

# MUSIC FOR MINORS II

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Nurturing the love and literacy of music in children's classrooms.



February 9, 2008

*Cheers for 20 Years*

## October Highlight:

### Back to MFMII Night

October 4, Thursday, 7:00 pm  
Niles Essenay Silent Film Museum  
and Edison Theater  
Old Town Niles in Fremont  
37417 Niles Boulevard

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Leo Hinkel, Board President

We are starting off another great year for Music for Minors II. This year marks its 20th anniversary and the theme is "Cheers for 20 Years". Planning is now taking place for a huge celebration on February 9, 2008. It is a celebration because we want to bring attention to all the hard work done by everyone who brought music to the children in their classrooms who otherwise would not be able to experience singing and playing instruments. So, save this date so we can rejoice together.

This year marks a beginning for me too. I'm excited to serve as the Board president and it hasn't taken long to see that Music for Minors II is in wonderful hands and leadership. Carol Zilli, as you all know, lives and breathes music and inspires everyone to want to do the same. Carol called me and took time to tell me about MFMII and the many great things it has accomplished. Then she asked if I would like to be the new Board president. Well, after hearing about the program and her enthusiasm for it, I was hooked and wanted to be a part of it. Then she added, the presidency is for two years. At that point she knew I would take the job.

Having met the many people involved over the past few months, I realize, wow, they are so talented, creative, and dedicated to bringing music to children. I'm looking forward to working with all of you for the next two years and learning about all the things everyone enjoys doing.

Thanks for asking, Carol!

# Calendar of Events

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## September, 2007

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**10, Monday – Docent Training Classes begin** (Every Monday and Wednesday through November 14)  
**Fremont - 9:30-11:45 am, Ohlone College, Building 18 (near Early Childhood Center)**

**Castro Valley – 7:00-9:15 pm, Proctor Elementary School**

*All experienced docents are encouraged to come back for several sessions to refresh their skills and share favorite songs or activities as presenters. Please let the Docent Training Coordinators know if you're interested. The 2007 Training Schedule will be listed on the Yahoo! Groups site.*

**15, Saturday – Local FREE Orff Workshop “Sing and Play”**

**9:00 am-1:00 pm, George Mayne Elementary School, Alviso** (5030 North First Street, Alviso 95002)

*Find a repertoire of songs, rhymes, and games in different languages, and modeling of fun ways to present and extend the materials in the classroom. To sign up, visit [www.ncaosa.org/San\\_Jose/preconference.html](http://www.ncaosa.org/San_Jose/preconference.html), or contact James Harding at [jharding@sfschool.org](mailto:jharding@sfschool.org). Don't miss this active and creative approach to learning, presented by internationally renowned music teacher Sophia Lopez-Ibor.*

**23, Sunday – Newark Days Event MFMII Booth**

**12 noon-4:00 pm, Newark Community Center Park**, 35501 Cedar Blvd, Newark 94560 (corner of Cedar & Newark Blvd.)

*Volunteers needed for 1 or 2 hour shift to help Tommy Andrew who is coordinating the event. Have fun with students who will explore our booth's instruments and promote MFMII with prospective docents.*

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## October, 2007

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**4, Thursday -- BACK TO MFMII NIGHT**

**7:00 pm. Niles Essenay Silent Film Museum and Edison Theater, Fremont**, 37417 Niles Boulevard

*Don't miss our official kick-off for our 20<sup>th</sup> Year of service in a unique setting. Come for musical fun, make new friends, reunite with former docents, liaisons, and board members, and learn all about our exciting 20<sup>th</sup> year of activities.*

**9, Tuesday -- MFMII Board Meeting**

**7:00-9:00 pm, Lynette Pang's home**

**12, Friday – Docent Sharing Night**

**7:00-9:00 pm, Location TBA**

*An evening for both training classes to make music together and learn from experienced docents who will be on a panel and also share their favorite musical activities. Open to all docents.*

**13, Saturday - Early Childhood Studies Education Conference**

**Time TBD, Early Childhood Development Center, Pine Street entrance, Ohlone College,**

*Charlotte Diamond is the keynote speaker in a music workshop presented by Carol Zilli in Building 18 (the Training Class location). Come hear Charlotte and encourage friends and prospective docents to see MFMII in action in Carol's session.*

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## January, 2008

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**15, Tuesday – Jo-Ann Fread Dance Workshop**

**7:00-9:00 pm, Warwick Elementary School, Fremont**

*Dance workshop for docents, liaisons, Board members, classroom teachers, and the community-at-large. Put on those dancin' shoes and come on out.*

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## February, 2008

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**9, Saturday – MFMII 20<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration “Cheers for 20 Years”**

**7:00 pm. Niles Veteran's Hall** (37154 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Fremont)

*Just across from Niles School in Fremont. Lots of surprises and “cheers.”*

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# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Carol Zilli, Executive Director

**WELCOME BACK EVERYONE** to our exciting 20<sup>th</sup> YEAR OF SERVICE TO CHILDREN AND THE COMMUNITY! It's hard to believe it's been that long since MFMII first began as a piloted program at Niles School in Fremont. It must be because we have been having so much fun! 20 years definitely calls for a celebration and our wonderful 20<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Committee has been hard at work over the summer in preparation for kicking off the promotion of our February 9<sup>th</sup> event at our BACK TO MFMII NIGHT. See the calendar for more details and be sure to come.

## JUST TO GET YOU EXCITED ABOUT OUR 20<sup>TH</sup> YEAR CELEBRATION,

think about having Red Grammer and Charlotte Diamond on stage together singing harmonious duets; or how about meeting and reuniting with past MFMII docents, board members, liaisons, and community supporters; and if that's not enough, how about feasting on the delectable tastes of Fremont restaurants in our hearty hors d'oeuvres and beverage hour before the concert, followed by sampling our delicious anniversary cake? This is an event not to be missed and we look forward to everyone attending and celebrating this joyous occasion with us. Silent auction and more surprises are being planned, so stay tuned for more details. In the meantime, mark your calendars now!



## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

who have already demonstrated their dedication and wonderful ideas and support for MFMII. Hats off to our new President: **Leo Hinkel**, former principal and director of student teachers at Cal State University East Bay among his many other accomplishments; Leo is a born leader whose gentle yet strong leadership will take MFMII to great heights. Serving as Vice-President will be **Aldo Zilli**, who happens to be my son and a product of MFMII musical enrichment during his elementary school years at Niles School. Our thanks to **Lynette Pang** who has agreed to stay on as Treasurer until we are able to find someone to replace her. We welcome

applicants for this important position, and Lynette will help make the transition very easy. Serving as our new Funding Director is **Cozzette Davis**, a wonderful go-getter truly desiring to raise funds for MFMII. She is currently doing some grant writing for us also. Thanks to all these wonderful volunteers.

## WE'RE CREATING NEW STAFF POSITIONS

as we look to the future in MFMII with the formation of the Docent Manager/Mentor position this year, filled by **Tommy Andrew**, and a new part-time staff position currently being reviewed by the Board. It will be communicated and clarified in a future newsletter. We continue to look for ways to further strengthen MFMII, as well as include more involvement in the administration of our wonderful program.

## SUMMER WAS VERY ACTIVE FOR MFMII

as volunteers helped us do some "fun"draising selling ice cream and pretzels at the Fremont Art Festival, hosting our information booth at Ardenwood's Art in the Park, and planning for our third year of participation at the Castro Valley Fall Festival on Sept. 8-9. Our thanks to all the wonderful helpers, especially the students at Kennedy, Mission San Jose, and Irvington High Schools, who earned community service hours by helping us with the ice cream carts. Not only did they sell items, but they talked up MFMII to all the customers. Special thanks to Alex and Natalie, **Sandy Shimkus'** children, who donated so much of their time those two days. Hats off to **Cozzette Davis**, our new Funding Director on the Board who coordinated the event with the help of **Carol Zilli**, **Sharon Filippi**, MFMII Administrative Assistant. **Elena Scharnhorst**, Board Resource Center Director, has coordinated our Castro Valley booth at the festival, and many thanks for her efforts, as well as all the wonderful docents and Board members who took a shift or two: **Tommy Andrew**, **Ed Mateo**, **Lynette pang**, **Laurie Gaudinier**, **Sandy Eng**, **Christine Tengan**, **Christine Clement-Shurma**, **Aldo** and **Carol Zilli**, **Bettina Tungal**, **Rose Godfrey**, and

**Stephanie Budde.** We couldn't have done it without your help!

**GOMES STUDENTS TO BECOME RECORDING ARTISTS!!!** Congratulations to Gomes students on their first CD recording with Steve Seskin who did a songwriting workshop at Gomes last spring, thanks to the efforts of veteran Gomes docents **Marilyn Williams** and **Christina Broadwin** who coordinated the event. What an honor to be selected by Steve to join him on his next recording. We will definitely want many copies for our resource centers for everyone's pleasure and circulation. This is a tribute to all the efforts of the outstanding Gomes docents through the years who have prepared the children so well

to enjoy singing their hearts out. Thanks to all of you.

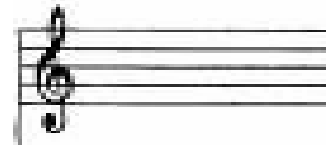
**RECRUIT! RECRUIT! RECRUIT!**

That's the name of the game at this time of year as we strive to get as many new trainees as possible in our training classes in order to reach more and more children in need. Remember to talk up the training whenever you can and send any prospective docent names and contact information to us by either calling our voice mail: 510-733-1189 or e-mailing [czilli@aol.com](mailto:czilli@aol.com). Let's make our 20<sup>th</sup> year training classes the biggest ever.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our Back to MFMI Night. Have a wonderful musical fall.



**MEET THE BOARD AND STAFF**



Cozette Davis, Funding Director (left) and Elena Scharnhorst, Resource Center Director (right).



Carol Zilli, Executive Director (left) and Leo Hinkel, President (right).



Joanne Hong, Secretary (left) and Sandy Shimkus, Liaison Coordinator and Docent Training Coordinator, Fremont (right).



Lynette Pang, Treasurer-Temporary (left) and Aldo Zilli, Vice President (right).



Sharon Filippi, Administrative Assistant (left), Sandy Eng, Publicity Director (center), and Tommy Andrew, Docent Mentor/Manager (right).

(Editors' note: Our first Board meeting was conducted in spite of a power outage -- note the candles and flashlight in the pictures! The photos were taken in the dark, but the flash made all the difference.)

Here's a complete list of those who work to make MFMI a better organization for you docents to do your best work in the classroom:

**Board Members**

President	Leo Hinkel
Vice President	Aldo Zilli
Secretary	Joanne Hong
Treasurer (Temp)	Lynette Pang
Publicity Director	Open
Funding Director	Cozzette Davis
Liaison Coordinator	Sandy Shimkus
Resource Center Director	Elena Scharnhorst
Historian	Steve Tang



**Staff**

Executive Director	Carol Zilli
Administrative Assistant	Sharon Filippi
Docent Manager/Mentor	Tommy Andrew

**Resource Center Assistants**

Niles	-Open-
Warm Springs	Karen Watkins
Glenmoor	Tricia Schoner
Castro Valley	Elena Scharnhorst

**Docent Training Coordinators**

Fremont	Sandy Shimkus
Castro Valley	Rose Godfrey

**Support Volunteers**

Publicity Assistant	Margaret Hall
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This is the "staff" that supports you, the notes. Together, we bring beautiful music to the children!

**Editor's input** Joanne Hong, Editor

**Did you notice the change?** Change is good for everyone and everything, eventually, so you might see a change in format and emphasis in this newsletter during the year. *In Harmony* will continue to serve not only our docents but also our community partners and interested supporters with articles and information about activities and the functions of our organization. We'll report on events and keep you informed about the Big Musical Picture.



In our never-ending quest to serve our docents, better, Tommy Andrew, Docent Mentor/Manager, will be developing a newsletter specifically for docents. Songs and musical activities will be included with Tommy's docent newsletter, as will messages from the Board that

apply only to docents and the detailed procedures needed to keep us running smoothly.

We do want you all to continue to check the Calendar of Events here. We will give more details in the description when needed so that you can make your choices wisely as to how to spend your valuable time. We hope that you will plan ahead and make time for the MFMI events and workshops that are a vital part of your ongoing growth as docents and our continued strength as an organization.

Please let me know about any events that feature your students or that you'd like to let others know about. The more we share and experience the music around us, the better we'll be able to bring new ideas and our love of music to our students.

**MFMI & "IN HARMONY" CONTACTS**

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*Help MFMII bring more music to children by promoting and/or working at this exciting milestone in the community.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ (cell / home / work)  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*I can help in one of the following areas:*

- \_\_\_ Distribute flyers
- \_\_\_ Contact and/or acquire sponsors
- \_\_\_ Support committee members' tasks
- \_\_\_ At the event (set-up, take-down)
- \_\_\_ Support the decorations committee
- \_\_\_ Contribute/acquire/solicit silent auction items
- \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_



*Please phone, FAX, or e-mail your information to:*

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