Donors: Did you See Your Most Recent 'Featured Student' on the Home Page?

Great learning happens every day at Pakachoag Music School because of our donors.

Our most recent "Featured Students" include voice students **Rhiannon Mansur** and **Diana Pickett**.



Sitar Lessons

Now available! Usha Verma is our newest faculty member. Please call for more information.

French Horn & Low Brass Lessons Coming

We're happy to announce that French horn lessons and other low brass options will be available in the near future.

Sign up for e-mail news at www.pakmusic.org > Contact Us to receive up to date news and registration information.



Instrument Petting Zoo



Family Music Day

On June 3rd, Pakachoag Families joined parent volunteers Julie Holston, Crystal Jiang and Michael Bachelor for Family Music Day. Volunteer adult student Nathan Reich hosted an instrument petting zoo. Faculty Julie and Laurie Knorr led music activities. Students enjoyed refreshments, making music together, and hearing the violin students.

Top: Students enjoy the instrument petting zoo under the direction of adult piano student Nathan Reich.



Musical Theater students presented Disney's Beauty and The Beast, JR. in April to a sold out audience.



Popular Facebook Posts

50 !!!!

Please visit our Facebook Page and give us a 'like' and share. Your 'likes' help us spread the word and share all good news happening at Pakachoag Music School.

great photos by Weigl Photography.

Summer is Here: Violin friends, Eva and Clara, play for ice cream at Meola's in W. Boylston.

We programmed over 50 different performances and special events this year. We're not sure how we did it, but we do know, there's no way we could do it without YOU!!

A few of our more popular posts this spring:

Last Lesson Bittersweet:

Dominic, 6 years playing viola at Pakachoag, wraps up with teacher Peter Hughes before heading off to college.

Awesome Acting:

Musical Theater's production of Disney's Beauty & The Beast, Jr. With

Below: A Sightreading Masterclass in June, with Vladimir Odinokikh, was one of over 50 events programmed this year.



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We're now registering for
fall programs.

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