

Music For Minors II

Spring Newsletter 2017

*Keeping Music Alive in Children's
Classrooms and Lives!*

• Spreading the Joy of Music in Local Schools since 1988 •



Diamond Definitely Shines Again!

Hundreds of children and parents were fully engaged and loving every minute of Charlotte Diamond's fun-filled concert on Feb. 11th sponsored by MFMII with the amazing "Diamond" sponsorship of the Fremont Bank Foundation. MFMII also recognizes Republic Services, a new MFMII sponsor, and thanks them for their concert support along with all the local businesses.

It was an afternoon of sheer joy as all live community music-making should be. Hats off to our MFMII Kids Choir who sang beautifully with Charlotte under the excellent directorship of Lydia Concepcion. Our Diamond workshop in January set the stage as she shared her new CD songs from "Diamonds By the Sea" that were also shared at the concert. Winners of the Diamond Drawing Contest were also recognized and given a free autographed CD and Certificate. What a thrill it was for them to receive these onstage from Charlotte! MFMII makes musical memories once again!

*"Group singing is the most exhilarating and transformative of all! It takes something incredibly intimate, a sound that begins inside you, shares it with a roomful of people and it comes back as something even more thrilling – harmony!" -- **The Power of Music** by Elena Mannes*



Thank You To Our Sponsors

Thank you to all our docents, liaisons, board members and student volunteers who assisted us with this concert, as well as our program sponsors.

A special Thank You to our Diamond Sponsor, Fremont Bank Foundation!



East Bay Gives Fundraising Challenge \$10,000 in 24 Hours!

May the 4th be with you! Music for Minors II is participating in the East Bay Gives online fundraising event on Thursday, May 4th, with a goal of raising \$ 10,000 to help support our volunteer music docent training program. Anyone can donate any amount online by going to www.EASTBAYGIVES.ORG/MFMII during the 24hour campaign. Matching funds are welcomed as there are prizes MFMII can earn each hour of the event, especially during 6-7am., 11-12pm., and 9-10pm. for matched funding support.




SAVE
The
DATE
May 4th, 2017



**HELP MUSIC FOR MINORS II *Raise*
\$10,000 IN 24 HOURS!**

KEEP MUSIC ALIVE IN OUR SCHOOLS!
Make a musical difference with your online gift to MFMII on May 4th.

MAY 4TH, 2017 • WWW.EASTBAYGIVES.ORG/MFMII
Music For Minors II is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Proceeds benefit our Volunteer Docent Training Program.

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Music In The Schools

March is "Music In The Schools Month," but "Every Week is a MFMII Week!" We encourage everyone to share the joy of music by making a

(ESSA) which stated that music and arts education be included as part of a well-rounded education. MFMII has believed that since its inception knowing that music is essential for healthy child development & academic success.

The Stats! 
 81 Docents
 184 Classes
 4,454 Students 
 40 Schools
 (14 are Title 1 schools)

Train To Be A Music For Minors II Docent!

Volunteers are the salt of the earth! What would we do without them? This is so true in MFMII as they are the core of the program carrying out the mission of nurturing the love and literacy of music in children's classrooms and lives.

Despite the fact that brain research verifies how music integrates the brain by creating neuronal bridges that aid learning, children are being denied the music experience they deserve and need to be successful academically and socially, and physically and emotionally balanced. This is why MFMII has worked so hard to fill that void these past 29 years and why we continue to recruit, train and support community volunteers who bring the music to children in need. This is one of the most effective actions people can take to remedy the problem and make the musical difference in future generations as well as their own lives.

"The impact of music is vast. Humans are hard-wired to respond to music. It stimulates more parts of the brain than any other human function." -- **The Power of Music** by Elena Mannes

Who wouldn't want to be inspired, feel joy, freedom, and a sense of belonging to a community – a melodious part of a beautiful sound? When we make music together, there is power, comfort, and LIFE!

Let's not fall flat! Let's put the A in STEM and give it the STEAM it needs by addressing the whole child in education which is the mind and heart.

Recruitment for fall training starts now, in the Music in the Schools Month of March! Spread the word, share some songs, help change lives with music!

MFMII Executive Director



*Music touches the heart and feeds the brain
yet it is cut from many schools.
Don't deny children their thirst for music.*

BECOME A TRAINED MUSIC VOLUNTEER

FREE TRAINING – Only 11 Sessions!

Ongoing Support through Docent Mentors & Lesson Plans

Training dates: September 13 – November 1 (Mondays & Wednesdays)

FREMONT

9:15 – 11:45 am

Fremont Congregational Hall
38255 Blacow Road,
Fremont, CA 94536

or

CASTRO VALLEY

7:00 - 9:15 pm

Castro Valley School of Music
3300 E Castro Valley Blvd, Ste A,
Castro Valley, CA 94552

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To apply and for more information:

Application: <https://goo.gl/forms/bwohi8ddr8iO6Rk32>

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HELP KEEP MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS

Music For Minors II is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization (EIN # 94-3102307).

"To nurture a lifelong love and literacy of music in children's classrooms and lives, since 1988."

Here's what some of our MFMII school teachers have to say

“The kids often make connections between something they sang about and what they are learning. The students tend to be more focused and ready to learn after a lesson. The kids are learning music terms, being exposed to different instruments, and different types of music.”

- 2nd grade, Niles Elementary FUSD

“We love Mrs. Weigand! My students look forward to music time each week. Seasonal songs get them very excited about the holidays, etc. We get to celebrate together.”

- 1st grade, Glenmoor Elementary FUSD

“I have some students who are struggling academically in school this year. These struggling students really look forward to music every Friday. They remember facts that they learn from the verses of songs that Mrs. Kazak teaches them. Their self confidence has risen because they see themselves as successful in school this year, especially during Music for Minors II.”

- Kindergarten, Parkmont Elementary FUSD

“The program has exceeded my expectations. I have two Autistic children in the class and music has helped them to be a part of the class and fit in. Mr. Murphy uses every opportunity to tie into Social Studies, Science and whatever we are learning to reinforce the curriculum.”

- Kindergarten, Kennedy Elementary NUSD

“The students love the songs and sing them on their own. They are learning to read music, something I wasn't expecting them to do. It relates to fractions, which is a major math focus.”

- 4/5 grade, Birch Grove Intermediate NUSD

“MFMI is enjoyed by students. They look forward to learning new things each week. I also enjoy learning the new songs so that we can continue to use them in other areas of learning.”

- K/1st grade, Musick Elementary NUSD

We consider MFMI to be a vital part of what the students are learning at school. My students love when Grammie Liz comes on Mondays. They adore the songs, hand motions, different languages, and opportunities to touch different instruments.”

- 1st grade, Chabot Elementary CVUSD

“Students look forward to MFMI each week. They are especially excited about learning to play the recorder. Sara is an excellent MFMI teacher. She communicates well with the students, is creative with her teaching approach, and is knowledgeable about the lessons she prepares.”

“She is amazing with the children. She makes it fun and engaging. We use the music to help with math, especially fractions.”

- 3rd grade, Stanton Elementary CVUSD

Fremont Council PTA Founders Day Event

March 20th, 2017

“Yesterday’s Dream” will happen “Tomorrow” and we will all “Leave the World A Little Better,” sang the MFMII Kids Choir at Fremont Council PTA’s Founders’ Day celebration on March 20th. Director Lydia Concepcion led the children in these three songs which touched the hearts of all attendees and brought them to their feet for a standing ovation. FUSD administrators, including Superintendent Jim Morris, helped celebrate and recognized the amazing volunteers who received their well-deserved honorary awards. One of the recipients, Yvonne Alexander, Science teacher at Hopkins Jr. High in Fremont, was one of these awardees who also happens to be a former MFMII docent.

Congratulations MFMII Kids Choir for another outstanding community performance. We are so proud of you!



The MFMII Kids Choir get a standing ovation for their performance at the Fremont Council PTA Founders' Day Event on March 20th, 2017.

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