



# Happy Holidays!

## Executive Director Message

"Hey Ho, fall is here! See the leaves falling. See the leaves falling!"

In MFMII, fall always means docent training, and this fall's training classes have set a new record with 54 new and enthusiastic docents who will continue the Music for Minors II mission and reach thousands more children in great need of music in their classrooms. Our extensive recruitment efforts in the schools and community since last spring have been very productive. The spirit of giving especially at this time of year is clearly evident with these wonderful new volunteers and our returning docents, liaisons, board members and staff. MFMII thanks all of you and also the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange Fund for their generous grant of \$10,000 in support of our docent training program. Given our huge fall training classes, this grant provides tremendous support!

30 years of service to children in 2018. Hundreds of docents have enriched thousands of children who would not have had music in their formative pre-school and elementary school years were it not for MFMII. We will be planning activities and fun-filled musical events throughout our milestone year so watch for the details and mark your calendars as you won't want to miss them.

HOSTS CAMPAIGN: As more schools are served by MFMII, we learn of their financial challenges even to meet our affordable fee of \$10 per child per school year for our weekly music lessons. We therefore must continue our efforts to seek sponsors for our scholarship fund for those children who are in need. Please see our new HOSTS card below and in the spirit of the season, **Help Our Students To Sing** by supporting one or more children or a classroom for one year and change lives forever!

Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends and don't forget to do the "Turkey Woogie!"

Carol Zilli

# What's New In MFMII

## MFMII Kids Choir

The MFMII Kids Choir is in its 3rd year and the 23 choir members (from various schools in Fremont and Newark) have been practicing hard. The choir is under the capable directorship of Mrs Lydia Concepcion, a private piano/vocal teacher, who is also a docent at Niles School and who has a flair for showmanship.

All performances by MFMII Kids Choir are free and open to the public. We look forward to seeing you there -- Quality music for the whole family!

- HOLIDAY CONCERT with the FREMONT SYMPHONY YOUTH ORCHESTRA: Friday, December 16, at 2:45pm. Irvington Presbyterian Church, Fremont.

How exciting and enriching for the choir to have these performances and more are being scheduled for December and January. The choir is still open for new members and for those who are interested to join, please email us at [mfm2kidschoir@gmail.com](mailto:mfm2kidschoir@gmail.com). Auditions for the second semester (January-May 2017) will start in January. (Click flyer to enlarge)



## A Warm Welcome To New Staff And BOD

MFMI welcomes three new members of the Board of Directors. Their background, experience and commitment to music for children will enhance our program and bring musical joy to everyone.



**MFMI thanks these wonderful people along with our returning board and staff for their commitment and**



**Lori Moitie and RJ (Renard) Johnson (Lori & RJ Music)** are multi-talented musicians who have owned a Bay Area music company called Cotton Candy Express Music for the past 31 years. Both are award-winning songwriters, vocalists, instrumentalists and top notch family entertainers performing over 100 shows annually. See our website for more amazing information about them. [More>>](#) or visit their facebook [here](#).



**Emily Phillips** has been with Republic Services for 5 years, working in both Oregon and California, and is currently their Municipal Manager. She enjoys building relationships with community partners and helping promote Republic Services as the impactful corporate partner they truly are in the community. [More>>](#)

**MFMI also welcomes two new staff members: Anu Belde (Recruitment Coordinator) and Maggielynn Babauta (Event Coordinator).**



**Anu Belde** is a former MFMI docent at Gomes School who played a major role in our fall recruitment given the 200+ names we acquired of people interested in more information about MFMI. She will continue to be a wonderful recruiter for MFMI. [More>>](#)



**Maggielynn Babauta** is the Director of Operations for Plus One Health Management empowered by Cisco. She brings with her an immense amount of experience in a variety of areas in relation to Operations. Maggielynn has received accolades such as Manager of the Month and Manager of the Year on a number of different occasions. [More>>](#)

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**Congratulations** to all our new docents and welcome to returning docents! We had a bumper crop of docents in training this year – 54 (our biggest class ever). We are pleased to announce that we will be now be serving the following new schools this year:

- Fremont Unified: Brookvale, Durham, Patterson and Warwick
- Castro Valley Unified: Independent
- Oakland: Francophone, a French Charter School



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## THANK YOU!

MFMI would like to thank our recent donors/grantors whose generosity is already making a tremendous impact in our program, especially in the training and support of our volunteer docents.

### DONORS

- Dewitt Glasgow & Carole Glasgow Wiegand
- Elizabeth Porto
- Kathy Garfinkle
- Annie Lin

### HOSTS SPONSORS

- Bolton Family Foundation

### GRANTORS

- Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange fund \$10,000

- Community Foundation for Monterey Co. \$500

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## Giving Tuesday

**Make the musical difference in children's lives with your online gift on November 28.**

Open your heart and wallet on this national day devoted to giving back to the community. All donations given are tax deductible as MFMI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit EIN 94-3102307. Just click below to make your donation today. Thank you!

### Help Our Students To Sing

Music touches the heart and feeds the brain, yet music education has been cut from local schools.



Your donation  
will bring  
**WEEKLY  
MUSIC  
ENRICHMENT**  
for ONE year.

- \$250** A Classroom
- \$100** Ten Children
- \$10** One Child



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## Holiday Potluck and Singalong

Fremming, will be performing. Tis the season to be jolly and nothing does that like tasty food, joyful music, and being with good friends. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Maggielynn via [email](#) for more details.

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