



Fall 2013

Upcoming Events

- Oct 22: Music Everybody
- Nov 20: Docent Training Graduation
- Dec 6: MFMI Holiday Party

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Working...
In **Harmony**
... to keep music in children's classrooms and lives.

Executive Director, Carol Zilli

Welcome back! ... Just like the good old days, we're back again!

As "Autumn Leaves" start whirling by, Music for Minors II is off to an exciting start of another school year. We continue to celebrate our 25th anniversary of service to children and classroom teachers thanks to all of our brand new trainees, returning docents and liaisons, new and returning board members, and new and experienced staff which enable MFMI to still keep music alive for thousands of children in need. We are a team of dedicated, fun-loving, enthusiastic and amazing people united in our mission to bring more music to more children because we know it is vital to their healthy social development and academic success. Besides, music makes learning fun and long-lasting! Everything we do in MFMI is focused on how we can help children and support our wonderful docents, the heart of our program.



Meet the MFMI Board of Directors!

Our new team members start with Board President, **Elise Balgley**, Attorney at Law, located in Newark. Elise is a Kiwanan and Fremont Chamber board member who brings wisdom and guidance and a shared commitment to arts education coming from a musical family herself.



MFMI Board of Directors 2013-2014



Castro Valley Fall Festival Booth

Another new member-at-large is **Ken Smith**, Realtor – CDPE also located in Newark (Newpark Mall) who has been affiliated with the Newark Chamber and other charitable organizations. Ken's hidden passion is photography so we look forward to some of his great shots of our program in action. Ken gets in the MFMI spirit with Executive Director Carol Zilli, Jensen Ranch Docent/Liaison Kaori Schneider, and Program Director-Development Sharon Slayton above.

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What would we do without our new Treasurer, **Michele Morhous**, who is replacing our wonderful past Treasurer Susan Lesh. Michele attended our 25th anniversary Gala and was bitten by the MFMII bug. She already has demonstrated wisdom and guidance as she monitors the finances of MFMII. Look for Michele in her Oakland A's shirt as she is the best cheerleader for that team that had such a great record this year. We know Michele will be one of MFMII's best promoters as well.

John Payne is a professional musician who owns a recording studio in Newark. John's daughter used to attend a private pre-school before entering kindergarten in Newark this fall. When John shared his instruments and music with her classmates last June and saw the faces of the children, his life was changed. He knew he had to do something to bring music to children. Our new Program Director-Development, **Sharon Slayton**, found John at LOV Newark's summer recreation program, coordinated by Sharon. John has already shared some exciting ideas for MFMII that you will be hearing about soon.

These three community members bring such a broad spectrum of experiences and connections to the community. We look forward to being enriched by their contributions to our program and we thank them for their service.

Welcome Staff Members!

MFMII recognizes the tremendous work of our dedicated staff members over the years; the sensational and stupendous Sandy Shimkus, Docent Manager/Mentor, Docent Training Coordinator, Docent and recently Liaison at a new MFMII school; and **Sharon Filippi**, Administrative Assistant (AA = A++), board member, a former MFMII docent and a familiar name to everyone given her countless email communications and phone calls. MFMII thanks Sharon for her dedicated service to our success over so many years.



Our thanks to docents Melinda Mawson, Mattos School (Fremont) second year docent, for becoming our Board Vice-President and Dawn Sawyer, second year docent at Bunker School (Newark) for becoming a member-at-large on the board.

Welcome back board members **Ed Mateo** (8th year Docent now at Lincoln School – Newark), Funding Director, **Carolyn Zeljak** (Retired Teacher, Docent), Secretary, and **Veera Kazak** (Liaison, 7th year Docent at Parkmont School), Resource Center Director.

Board Biz

The MFMII Board of Directors plans another exciting year of music!

- Docent Training + MUSIC EVERYBODY event with Jeffrey Chappell
- Danceshop and Ukulele Jam
- Community Benefit Concert and much more...

Board meets the 4th Thursday of the month at the law office of Board President Elise Balgley in Newark.



Docent Sharing Session #1 - Fremont



Docent Emily Zimbrick (Brier School-Fremont), Program Director Sharon Slayton at Newark Days booth.

And WELCOME to our new staff member, **Sharon Slayton**, who will assume the position of Program Director-Development. Sharon comes to us with an excellent background and experience in project management, but her deep love of music and children is what drives her and will enhance our efforts for program expansion

It's the passion of people in our program that makes the magic happen and Sharon shares that and passes it on.



A Brothers' Band, Newark Days Booth

A special thank you to **Roy Kazak** who is our new webmaster for our website and also has accepted the position of moderator of our yahoo group. All of the above people's contact information is found on our board roster but if you would like to see them face to face, visit our website: www.musicforminors2.org or look for a shot of the team in this newsletter.



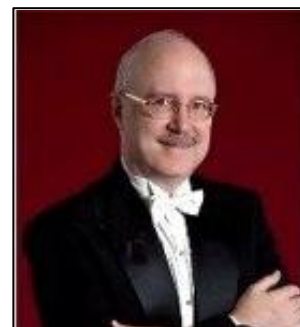
Strike up the Band, C.V. Fall Festival

MFMI thanks our Advisory Council members for their consultancy and support and welcomes new member Dave Smith, former Newark "Mr. Mayor." What can be better - a strong Board of Directors and Advisory Council, a tremendous staff, and most of all, dynamite docents serving schools in Fremont, Newark, Castro Valley, Pleasanton, Dublin, and possibly this year for the first time a school in South San Francisco. MFMI training classes total 40 new docent trainees. Hats off to **Sandy Shimkus**, veteran docent of 11 years, staff member, and former board member, who is teaching the Castro Valley evening training classes for the first time. Sandy and Carol have once again enhanced the training curriculum with skills assessment tools for docents and other exciting developments. Training is such fun and the foundation for a solid program in all the schools we serve. We encourage all docents to re-visit some training sessions for new ideas and continue their inservicing and learning by attending our exciting music workshops.

As we approach the end of our 25th anniversary year and plan our exciting holiday get together, may we continue to spread the joy of music wherever we go and especially in the hearts and minds of the children we serve. LET'S MAKE MUSIC!

Music Everybody!

MFMI welcomes world-renown classical concert pianist and jazz musician Jeffrey Chappell as our fall presenter for our volunteer docents and new trainees along with their classroom teachers, MFMI Board Members, Advisory Council, MFMI sponsors and staff, and the community on Tuesday, October 22nd from 6:30-9:30pm at Niles School in Fremont. MFMI is honored to have Mr. Chappell who happens to be related to Bunker School docent Kathie Chappell. This exciting fall event focuses on empowerment as Mr. Chappell helps participants discover the music within them and to express it in an effortless, creative, and powerful way. This is definitely an event not to be missed as Mr. Chappell

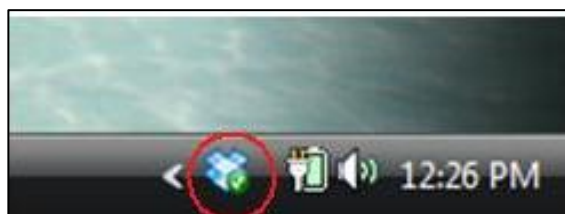


is also graciously performing for us on the classic grand piano at the school for the first half hour of the event. See the attached flyer in this newsletter for more details.

Ed Mateo, MFMI Board Member/Docent

Communication is so important in this organization and keeping up to date with the current documents, songs, and decisions is vital. I have set up a Dropbox account, and created a folder for Music for Minors II. I will be putting important information in this folder including lyrics to songs, and various other items of interest to Board Members, Liaisons, and Docents. Please send me an email so I can add you to the Dropbox folder. If you do not have Dropbox, it is a free and easy to use program that you can download and install on your computer or Smart Phone. Once installed, you will be able to access the MFMI folder.

You do not need an email account to access the folder. A Dropbox icon will appear in your taskbar at the bottom of your computer screen. Please contact me if you have any questions. My email address is mateo.e2000@hotmail.com.



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Castro Valley Fall Festival Recruitment Booth



"Buddies & Pals" C.V. Training Class

Program Director and Development, Sharon Slayton

As the new MFMII Program Director-Development, I'm joining all our new docents, liaisons and volunteers as a fresh addition to this incredible East Bay musical education program. Before becoming involved, I knew that our mission is an important one. I saw our amazing Executive Director, Carol Zilli, in action over the summer. Still, just one week after being hired as the new Program Director – Development, I was asked to set up two festival booths at the Castro Valley Fall Festival and at the annual Newark Days fair. Faced with just one week to man a two day event, and another just a week later, I learned more about what makes MFMII work than I could have learned through all the 'orientation' in the world. It's more than the music – even though the music we made with all those kids at those fairs was terrific and special! It's more than the kids, too – even though they make it all worth doing. What magical ingredient did I discover that makes Music for Minors II work so well?

It's the volunteers! That's right – It's YOU!

New or returning, you are all amazing. You embody the spirit that MFMII strives to bring into the classroom. People look no farther than our docents, liaisons and volunteers to live our message – “music education is important!” It's a vital link to learning and education of all kinds; vital enough for each of us to commit a substantial and significant portion of our lives to ensuring our children won't go without it.

As the phone calls and emails started coming in, the MFMII network started to come alive. People who could show up phoned and emailed. Sometimes, when people were too busy, they sent along regrets. No matter the ability to respond, one thing was for certain; everyone wanted to help. Everyone wanted to be there or to be involved. In an organization like this, you can't ask for anything better, or for anything more.

As I find my way in this new MFMII role, I'm looking forward to keeping you all informed about upcoming events and plans. I'll hopefully hear from you too; about your ideas, your successes and your “special” experiences. I know we can all expect great things from one another in the coming year. Let me know what I can do for you! I can't wait to share stories from our new volunteers and docents, as well as our program veterans. Watch this spot for upcoming events, special concerts, extra-special free and no/low cost training, and more! MFMII has been around for 25 successful years. Because of you, we're planning a 26th year that will be even better than ever before.

Welcome to the music, the magic, and the memories of Music for Minors II!



Dad joins in for boom-whacking



A budding musician or two for sure...

Resource Center Director, Veera Kazak

Welcome to another musical year with MFMII.

After receiving feedback from our docents, I purchased 3 new sets of boomwhackers, so that we have a class set in one location. I recently placed the 3 new sets of boomwhackers (C major diatonic) in the Niles resource center, along with some octavator caps. You can place an octavator cap on the end of a boomwhacker to lower the tone by an octave.



The Music K8 magazine and CDs have been ordered for all RCs. Music K8 now offers **free PowerPoint song lyric pages and free choreography videos**. For each new issue, lyrics to virtually all songs recorded in the magazine will be on PowerPoint for you to use with projectors, and any form of interactive teaching boards. With each new issue, there will be at least one movement suggestion video too.

A subscription to the Music Express Magazine and CDs has also been ordered for the Niles and CV resource centers. Hopefully you will make use of these invaluable teaching resources.

I have finally entered all the data from the RC inventories back in June into the RC inventory spreadsheet. The latest list can be found on the yahoo group and will also be available on the website, in the docent login area. All the items are sorted by resource center, and you can do a search for a particular item. Hopefully you can find what you are looking for. If there is anything that you are looking for that you cannot find or wish to see in an RC, please let me know.

I will continue to be the RC director for another year, but need some help finding assistants for some of the RCs (see below). Please let me know if you know anyone that can help. I am also excited to be a part of the new MFMII recruitment team, as well as a docent and liaison at Parkmont School. Feel free to contact me with any questions. Let's continue to make music, magic and memories!

WANTED! Resource Center Assistants for Glenmoor, Proctor and Leitch/Warm Springs

- Oversee the use of items.
- Maintain the RC in an organized way.
- Help conduct yearly inventory of the RC (June).
- Label Music K8 magazines/CD with MFMII and its code. Place in folder - every 2 months.
- Make sure there are enough sign-out/quick check/reserved list sheets in the binder. Check sign-out sheets for tardy returns.
- Ensure latest copy of inventory list is available - print from MFMII yahoo groups.
- Check for poor condition of any items on the inventory sheet. Keep records. Take broken instruments out of circulation. Repair/replace when possible.
- Reorganize the area as needed, to keep space used efficiently.
- Gather and file "wish lists" from docents of suggestions of items that the RC should have, so that when money is available these lists can be consulted.

The time commitment for each RC assistant is about 1 hour per month. If you can help or know of anyone who can, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Welcome Back! Our 25th year is still going strong.

We started off this new year with two **docent sharing sessions**. Our first one was in Fremont, followed by another one in Castro Valley two days later. One of the best things about being a docent is being able to share experiences with so many wonderful people. We are all one big happy family.



Many of the most popular Fall and Halloween songs were demonstrated and the docents were able to walk away with a new excitement to start the new year. A few of our trainees joined in the fun and were able to meet the people that make the magic happen. We also went over a new Class Assessment program that will help all of the docents determine which state standards are not being met in the classroom. We will have docent sharing every month and alternate between days and evenings so everyone gets a chance to see what is going on. We are also videotaping the sessions so you can check out the DVD and learn some great new songs.



Training is in full swing with Carol Zilli teaching the classes in Fremont like she has for the past 25 glorious years and me, Sandy Shimkus, teaching the evening classes in Castro Valley. It has been a lot of fun assisting Carol in Fremont and watching her perform her

magic and then being able to bring that to the Castro Valley trainees. Ever since I got my teaching credential last April, Carol has been mentoring me and working with me to make sure that the program is consistent for all trainees.

Thanks Carol, you are amazing.

We have a remarkable group of **new trainees** that are enthusiastic and wonderful to be around. They are all going to be a great asset to our program.



Thanks to our wonderful docents, liaisons, board, staff and the recruitment team for helping to make this happen. The Docent training schedule is attached to this newsletter. Please stop in and meet the new docents in training.

Looking forward to an exciting year.

See everyone at our exciting, "Music Everybody!" session on Tuesday, Oct. 22nd at the Niles School Auditorium from 6:30 - 9:30pm. Don't miss this one-time opportunity for this unique "music shop!"



Music for Minors II Docent Training 2013 Curriculum and Schedule of Classes - Fremont/Castro Valley

#1: September 11, Wednesday	<u>ORIENTATION SESSION</u> (Joint class with Castro Valley trainees) Resource Center Overview and tour - Niles Elementary School Resource Center from 7:00pm – 9:00pm
#2: September 16, Monday	<u>INTRODUCTION & CLASS OVERVIEW. 30 MIN LESSON.</u> <u>OPENERS AND GET AQUAINTED SONGS. INTRODUCTION TO FRAMEWORK</u> MFMI Mission, Docent role, class objectives, procedures, Daily Plan, CMD method of music organization and lesson planning Introduction songs, Yahoogroups, Overview of a typical 30 minute Lesson Plan, Docent Handbook, Docent commitment
#3: September 18, Wednesday	<u>INTRODUCTION GUIDE. INTRODUCTION TO MUSIC THEORY. BEAT AND RHYTHM</u> DIP & TIP, liaisons, docent agreement form, Introduction to Framework and Guide (Beat and Rhythm songs) , Start working on Quiz 1
#4: September 23, Monday	<u>BEAT AND RHYTHM CONTINUED. INTRODUCTION TO KODALY</u> Focus on Beat and Rhythm, Kodaly Introduction, Instruments Introduction, DIP and TIP Mini Presentation #1 format and expectations
#5: September 25, Wednesday	<u>THE SINGING VOICE. KODALY FOR THE YOUNG. PITCH AND MELODY</u> Kodaly for the Young: Focus on Pitch and Melody, Simple Drawings, Curwyn signs, Storytelling, Solfege, Start work on Docent Observations due October 10 th (CV), October 12 th (F)
#6: September 30, Monday	<u>PITCH AND MELODY CONTINUED</u> Kodaly for the Young: Focus on Pitch and Melody, Mini Voice Lesson **Turn in Mini-Presentation plan #1** Quiz #1 Review
#7: October 2, Wednesday	<u>HARMONY. PART SINGING. ROUNDS- CMD DETAIL & SONG APPLICATION</u> Focus on CMD aspects of songs, distinguishing main characteristics to emphasize Harmony, Part Singing, and Rounds, Theory (scales and chords) **QUIZ #1**
#8: October 7, Monday	<u>MUSIC SERIES RESOURCES</u> Explore McGraw-Hill, Music K-8, Music Express, Silver Burdette, Wee Sing
#9: October 8, Tuesday (CV and F)	<u>BACK TO MUSIC FOR MINORS II NIGHT</u> (Joint class with Castro Valley trainees), Niles Elementary School Resource Center from 7:00pm – 9:00pm Focus on Instruments, Docent sharing
#10: October 9, Wednesday (CV)	<u>**MINI-PRESENTATIONS #1**</u>
#11: October 14, Monday	<u>GENERAL TEACHING GUIDELINES</u> Class management situations, teaching tips and positive behavior songs (class Management songs), Turn in Beginning of Year Conference, Turn in Docent placement form, Turn in Resource Center Lending Agreement
#12: October 16, Wednesday	<u>LESSON PLANNING- GROUP PROJECT</u> Group project to complete a 30 minute lesson plan. Prepare lesson plan for Mini Presentation #2 from the group 30 minute lesson plan. (due Oct 21) Turn in Docent Observation #1

#13: October 21, Monday

EMOTIONAL EXPLORATION, SEQUENCING, FUN/SILLY SONGS AND MOTOR SKILLS

Focus on Dynamics, Meter, Tempo, Mood, Self Esteem, and Citizenship. **Quiz #2 Review. Turn in Mini Presentation form #2**

#14: October 23, Wednesday

MAKING THE TRAINING/TEACHING CONNECTION

More songs to learn and teach, 30 min lesson plans

#15: October 28, Monday

MINI PRESENTATION #2

Schedule Docent Observation #2 and present your Mini Presentation #2 song in that classroom.

Email Observation/Presentation schedule to Sandy Shimkus and Rose Godfrey.

#16: October 30, Wednesday

MEET EXPERIENCED DOCENTS AS THEY SHARE THEIR SONGS/ACTIVITIES

QUIZ #2, Final Presentation Review

#17: November 4, Monday

VIEWING DOCENTS IN THE CLASSROOM

CMD, Theory, Children's Recording Artists, ****Turn in Final-Presentation plan****

#18: November 6, Wednesday

ORCHESTRAL LISTENING

Instruments of the orchestra, musical form and listening activities

Quiz #3 take-home test review and distribution

#19: November 12, Tuesday

THE CHILD'S THE FOCUS

Docent Assessment of Class Musical Skills, Choosing age appropriate songs. A Taste of Dance and Orff

#20: November 13, Wednesday

OVERVIEW

Overview of Lesson Plans, CMD Method, Teaching Guidelines and Docent Requirements, Trainings Over, Now what?

****Class Evaluations due** DOCENT OBSERVATION #2 DUE, Quiz #3 - Take-home due**

#21: November 18, Monday

****FINAL PRESENTATIONS (Begin)****

Turn in Docent agreement forms.

#22: November 20, Wednesday

****FINAL PRESENTATIONS (Finish)****

GraduationIII

Fremont: 9:30am -11:45 am

Mondays: Fremont Congretional, 38255 Blacow Rd,
Fremont, 510-793-3970

Wednesdays: Fremont Adult School, 4700 Calaveras Ave,
Fremont, (510) 793-2240 Noll Center, Room 2,3,4

Castro Valley: 7:00pm - 9:15 pm

Mondays and Wednesdays: Castro Valley Adult School,
4430 Alma Ave, Castro Valley,

Mondays Room 6
Wednesdays Room 10

Attendance is critical! PLEASE CALL: Sandy-918-7659 (F), Rose-886-5177 (CV), Carol-673-5495 (F,CV)

Music for Minors II Proudly Presents:

Jeffrey Chappell

World-Renown Classical Concert Pianist,
Jazz Recording Artist, Teacher, Composer,
Musician, Author & Creator of
Music Everybody



TUESDAY—OCTOBER 22nd

Niles Elementary School
37141 Second Street
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Concert 6:30 p.m.

**Audience Participation &
Improvisation 7:00—9:30 p.m.**

"... Chappell not only exhibited a very formidable piano technique but demonstrated a broad range of feeling for the music." - ANNAPOLIS CAPITAL

"...For the first time in my life, I understood what it must feel like to be a real musician and be completely in love with music!" - JEFFREY CHAPPELL STUDENT

The MFMI mission as a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization is
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Help keep the celebration going!

Join MFM II in a unique, 2-part evening of entertainment and inspiration for MFM II Docents, their classroom teachers, Liaisons, Board, Advisory Council members, Staff, our MFM II Sponsors and the Community.

- *Special concert entertainment and presentation created especially with MFM II in mind.*
- *Practical demonstration session that will unleash the power of music in your soul and your classrooms!*
- *You Think You Can't Sing....
Improvise! Increase your self-confidence instantly in this dynamic session.*

"Everyone is a musician!"

"...I know it's a broad statement, but it works! With this class, I have a new respect for musicians, including myself."

-Jeffrey Chappell

Come let Jeffrey Chappell show you the wonders of making Music, Magic and Memories through musical creativity!

RESERVE

YOUR SEAT AND HANDOUT

Contact Sharon Filippi at
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\$10.00 donation**