

# **Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation**

Spring 2024

# **President's Message**

Welcome to our Spring/Summer newsletter. Our primary mission is to provide scholarships to students to attend summer music camps. Our Scholarship Committee spent an entire day listening and reviewing applications to decide who should get an award and to recommend which applicants should receive our special scholarships. After they met, Laura reviewed the recommendations and attached dollar amounts to the students the committee felt were deserving of an award. This year we have awarded a record amount of scholarship funds to ninety-two musicians totaling \$109,727. This was made possible because of your generosity and support.

Laura and I attended the Long Beach All-District Concert this year in January. We were impressed with the quality of the performances and the large number of students on the stage. At the concert we heard the Middle School Ohlendorf String Orchestra, the Middle School Ohlendorf Full Orchestra, and the Middle School All-District Band. The second part of the program was the High School All-District Band and the High School All-District String Orchestra. Music programs at our public schools are growing in the number of students participating and in the quality of their performances. Hats off to all the music teachers who are working with students to rebuild their programs.

We were also invited to hear one of two concerts hosted by the Long Beach Alumnae Chapter of the Sigma Alpha Iota Music Fraternity. The concert featured several local musicians performing solos and duets. They raised **\$2,675** for scholarships with the proceeds donated to our organization. We are grateful for their support of our scholarship program.

Our private lesson program for students in Long Beach Unified is in its third year. The funds are coming from the "**Long Beach Gives**" program and from our general fund. Our hope is that this program will help grow and improve the music programs in our schools. We are currently supporting private lessons for twenty-four young musicians.

Summer is just around the corner. If possible, visit a summer music camp. Laura and I always visit the sessions that our scholarship winners are attending at Arrowbear. We take their picture and ask them to share with us how they are enjoying their camp experience. Again, I can't thank you enough for your generous donations that make our endeavors possible. I hope you take some time this summer to relax and enjoy life.

Cliff Kusaba President



## **Lost Arrowbearites**

Every fall and spring we receive newsletters back stamped, "Not Deliverable as Addressed. Unable to Forward." Not only are we sorry to lose an address, but it costs us \$1.09 per piece to get a newsletter back. We also receive regular address changes for every newsletter. These pieces cost us \$0.57 cents each. Now we're having the problem that we're not getting back all the address changes from the Post Office. Your newsletter is sent on to your new address, but we're not being notified of your new address as we were in the past. This is where you come in. Please try to remember us during the stress and craziness of moving. We need your new address as well. You can send the new address to our PO Box, or you can email it to *arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com*.

#### Erika Anderson Martha Drake

These two are the only newsletters we received back from the Fall Newsletter. This is really frustrating for us. Your newsletter was sent on to your new address by the post office, but we have no idea that you moved. If you moved between **June 2023 and May 2024**, PLEASE let us know your new address by email.

#### Fall and Winter 23-24 Donations

Many, many thanks to the alumni and friends of Arrowbear who donated to our Scholarship Fund. Donations from the Fall Newsletter totaled an impressive **\$89,100.22**. We are particularly grateful because we know these are still difficult times with high prices at the pump and at the grocery store. All of the donations will go toward scholarships for this coming summer and Summer 2025.

Every donation is appreciated. We receive amounts from \$10 to hundreds of dollars. It all adds up. Don't worry about waiting until you can give more at some point in the future. Any amount makes a difference. It's always a wonderful surprise to visit the mailbox and hear how you're doing and what is keeping you busy. Please keep in touch and give when you can. We love to hear from you.

Paul Arundel Elizabeth Houston Bowermaster Lon & Kiki Collins Bussell Beckie Roth Celikel **Dave Collins** John Curtis Leslie Collins Edwards Mike & Marylynn Wilcox Eipper Erin Nakagawa Felix Mike & Jan Fluchere Jim Garrecht Lida Lockwood Gerenraich Julie Gill Eileen Choi Golden Eileen Marrison Halcrow Sherry & Lindsey Hetz **Hogarth Family Trust** Stefanie Holzman Jim Hopkins Dennis & Jayne Lanners Horn

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#### **Additional Donations and Grants**

• Thank you to the six alumni who have set up automatic monthly donations through PayPal. We receive \$145 in total every month from these alumni for a yearly total of **\$1,740**.

Constance Norwick

Naomi Norwick

- Thank you to Stephanie Endo who set up a Facebook donation for her birthday with the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Many thanks to Naomi Norwick's friends and family for donations through a Facebook birthday fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Facebook birthday fundraisers totaled \$2,065 since the Fall Newsletter.
- Many thanks to Russell Graham for completing the paperwork for a grant through the ENGPAC program from the Northrop Grumman Foundation and through the ECHO payroll contribution program.
- Many thanks to Robert & Jennifer Mitchell Spier for a matching grant from Benevity & America Online Giving Fund.
- Many thanks to Veronica Wilson for a matching grant from BASF Corporation.
- Many thanks to Ted & Nancy Rodriguez-Bell for a matching grant from Bank of America.
- Many thanks to Jim Garrecht for setting up payroll deduction donations through the United Way.



#### **Dedications**

Karin Hoesli in memory of Hanna Hoesli.

Todd Graber in memory of Russell Miller.

Matthew Henderson in memory of Katy Henderson.

Beth Mills Grace and Jeff Mills in memory of Ted Mills.

Cathy Moore Parker in memory of Fran Cleaver Moore.

Paul Schwartz in memory of Arthur & Margery Schwartz.

Naomi Norwick in memory of Walter and Natalie Norwick.

Brian Woodland in memory of Vina Mae Sippel Woodland.

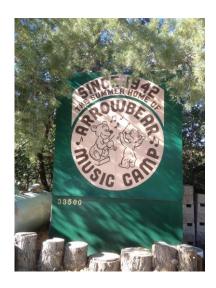
Marcia and Anna Schechter in memory of David L. Schechter.

Meg Garside Jones in memory of Patricia and Rodney Garside.

Len and Jean Reynolds Eckhardt in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Michael Fluchere in memory of Suzanne and Juliette Fluchere.

Gustavo Alfaro, Jr. in memory of his mother-in-law, Cherry Blossom, who taught her children the joy of music.



# GI VING TUESDAY

### Giving Tuesday – Coming December 3, 2024

Giving Tuesday is a national event designed to encourage donations to worthy causes. The most recent event took place on November 28, 2023. We raised \$95 for the scholarship fund. Many thanks to the donors who contributed.

Giving Tuesday 2024 will take place on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

Donations are processed through Fundraisers on our Facebook group page and on our Instagram page.

**Beckie Roth Celikel** 

**Dennis Trembly** 

**Florence Manos** 

#### In Memoriam



**Caryn Walsh Nadelberg** passed away in November 2023 from complications after cancer surgery. Caryn played the violin and was a camper in the 1980s along with her two sisters. Her mother, Carole Ozanian, was a camper in the 1950s. Caryn was a talented artist who worked for multi-million-dollar companies as a financial controller. She enjoyed playing her violin and attended concerts in the San Francisco area.

**Dr. Stuart Farber** passed away on January 23, 2024, after a lengthy illness. He was a camper in the 1940s. Dr. Farber was a professor at CSULB for forty-three years. He was a long-time supporter of our scholarship program.

**Davina Cave Kaiser** passed away on January 30, 2024, from an aggressive brain tumor. She was a cellist at Arrowbear from 1966-1971. Davina was a teacher in Long Beach Unified until her retirement. She was an active member and Treasurer for the teacher's union for many years. Davina taught private piano lessons, enjoyed singing, and never missed an Arrowbear Reunion.

**Carolyn Jones Baustian** passed away on March 3, 2024. She was a cellist at Arrowbear from 1946-1948. Carolyn attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2016 along with her close friends from the early days of Arrowbear.

#### Long Beach Gives - Coming September 19, 2024 - Fundraiser for Private Lessons



We are excited to share with you that Arrowbear Music Associates is once again participating along with over 200 non-profit organizations in **Long Beach Gives** on **September 19, 2024**. What does that mean? It means that many more alumni and supporters of music education will have the opportunity to donate to help young Long Beach musicians receive private music lessons during the school year.

Our Scholarship Committee has noted how many of the young musicians who apply for a scholarship do not have the benefit of private music lessons. Their families just can't afford the expense of weekly lessons that cost anywhere from \$25 to \$60 each. We've decided to try to help meet this need.

This is the third year we've partnered with the music teachers of Long Beach Unified to identify young musicians who would flourish musically with the support of private lessons. Our goal is to raise **\$5,000** to pay for private lessons for as many students as we can beginning in the fall when schools reopen for the new school year. We are currently supporting private lessons for 16 middle school-age students and eight high school-age students. Please help us reach our goal.

Would you like to help? Our Long Beach Gives website is https://donate.longbeachgives.org/Arrowbear-Music-Associates. The official day for donations is **September 19, 2024**. Please add the date now to your calendar.



It's not too late to enroll in a session at Arrowbear.

Visit their website at arrowbear.com.

There are still openings available.

Sessions range from \$370 for the four-day Elementary Sessions up to \$1,890 for the two-week Intermediate or Advanced Sessions.

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Arrowbear Music Associates can now accept donations through **Zelle**. You can scan the convenient QR Code using your banking app on your phone, or you can type in our email address: *arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com*.

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Arrowbear Music Associates



# **Scholarships 2024**

It's so difficult to decide who should receive assistance. We agonize, argue passionately for students who touch our hearts in some way, and finally reach a consensus on who gets a scholarship, and who we are unable to help. We walk a delicate line trying to balance merit with need, those who have the advantage of lessons versus those who have potential but whose parents can't afford private lessons. The effect of two years of learning on Zoom is still impacting all genres of performing arts classes, but thankfully, enrollment in performing arts classes is growing and music students are progressing. There is still work to be done to achieve the pre-pandemic levels of mastery and participation for many programs. Students are eager for the musical challenge and the camaraderie that a session at camp provides. Your generosity helps make their dream of attending a summer music camp session possible.

We are excited to announce that we awarded **\$109,727** in scholarships to all 92 young musicians who applied for Summer 2024. Congratulations to them all!

Morey's Music Store Scholarship

Angelo Atendido-Santos violin Long Beach Tiffany Hong viola La Mirada

David L. Schechter Scholarship

Leo Jimenez tenor sax Lakewood Lorenzo Alves Pereira clarinet Rome, Italy

Fran Moore Scholarship

Kaitlyn McGuire viola Temecula

Robert Simmergren Scholarship

Greyson Huang violin Long Beach Paisley Huang violin Long Beach

**Newton and Elsie Wrench Scholarship** 

Federico Calchi Novati clarinet Pasadena

**Robert Collins Choral Scholarship** 

Emily Salazar alto Lake Arrowhead

**Arnold & Judy Hogarth Scholarship** 

Claire Lloyd alto sax Long Beach
Giulietta Luongo alto sax San Diego
Boedy Reisner tuba Crestline
Zuzanna Szybura violin Long Beach

Raye Fairchild Scholarship

Mia Vasquez violin Long Beach

Walter & Natalie Norwick Scholarship

Andrew Gerhart violin Long Beach

**Loren & June Collins Scholarship** 

Phoenix Soto trumpet Long Beach

**Carole Ohlendorf Dockstader Scholarship** 

Matteo Alves Pereira flute Rome, Italy

Ellen Deffner Scholarship

Clare Drake clarinet Long Beach

**Herb Guthmann Scholarship** 

Kell Malmgren tenor trombone San Diego

Vina Mae Sippel Woodland Scholarship

Axel Logg string bass South Pasadena

**B.T. Ted Mills Scholarship** 

Zachary Arnold alto sax Long Beach

Suzanne & Juliette Fluchere Scholarship

Ryan Chung cello Big Bear City Zachary Gerhart cello Long Beach

Myrtle Seymour Watilo Scholarship

Emma Stelzried violin Walnut

Cliff Ervin Scholarship

David Gietzen trumpet Camarillo

**Arthur & Margery Schwartz Scholarship** 

Miles Reusch violin Carlsbad

Mark Masterson Scholarship

Maximiliano Nievas flute Perris

John Ervin Scholarship

Kenny Tran trombone Long Beach

Sigma Alpha lota Scholarship

Paolo Calchi Novati violin Pasadena

Frances J. Harding – Musical Arts Club Scholarship

Robert Baldridge tenor Silverado

Carol Ulviden Scholarship

Chloe Baldridge soprano Silverado

Carol Lyn Jackson Scholarship

Grey Castañeda violin Temecula

**Smith Family Scholarship** 

Isaac Suárez string bass Escondido Eric Villicana string bass Long Beach

Joe Burger Scholarship

James Fenton cello Whittier

**Choral Scholarship** 

Vala-Valis Miller soprano Rim Forest

**Elementary School Scholarships** 

Morgan Heang violin San Bernardino Emily Torres violin Long Beach

# **Scholarships Continued**

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Middle School Schola			High School Scholars		_
Benjamin Abdi	violin	Escondido	Katherine Erber	flute	Long Beach
Brittany Arredondo	cello	Compton	Allison Feinberg	violin	Santa Ynez
Joseph Baldridge	violin	Silverado	Vincent Felix	clarinet	Cedar Pines Park
Josh Cantu-Wang	violin	Big Bear City	Jack Gravois	flute	Long Beach
Stella Drake	violin	Long Beach	Colin Hobson	trumpet	Crestline
Marlee Johnson	trumpet	Lakewood	Fiona Huang	cello	Saratoga, CA
Wesley Johnson	trumpet	Long Beach	Keyra Ickler	flute	Long Beach
Luri Lee	clarinet	San Diego	Corban Lewis	cello	San Luis Obispo
Elizabeth Lehman	cello	Long Beach	Asher Lowery	clarinet	Twin Peaks
Lukas Logg	percussion	South Pasadena	Kaydin Lowery	trombone	Twin Peaks
Elin Lu	cello	Las Vegas, NV	Jaden Martinez	bari sax	Crestline
Chloe O'Brien	trumpet	Yorba Linda	Scarlett Martinez	violin	Long Beach
Renata Raya	cello	Burbank	Avrie Milford	flute	Running Springs
Ruby Reusch	violin	Carlsbad	Jack Nash	trumpet	San Diego
Abel Mateo Sandoval	violin	Escondido	Stephanie Perteet	tenor sax	Riverside
Tamara Mitrani Shafrar	n percussion	San Diego	Alyssa Plooy	clarinet	Running Springs
Nathan Sharma	cello	Katy, TX	Leah Porter	clarinet	Blue Jay
Shion Svenson	French horn	Wrightwood	Fatima Ramirez	violin	Bellflower
Timothy Sweeney	trumpet	Garden Grove	Rogelio Raya	violin	Burbank
Joshua Torres	violin	Long Beach	Adel J Sandoval	cello	Escondido
Soren Travis	alto sax	Los Angeles	Jesus Sandoval	violin	Escondido
Connor Wheeler	cello	Running Springs	Matisse Sayada	violin	France
			Mareen Shah	percussion	Redondo Beach
High School Scholarships			Emily Silvernail	euphonium	San Diego
Shayna Beckerman	bass clarinet	Carson City, NV	Charley Travis	oboe	Los Angeles
Nina Cantu-Wang	viola	Big Bear City	Lucas Wheeler	trumpet	Running Springs
Angie Chung	violin	Big Bear City	Sophia Wheeler	flute	Running Springs
Elliot Rice Epstein	violin	Long Beach	Dylan Witter	percussion	Twin Peaks

#### Go Green!

Sign up to be a subscriber on our website at **arrowbearmusicassoc.org/alumni**. Then you'll receive our electronic newsletter. The photos are all in color, and the links to our website and documents are live. There's more information in our electronic newsletter than in our print version since we aren't limited by space. Join us!

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**Arrowbear Music Associates** is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Our main purpose is to provide scholarships to deserving young musicians for summer music camps. The number of scholarships we can award depends upon the donations we receive. Our major expenses are the two Newsletters which are published in the spring and fall. We mail Newsletters to over two thousand alumni and friends.

The members of the Board of Directors volunteer their time and talents so that we can provide scholarships and keep you informed about what is going on at Arrowbear. We are always in need of more help and fresh ideas. If you are interested in joining a committee, please call 562-634-5158, email us at *arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com*, or write to us at PO Box 1294, Lakewood CA 90714. We meet three to four times a year. We'd love to have you join us.

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