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**Upcoming Events:**

- March 23, - 10am  
 Recorder Workshop  
 @ CVSOM
- April 17, 7pm  
 Family Music Night - Niles Elementary
- April 21, 7pm  
 Family Music Night - Brier School
- April 25, - 11am  
 Ducks For Bucks @ Lake Elizabeth,  
 Fremont
- May 1st, 7pm  
 Family Music Night @ Parkmont School
- May 17, 10am  
 Art In The Park
- Board meetings:  
 Tues, March 24th @ 6:30  
 Typically: 4th Thursday @ 6.30pm

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

**NEW BEGINNINGS:**

Spring has almost sprung – a time of new beginnings and so it is in MFMII. Look for our first ever **Recorder Workshop Webinar** this “*Music in the Schools*” month of March, **DUCKS FOR BUCKS** in April, initial plans for **a new 5th Resource Center in Newark**, website updates, and new Board members and new Staff being hired. A wonderful and exciting Lesson Plan Project is also underway to provide state standards-based grade level lesson plans with core curriculum songs taught with the MFMII methodology with creativity options for our talented docents.



**Carol Zilli**  
 Executive Director

**OUR IMPACT:**

And the year is not over yet, as we experience our fun-filled **Family Music Nights** and wonderful **School Site Performances** of our students led by their dedicated docents. What a joy it is to attend these performances when our students shine before their parents and the community. Look for us at our many community booths as well and explore our instruments.

Our musical highlight this year was our **Charlotte Diamond Concert** on January 31st which entertained an audience of almost 1000 and united MFMII students from Fremont, Newark, and Castro Valley school districts in an unforgettable experience on stage with Charlotte. Our thanks to **Lily Mei, Fremont City Councilwoman and MFMII Advisory Council member** and **Yang Shao, FUSD Board Trustee** for sharing in the musical fun. Congratulations Charlotte on your 30th year of making musical magic with children and adults and for being such a good friend of MFMII for the past 25 years.

**NEWS NEWS NEWS!**

MFMII is pleased to announce that **Veera Kazak**, veteran docent, liaison and board member for many years and recipient of the MFMII In Harmony Service Award, has been hired as our new Program Manager. Veera’s dedication and hard work in the program is commendable, and it is very exciting to have her assume this important role in our new organizational structure that invites more involvement by more people doing specific tasks. Thank you for also becoming our Event Coordinator this year, and we welcome you as you assume this new position in our ever expanding MFMII program.

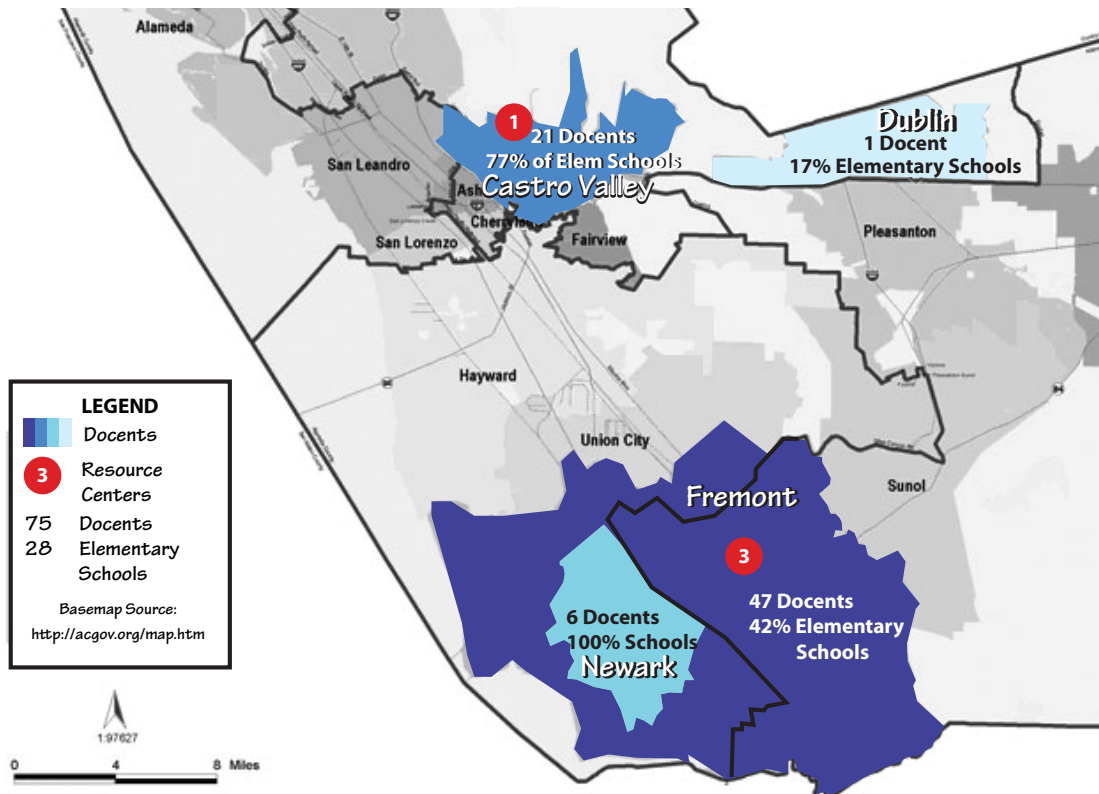
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**OPEN JOBS:**

- Recruitment Coordinator (Paid, part-time, \$ 12) - see back page (page 10)**  
**Resource Center Director (Volunteer Board Position) - see page 4**

## Where is Music for Minors II?

MFMI is the East Bay enrichment program serving 189 classrooms and teachers, almost 5,000 students in 28 schools in three school districts and all of this is done with 75 professionally trained music docents. For a visual of this coverage, see below:



Our goal is to expand our program at our current schools while at the same time seeking out other prospective schools in the local areas as so often we have interested volunteers in a wide variety of areas. MFMI will train whomever loves music and children, has basic music skills, and can commit to the fall training class which empowers them to succeed.

### CHARLOTTE DIAMOND CONCERT by Veera Kazak

It takes a community to put on a concert and what a concert it was! We had nearly 1000 attendees and raised funds for our beloved MFMI program.

I would like to thank the Charlotte Diamond concert committee members for working so hard to bring the family concert to you all on 31 January. Organizing such a team of dedicated members who put in hundreds of hours planning this event for your enjoyment (ticket sales, publicity, sponsors, student performers, coordinating volunteers, donations, seating plans, concert program, etc).

*("Charlotte Diamond Concert" continued on page 8, pictures on page 9)*

(New Beginnings by Carol Zilli continued from page 1)

**WHAT TEACHERS TELL US:**

Docenting is such a personal fulfillment as well as a dedicated service to children. Classroom teachers that we serve confirm that MFMI does make a real difference in children's lives as well as their own:

"The students are learning music theory but having so much fun doing it!"

- 3rd Grade Teacher, James Leitch Elementary, Fremont

"Music has been a great part of our curriculum and we look for more opportunities to connect. We talk about ideas presented in music through the week whenever we can."

- K Teacher, Snow Elementary, Newark

"Music fits in with some stories we are reading, holiday projects we are doing, or we use the beats or songs to help us focus or move from our seats to the carpet."

- 1st Grade Teacher, Hirsch Elementary, Fremont

"Sound" is a 2nd/3rd grade science unit. Not only does my MFMI weekly lesson support the curriculum, but it also supports memory (memorizing lyrics), reading, following directions, coordination, etc.'

- 2nd/3rd Grade Teacher, Mattos Elementary, Fremont

**WHY MUSIC?**

**This question must be pondered when budget cuts are being made. But the answers must be pondered even more:**

**Did you know that when studying music and a musical instrument, you actually grow brain cells in the corpus collosum and integrate both brain hemispheres? .**

**Did you know that music enhances abstract thinking skills and spatial-temporal ability, necessary skills for math and science?**

**Did you know that music training helps under-achievers succeed and improves attitudes and behavior and school attendance as a result?**

**These are but a few facts worth sharing in our music advocacy for children but by far, one of the most important reasons to support music is that it is natural, integral and healthy for child development, and the best part is that it is fun!**

**Why can't learning be fun and long-lasting? Music teaches teamwork, self-discipline, and it can heal because it offers self-expression. Music unites people because it is the universal language in a classroom, school, family, community, country and the world. We as music advocates must do our part to educate and motivate others to support music education for children.**



**RECRUITMENT IS IN THE AIR!**

MFMI has stepped in to help fill the void in our schools and has kept music alive! The heart of MFMI is our wonderful docents who are the musical messengers for our students., but we need many more to fill the musical void in the schools. A new staff position is opening up called **Recruitment Coordinator**. This person will oversee our recruitment plans and reach out to our current MFMI schools and prospective schools' parents and relatives along with continuing our focus on community members such as seniors, college students, retired teachers, professional musicians and businessmen and women. Please distribute the enclosed recruitment flyer to a prospective docent you might know.


This year MFMI will participate once again in the annual Ducks for Bucks event at Lake Elizabeth in April as one of our fundraisers and recruitment events along with our booths at Art in the Park and other community events. Remember MFMI can make \$3-\$4 on every \$5 Duck sold. Contact any docent, liaison or MFMI (Sharon Filippi) at 510-733-1189 or info@musicforminors.org to buy your Duck and come to Lake Elizabeth to cheer in this amazing giant hose-driven race on April 25th at 11 am.

Carol Zilli










**I Love Music, Too!**

I can volunteer to become a:

- Music Docent**
- School Liaison 
- Event Helper
- Board Member
- Fundraising Assistant

I can make a donation of/for:

- \$ \_\_\_\_\_  for \_\_\_\_\_
- \$ 2  A pair of rhythm sticks
- \$ 50  Additional Instruments for a Classroom
- \$ 100  Docent Training Tuition
- \$ 250  Adopt a Child's Classroom for one School Year
- \$ 500+  Music Workshops
- \$ 1000+  Be a Concert Sponsor

(Please inquire if you are interested in helping to sponsor a new Resource Center in Newark).

Name/Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ 

Organization: (matching or grants) \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Please recycle your program by giving  
 it to a friend, teacher or Principal  
 so they can learn about  
 Music for Minors II!**

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**BECOME A FRIEND OF MFMII:**

MFMII would like to invite everyone to become a Friend of MFMII to support the program's current service and its expansion to reach many more children in need. MFMII has many friends, however this campaign is to more formally invite people to become a Friend by offering their financial support, talent or resources for the program at different levels. See the options on this page.

**Thank you** so much in advance, Friends, as with your support and hundreds before you, MFMII has blossomed and reached thousands of children in need.

So MFMII continues to evolve *as* a dynamic and rich program given the wide spectrum of talent of our Docents, Liaisons, Board, and Staff and the support of our wonderful Sponsors, Donors and other volunteers. However, the same basic principles and values prevail that have maintained MFMII's sustainability these past 27 years and I'm sure will take us into an even stronger future. Our core mission of "**nurturing the love and literacy of music in children's classrooms and lives**" unites all in the MFMII family because we all share the dedication and commitment to quality and an openness to learning and personal growth as we serve children in need.

Please join us in our mission and be a part of the joy and hope for the future!

Carol Zilli

**We are looking for a Resource Center Director  
 (Volunteer - Board Position)  
 Brief Job Description**

Supervise the operation of the resource centers with the help of Resource Center Assistants at each site. This involves ordering materials, orienting new docents, updating resource lists online, and planning inventories. This is a MFMII Board position so attendance at monthly meetings is also expected.

If you know anyone who is interested in this position please contact Carol at: 1-510-733-1189 or [info@musicforminors2.org](mailto:info@musicforminors2.org)





# HELP KEEP MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS

## BECOME A TRAINED MUSIC FOR MINORS II DOCENT

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A CHILD'S LIFE  
BY SHARING YOUR LOVE OF MUSIC WITH CHILDREN AND MAKING THE  
MUSIC-CURRICULUM CONNECTION IN THEIR CLASSROOMS!

## WHEN AND WHERE IS TRAINING?

**TRAINING:** Mondays and Wednesdays, mid September – mid November

### FREMONT

9:30AM-11:45AM

Fremont Congregational Hall

38255 Blacow Rd., Fremont, CA 94536

OR

### CASTRO VALLEY

7:00PM-9:15PM

Castro Valley Adult/Career Education

4430 Alma Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546

### To apply and for more information:

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# Recorder Workshop



Monday, March 23, 2015

10am – noon

Castro Valley School of Music (CVSOM)

3300 East Castro Valley Blvd, Castro Valley, CA 94552

Ed Sueta, a recorder teacher for more than 25 years, will be teaching us how to play the recorder using his method, via a webinar. The webinar will last for 1.5 hours, followed by half an hour for docents to share their experience of teaching the recorder and any questions.

Ed's Recorder Curriculum is designed to help teachers instill a love and appreciation of music in their students and to encourage continued musical involvement.

**All participants will receive a recorder and a “Be A Recorder Star” book, with over 50 songs to keep.** You will also be entered into a drawing for a month's worth of music lessons (\$150) at CVSOM.

Workshop participants will enjoy a fun, stimulating experience while learning how to play the recorder, and how to help students do the same.



Workshop is **FREE** to all MFMII docents and their classroom teachers and principals of MFMII schools.

Non-MFMII participants: \$15 fee

**RSVP by 9 March to reserve your recorder and book.**

Call 510 733 1189 or email [info@musicforminors.org](mailto:info@musicforminors.org)

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### Staff Highlight

#### Sharon Filippi Administrative Assistant



I've always been interested in singing, beginning in elementary school's - chorus thru middle school, high school and church choir. One of my minors was music in college.

After my children started elementary school and I had time to volunteer, I noticed a lack of music participation and education at that level. There was another lady who was already working with children in a lunchtime chorus, so I helped her for a couple of years until I heard about MFMII.

In 1988, there was not training in Fremont, so I traveled with two other ladies from Fremont over to Los Altos where we took training through Music for Minors. Carol had already taken the training and along with people like Sharon Harbeck had started Music for Minors II, (a separate 501(c) 3 organization). I was a docent for 7 years, was a liaison and also the board Treasurer. After my children graduated from elementary school, I stopped docenting. I still got the MFMII newsletters and I noticed that they kept having an ad for an Admin Assistant. I was still interested in the program so I applied for that position in 2006. I've been in that position since then.

For Music for Minors II, I retain office files, correspondence with new schools and prospective docents, updates of calendar, passing along information via email about events, workshops, concert, concert ticket sales, and newsletters. I also perform tasks as given to me by ED, board members and/or directors or coordinators.

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*Congratulations to Sharon Filippi, MFMII Administrative Assistant for her 9 years of service to the program as staff but also her other years of service as a docent, liaison and board member. Not sure if anyone knows what a beautiful voice Sharon has and that she leads her church choir. Sharon exemplifies what this program stands for and that is Dedication and Commitment and giving from the heart! Former docents return to MFMII because they still believe in the mission and recall those fond memories and fulfillment in sharing music with children. It's so great to highlight her in this issue as her work is so important to the program's success, Hats off to you Sharon! MFMII THANKS YOU!*

### Music For Minors II Board of Directors

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Docent Training Coordinator/  
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- ♪ Dave Smith, Former Newark Mayor
- ♪ Margaret Thornberry, Fremont Cultural Arts  
Council
- ♪ Virginia Williamson, Former MFMII Board  
President

(Charlotte Diamond Concert continued from page 2)

**Congratulations Charlotte Diamond on 30 years** of teaching, songwriting, recording, performing and touching children's hearts. My heartfelt thanks to **Carol Zilli, Sandy Shimkus, Sharon Filippi, Melinda Mawson, Kristina Seyer Smith, Ed Mateo and Dawn Sawyer.**

A special thank you to all our wonderful docents from Fremont, Newark, Castro Valley and Dublin, who prepared their MFMI classes to perform on stage with Charlotte. Their performances were delightful and it was wonderful to see their faces light up on stage. Their parents were so proud.

Community members and docents were also invited up on stage to sing with Charlotte. I especially liked it when the men (including FUSD board member **Yang Shao**) got up to join Charlotte on stage for "All The Nations Like Banana". See the photo of the men with pompoms. You are never too old to enjoy music!

**Hats off to all our volunteers** (high school students, community members, MFMI docents, board members, concert committee) who helped with the concert on the day with set up, clean up, ticket sales, checking performers in, ushering, handing out programs, MFMI recruitment, selling Charlotte's merchandise, video recording, taking photos, hospitality, distributing GoGo SQUEEZ.

A special thank you to **former docent and realtor, Mei Mei, for inviting over 115 of her clients** to take their children to the concert and paying for their tickets. "I think that will be a gift that they will forever remember." **Congratulations to Mattos docent, Melinda Mawson,** for selling the most tickets. Melinda gets free gift certificates to a StarStruck Theater production.

MFMI welcomes community participation at all of our events. A big thank you to **Jocelyn Dela Rosa** from Intuit who who helped at the concert with set up and video recording. Intuit is generously giving MFMI a donation for Jocelyn's volunteer hours. If you are looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity for your company, do not hesitate to contact us. Everyone is welcome. High school students can earn service hours while having fun with their friends and helping spread the joy of music.

Thanks to all of our concert sponsors who helped make our event such a success. MFMI thanks the **Fremont Bank Foundation, the event's "Diamond" sponsor** for their continued support of arts education for children in need. MFMI

also appreciates the support of **Go Go SQUEEZ** who generously donated applesauce pouches for everyone who attended the concert. They were a big hit!

MFMI recognizes and thanks **Cargill Salt** for their continued support of our docent training program. MFMI has depended upon local community support since its inception and will use this grant for the support of our docents in training.

Thanks to all of our concert sponsors who helped make our event a success. **Fremont Bank Foundation, GoGo SQUEEZ, Aria Printing, Intuit, The Castro Valley School of Music, Starstruck, Stage 1 Theatre, Allegro Music, Wadaiko Newark, CentriPedal, Gan Sameach, Dr Elisa Kara**

Thank you to our ticket donors who donated tickets for underprivileged children: Carol and Serge Zilli, Dale Hardware, Elise Balgley, Carolyn Zeljak.

Thanks to local businesses for their in-kind donations of food for the volunteers: **Whole Foods Market, Raley's, Pieology, Dominoes Pizza, Boudin Bakery.**

We hope to see you at our **Recorder Workshop Webinar** on March 23rd at the Castro Valley School of Music. See the enclosed flyer for more details about this unique event.

Contributed by:  
Veera Kazak

Thanks to our Major Sponsors:







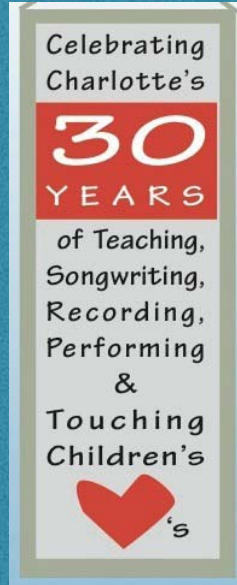
*Each Of Us Is A Flower*



*I Have Shoes And I Can Walk*



*All The Nations Like Banana*



*Sing In The Spring*



*Leave the World A Little Better*



*Listen To The Water*



*I Am A Pizza*



*Donne-Moi La Main (Finale)*

Music For Minors II presented a family concert with Charlotte Diamond on 31 January 2015. We thank you for your generous support and for helping to keep music alive in our schools.



# Music for Minor's Website: [www.musicforminors2.org](http://www.musicforminors2.org)

WE ARE SEEKING A  
**RECRUITMENT  
COORDINATOR**

(Staff Position - Part Time)  
\$ 12/hour

- Implement our recruitment plan and coordinate with paid recruitment team members and volunteers to reach the community through events.
- Reach out to current MFMI school and prospective schools (parents and teachers) and community members (seniors, retired teachers, professional musicians, business people, and students) to find additional volunteers to become docents or volunteers.

See the video on our website:

Learn how to help MFMI reach more children in need of music:



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