

Fall 2016

The Tenuto

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 for donors, students & family members, friends, educators, and community organizations.

Your Generosity Continues to Assure

Music for Life!

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From partnerships to technology, donors are shifting how Pakachoag engages.

As the School works to fulfill the goals of *Music for Life*, we see all around us change in the faces and music of our students.

Those changes are in part the natural shifts that come as we

grow institutionally and individually as teachers and learners. The changes we see also reflect a growing diversity among our student population that comes with greater regional exposure for the School, combined with efforts to strengthen and integrate partnerships more tightly into our School culture.

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Stoddard Charitable Trust, Fletcher Foundation Add Support

Music For Life Gains Momentum with \$15,000 in New Grant Funding

The School expresses our sincere



appreciation to the
Trustees of the
Stoddard Charitable
Trust and the Fletcher
Foundation for their
generous investment in
the *Music For Life*capacity building

campaign with grants totaling \$15,000.

As the School works to create a stronger future for community arts education, one that sustains high quality and enhances access, we appreciate the trust these Foundations are placing in the School.

Both The Stoddard Charitable Trust and Fletcher Foundation are based in Worcester.

Music for Life, Phase One, is

allowing the School to align internal resources to support our expert faculty, assure sufficient space for the future, and upgrade internal resources, technology and capabilities.

Music for Life is also reaching deeper into the community through extended outreach for at-risk children and families, through dynamic local partnerships like the new Pakachoag at The Hanover Theatre; and through increases in financial aid.

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Investing in Partnerships, With Your Support

Pakachoag's longstanding reputation in the community, dedicated staff, and appreciation for the many benefits that art education can bring to a student made them the perfect partner for us in this new venture."

> Meghan Montaner, Director of Education, Hanover Theater for the Performing Arts

New Hanover Theatre Partnership Extends Reach for Little Ones

We are excited to partner with the Hanover Theatre in Worcester, starting January, by bringing Pakachoag's popular Music Together® program to the Hanover's new Conservatory.

The Conservatory, which primarily offers after-school and summer theater programming, adjoins the main theater downtown, at the corner of Main and Southbridge Streets.

Music Together at the Hanover will be offered on Monday mornings with Pakachoag faculty member Linnea Lyerly. Tuition includes free parking and discounts to many shows.

The Hanover partnership extends Pakachoag's reach to now include five class locations: Auburn, Worcester, Sterling, Sturbridge and W. Boylston.; with classes available at one or more locations on Monday through Saturday mornings, and Thursday afternoons.

Meghan Montaner, Director of

Education for the Hanover Theater, writes:

"We are very excited to be partnering with Pakachoag Music School to offer Music Together at our new Conservatory for the Performing Arts. Offering performing arts education in downtown Worcester is central to our mission to foster a love and appreciation for the performing arts and we look forward to a long partnership with Pakachoag in accomplishing this goal. "

Youth Leaders Teach Free Music Lessons

Thirty Plus Children Receiving Free Music Lessons; Twelve Youth Honing Leadership Skills.

Afternoon Tunes, an All Saints
Church outreach program, with
Pakachoag serving as a lead
partner, is off to another busy year.
This year, Pakachoag faculty
member Nike Beaudry moves from
mentor teacher into an expanded
role as Interim Program Director.

Fourteen high school volunteer teachers are teaching 37 children.

The majority of students receiving free instruction live in the Main South / All Saints neighborhood.

In addition to weekly private lessons. programs include two theory groups, a jazz ensemble, and master classes conducted with All Saints choristers.

A winter student recital is scheduled for January at All Saints, and a second annual teacher recital (with the student teachers) is planned in February. An African drumming group will do a presentation for students in April.

All Saints Choir director Graeme

McCullough, along with two choir member volunteers—Bruce Foss (also an adult voice student at Pakachoag) and Sarah Okerlund are providing additional program support.

Pakachoag students **Matthew McCoy** (piano, Shrewsbury) and **Shannen Lin** (violin, Worcester) are among the volunteers for this year's [rogram.

*** Afternoon Tunes, founded by Pakachoag alumna Liz Butterworth, is one of several partnerships where Pakachoag provides administrative, teaching or leadership support.

Music for Life!

Investing in Students, Today & Tomorrow

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As of 12/15/2016 Giving Cycle Open & Continuing Thank you!

Music for Life Jingle Contest Winner

Congratulations to Henry Wang of Auburn who wrote the winning jingle for our Music for Life Jingle Contest.

Henry is very involved in the school and so enthusiastic about everything he does.

Thanks so much Henry for a great jingle. We'll be working to get the jingle posted on the website so everyone can hear it.



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Donor Spotlight: Meg Gallo

Why Meg Believes in Pakachoag



Meg Gallo, long-time donor, former board member, advisory board member, and Pakachoag parent, takes a moment to visit with Pakachoag.

fund equals a strong school.

That's why the Harmony Fund is a priority today."

Meg Gallo, Harmony Fund Donor Pakachoag parent Meg Gallo is a loyal donor to the Harmony Fund and recently sat down to tell us why Pakachoag is so important to her family.

How did you first become affiliated with Pakachoag?

"I started with Music Together when my daughter was about 9 or 10 months old. She's 17 now! I loved that time with her and even thought about becoming a trained Music Together instructor! Our family has been part of Pakachoag ever since."

As a donor to the school, what would you say to other parents about the importance of giving?

"We all have a part to play to strengthen the vitality of the school. If we value the school, it is important to contribute to the organization. Tuition doesn't cover all the costs of attending Pakachoag. We need to keep the cost of lessons reasonable so music education can be attainable for everyone. A strong annual fund equals a strong school. That's why the Harmony Fund is a priority today."

There are many charitable organizations in Central Mass, what makes Pakachoag a priority for you and your family?

"I believe in music education. I believe all children should be able to express themselves musically. I believe Pakachoag has an extraordinary program. It is a high caliber program with our support as donors. There are many important things in our community and the arts are one of the most important."

Pakachoag is experiencing a time of great growth and change. What are you most excited to see as the school continues to grow?

"There is a lot to be excited about! This is a time full of opportunities for growth. The chance to have an increased presence in Worcester is exciting. Reaching out to underserved communities to give boys and girls a chance to enjoy music is something I'm very excited to be a part of. "

Harmony Fund FY17

Did you know that even in the midst of the Music for Life Campaign, it is critical to have a strong and growing Harmony Fund? Help us keep the School strong!

- A gift of \$25 pays for a new drum for Music Together.
- A gift of \$90 covers the cost of one piano tuning. (Total annual cost to tune our 7 pianos, 2-3 times annually: \$1500.)
- A gift of \$175 underwrites tuition for a Theater student to
- participate in our school-year or summer theater shows.
- A gift of \$920 (the average financial aid award for FY16) sponsors a student in need for a full year of lessons.

Thank you.

2016-2017 Harmony Fund: Thank you for Helping Secure the Future

(As of 12/20/2016)

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 School's
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The Cavatina Society recognizes donors who give leading gifts of \$500 and above. For more information on giving and membership, please speak with Sarah Smongeski, Executive Director or e-mail Sarah@pakmusic.org.

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Andy Weigl, 2016 Volunteer of the Year



Verderese Volunteers of the Year

1998: Antoinette

1999: Judy MacQueen 2000: Linda Chadwick

2001: Joan Butterworth

2004: Marcia Reich

2007: Linda Roach

2008: Renihan Family

2009: Alison Snyder

2010: Susan Kraft

2012: Patti Verderese

2016: Andy Weigl

The Verderese Volunteer of the year award was founded in 1997 to recognize the dedication of our key volunteers and is named for Patti and Paul Verderese, long time volunteers and benefactors to Pakachago

Andy Weigl Joins
Illustrious Group of
Verderese Volunteers
of the Year

At the School's May 2016 student recital, we extended our heartfelt thanks to volunteer School photographer and board member, Andy Weigl.

Andy's change of profession, from business consultant to professional photographer, was fortuitous in the life of the School. Over the past three years, Andy visited numerous recitals, lessons and special events to capture the life of Pakachoag in photos.

With the unveiling of our new website in May, Andy's photos brought the site to life through artistically captured images.

Beyond the camera, Andy has dedicated hundreds of hours over six years, watching over the health of the school and providing advice on all things strategic, in particular marketing activity.

When asked what has been most fulfilling about his personal commitment to Pakachoag, Andy writes:

 "Helping to work on issues that are important to the school, and making a difference along the way.

- "Watching, hearing and photographing, the students during performance - capturing the emotion.
- "Being able to give back to a worthy cause ...
- "Seeing first-hand how a small non-profit organization operates. It's way more challenging than I would have imagined!"

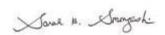
We thank Andy for sharing his time, his talents and dollars in support of Pakachoag students.

Donors/Grantors Invest in Students through Technology

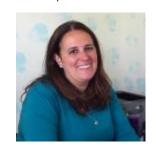
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Shifts in technology are also
helping us expand and connect in
in new ways.

Many of our MFL activities are summarized here in our newsletter. Some have not yet come to fruition—but the work is in progress.

I and our Board of Directors wish to thank you, our donors and grantors, for your trust in the School. We're working hard to ramp up, to change, to learn, to grow. None of this would be possible without your generosity. Thank you! Sincerely,



Heather MacFarlane, New Development Associate



Welcome Heather MacFarlane

Heather MacFarlane joined
Pakachoag in October as our new
part-time Development Associate.
Heather will be working with Sarah
to make sure our donors, grantors
and sponsors have the opportunity
to see how their support is
impacting students and
strengthening Pakachoag. Heather
has extensive prior experience in
the development offices at Clark
University and Assumption College.
She holds a BA from Wheaton
College and an MBA from
Assumption.

Sponsors Keep the Music Playing

Thank you sponsors! Your support helps keep School special events free and open to the public.

We appreciate your investment in Pakachoag and community.

If your business would like to sponsor a program or event, please contact Heather MacFarlane, Development Associate at Heather@pakmusic.org.

Thank you to the following reastaurants who have generously donated gift cards for special event door prizes:

A&D Pizza Calabria Ristorante Elm Draught House Padavano's Place Park Grill & Spirits Pepperoni Express









Student News & Congratulations

Matthew Morales (Brimfield) student of Silvia Irving, was accepted into Senior Central District Chorus. Matthew received an All State audition recommendation.

Paul Mara (Auburn) and Shannen Lin (Worcester), students of Amy Matherly, were accepted into MMEA Central District Senior Festival Orchestra.

Olivia Curnen (Auburn), voice student of Silvia Irving, has been awarded the role of Mrs. Potts for Stageloft Theater's production of Beauty and the Beast.

Thanks to the piano students of Inna Muravnik, Andrey Karpyuk, Debby Sedgwick and Janeen Baker who volunteered for a special concert at the UCC of Millbury in October. The concert celebrated

the newly refurbished piano and organ at the church.

Participating pianists: Katelyn Aho (Worcester)

Eowyn Bach (Paxton)
Leah Cammusso (Worcester)
Bennett Ebinezer (Shrewsbury)
Lily Engquist (Worcester)
Lauren Engquist (Worcester)
Laura Le (Auburn)
Declan O'Connor (W. Boylston)
Grace Quimby (W. Boylston)
And organists:
Lauren Engquist and Chris Lobo (Holden) also participated.

Andrew Lefferts, student of Inna Muravnik; from Oxford, was accepted for the Lyra Summer Music Festival in July 2016. Andrew's recital performance at Smith College's Sage Concert Hall received accolades from the Hampshire Gazette as "the most satisfying performance of the afternoon". Andrew was also highlighted in a Sunday Sitdown feature article in November's Worcester Telegram & Gazette.

Congratulations to the following students who completed our fall challenges:

Big Ear Challenge (Sept/Oct)

Albert Afonso, Clara Dowdle, Elizabeth Elkinson, Okko Kleino, Eva Knorr, Ethan Most, Maya Pascoal, Henry Wang

Practice challenge (Oct/Nov)

Graciella Baublitz. Cayleigh Burke, Dylan Burke, Okko Kleino,. Eva Knorr, Ethan Most, Maya Pascoal, Reina Patel, Alaia Phillips Enjoy Meeting Our 'Featured Student' on the Home Web Page

Great learning
happens every day at
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School because of our

Visit the home page of our web site, scroll down and you'll see the "Featured Student" content block. Every month or so, we'll feature one of our students so you can see how your investment in students today is making a difference, for life! Page 8 The Tenuto

Inna Muravnik, pianist, will present Of Intellect & Heart

You're Invited: Upcoming Special Events

Organ Pipe Oligarchy

William Ness, Faculty

Saturday, February 11, 2017 2:00 pm

The Great Hall at Pakachoag Church

Offered in Collaboration with

Pakachoag Church

With Pakachoag faculty:
Jung-Yi Hsieh / Alice Daugherty, Flute
Scott Daugherty, Trumpet

Of Intellect & Heart

Inna Muravnik, Piano Faculty

Saturday, April 29, 2017 4:00 pm

The Great Hall at Pakachoag Church

Joined by Senior Student

Andrew Lefferts

Masterclass:
The Art of Sight Reading

Vladimir Odinokikh, Faculty

Friday, June 9, 201 6:30 pm

The Fellowship Hall at Pakachoag Church

For complete information, please visit: www.pakmusic.org > News & Events

Alumnus Martin Palacios Shares Beautiful Music

Concert Inspires Students of all Ages

In October, Martin Palacios
(originally of Auburn) flew up from
Tennessee to present a special
Music For Life alumnus concert.
Martin is currently completing a
master's degree in Suzuki
Pedagogy. Following the concert,
Martin asked one of our young
attending violinists, "What is your
favorite piece?" "Aunt Rhodie,"
replied Beckham. "I love that
piece", responded Martin. Clearly,
Martin is well on his way to being
a wonderful teacher, as well as
accomplished violinist.

A reception, generously provided by parents, followed the concert which included works by Bach, Saint-Säens and Schostakovich.



Maxim Korn (Right; Faculty Emeritus; Martin's Pakachoag teacher) accepts flowers from Eva Knorr, violin student, as Martin (left) and Kamilla Irving (pianist; center) look on.

Thank you Security Engineered Machinery, program sponsor; and Music for Life donors. The additional expense of hosting an out-of-state musician was only possible because of your support.



On Friday, December 16th, twelve Pakachoag fiddlers visited UMass Memorial to share musical cheer. Thank you students and parents for taking the time; also Amy Matherly and mom Ketaki for organizing the visit.



Monday Evenings with Parent Association

You're Invited:

Are you new to
Pakachoag?
A grandparent?
Interested friend or
donor?

Please join us the last Monday of each month. Next Meeting:

Monday, January 30, 2017 6:00 to 7:00 pm

As a PPA participant, you can get to know other parents and share ideas for strengthening the School. Please RSVP to let us know if you will attend or for more information, please e-mail:

Crystal Jiang at
Crystalwj@gmail.com or
Sarah Smongeski,Executive
Director, at Sarah@pakmusic.org

Alumni News

Med School, Art School, NYC Triathalon Winner, Drama Director Among Alumni

John Butterworth (piano; 2010) is in his first of four years at Weill Cornell Medical School. John wants to either be a pediatrician or pediatric oncologist. John is also doing research at Cornell in the area of pediatric neuro-oncology.

Ben Lefferts (piano; 2015) is attending the Marlyand Institute College of Art (MICA).

Claire Lefferts (piano; 2005) has been accepted into the master's program for Latin and Classical Studies at UMass/Boston.

Gregory Paradis (Piano/Voice; 2005) has been appointed Musical and Drama Director at the James Caldwell High School in W. Caldwell, NJ. Greg just finished producing Godspell and is now preparing for a spring production of Legally Blonde.

Greg also teaches voice, piano, and acting at Fine Arts Connection in Pine Brook NJ, and is a new teaching artist for the education program at Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, NJ. Four times a year he writes and arranges music for student-written children's plays at Montclair Kimberley Academy, and during the holiday season, he is a professional Christmas caroler with the Yuletide Carolers.

Renae Renihan (cello; 2016) is attending Worcester State College majoring in Music. Renae is also teaching Cello for the Bancroft School in Worcester.

Dustin Weigl (Trumpet; 2009) won, in July, the individuals (non-pro) division of the New York City Triathalon (out of 3500 entrants). Dustin entered school this fall at MIT double majoring in Transportation and Technology/Policy. Dustin continues to play his trumpet as a member of the MIT concert band. Dustin wrote earlier this year, in response to a "we're excited" Facebook post by Pakachoag: "My [trumpet] lessons with Jon absolutely helped me manage my breathing this weekend!"



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Most Popular Posts:

Fall 2016

No. 1: Fiddlers Visit UMass Memorial bringing musical cheer. in December.

No. 2 First Day Back with Dylan and Caleigh.

Violin students look pretty excited! As they return late August for their first official lesson of the new school year.

No. 2: Video Thank You from Thursday Music Together. Toddlers and parents thank School donors on Giving Tuesday.

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Katie Hollenbach (top), Clarinet, Theory; and David Siegel (bottom), Violin

Introducing New Faculty

Joining the School as new faculty in September 2016 are:

Katie Beisel Hollenbach, Clarinet, Theory Classes: Katie earned her bachelor's degree at the University of Denver. She also holds a Master of Music degree in musicology from Northwestern University and is currently a PhD candidate in musicology at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. David Siegel, Violin, holds a
Bachelor of Music degree, in violin
performance, from the Manhattan
School of Music. He has performed
on a regular basis for many years,
often as concertmaster, with a
variety of organizations, including
the Boston Landmarks Orchestra
and Boston Ballet.

Usha Verma, Indian Classical Sitar, joins us in January. Usha holds an MA in Music from Punjab

University. She was a Music Professor for 6 years at Arya College in Ludhiana, India , and has taught previously at the Learn-Quest School of Music in Waltham.

Visit the website, and look for:
About > Faculty

To learn more about our new faculty.

Faculty News

The Matherlys Announce Release of New Book

Amy Matherly (Suuzki Program Coordinator / Violin Faculty) and husband Christopher Matherly announce the release of their latest book: *Group Classics:* Strategies and Ideas for Inspiring Suzuki Group Classes

As a veteran teacher, Amy offers advice and student tested lesson ideas gleaned from over 30 years of group class teaching experience.

Amy notes, "Group class is the heart of a successful Suzuki program and needs to be approached with thoughtful planning."

Group Classics is available at campublications.com, at amazon.com and at Johnson String Instruments.

Julie Holston (Music Together) could be seen around southern Worcester county in December with the *Very Merry Dickens*Carolers, singing traditional carols as well as swing and doo-wap.

Linnea Lyerly (Music Together) sang an itinerary of different genres, time periods, languages and styles for *A Musical Journey in Song* presented in November as part of the FCC of Shrewsbury's Arts on the Green concert series with pianist Malcolm Halliday and other vocalists. In December, Linnea appeared in the "1940's

Radio Hour" production with Calliope Theater in Boylston.

In October, **William Ness** (organ faculty) brought Worcester
Memorial Auditiorium's Kimball organ "back to life" after three decades of silence. William's performance was part of a Worcester chapter American Guild of Organists festival week at the Auditorium.

Donor Provides Nice Quality Piano for Lessons

Music Lover Donates For Teaching & Learning

Thank you Rev. Perry Kingman and family for donating this past year a very nice, lightly used Yamaha upright piano.

Rev. Kingman is a Pakachoag Board member. He also sings and volunteers with the Salisbury Singers. Perry is genuinely enthused when he sees young people engaged in making music. We've noticed he particularly

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enjoys hearing a young person play Bach.

We appreciate all of the offers we receive from community friends who are looking to put old instruments to good use.

While our school piano needs are quite specific, we are happy to refer donations forward to families in need of an instrument.

We continue to accept some wind and string instrument donations, on an as-needed basis, on behalf of



the Boys & Girls Club and All Saints' Afternoon Tunes partnerships.

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This Issue: Music for Life! Continues Full Throttle Investing in Students, Today and Tomorrow

'Let the Music Change Your Life'

Announcing Music for Life Jingle Winner

Congratulations Henry Wang of Auburn! Watch our Facebook page and e-news in the new year for a link to hear Henry's jingle.

Henry's Jingle Lyrics:

Lovely music everywhere. Music for Life. Pakachoag. Everybody loves music. Do Re Mi, Do Re Mi, Mi Re Do, Mi Re Do.

Come join our music school. Let the music change your life. Everybody loves music. Do Re Mi. Mi Re Do.



Henry, Jingle Contest Winner

