



WHY MUSIC!

“Without Music life would be a mistake!”

-Friedrich Nietzsche

Music for Minors II knows **why music** is essential to the healthy development of children, academically and socially. Make no mistake about that! We therefore welcome everyone to our 28th year of keeping music alive in children’s classrooms and lives due to the continued void in our schools.

Despite the fact that brain research verifies how music integrates both hemispheres of the brain, actually grows brain cells, increases endorphins, releases stress, and is a powerful teaching and learning tool that inspires and instills self-confidence, people still need to be convinced that children need music, not to mention adults too!

Music unites a classroom, school, community, state, country, and the world as it really is the universal language that touches people everywhere. It must therefore be fostered not only at home but in the schools so that EVERY CHILD can receive its amazing power to touch the human heart and feed the human brain.

MFMI is excited to embark upon another year of service demonstrating Why Music must be part of the school curriculum given the consistent, positive impact teachers have seen in their students when MFMI Docents nurture the love and literacy of music in their classrooms and make that all important music/curriculum connection.

Plato’s answer to **Why Music!** *“Music gives SOUL to the universe, WINGS to the mind, FLIGHT to the imagination, and CHARM and GAIETY to LIFE and to everything.”*

can make musical magic again this school year. Wishing everyone a joyous year of song and a wonderful holiday season.

Carol Zilli

Charlotte Diamond Concert

Music For Minors II Presents: Charlotte Diamond in concert! Get ready for an afternoon of upbeat musical fun for the whole family. Please share to let your friends and family know about this wonderful event, as we have tickets available with group rates. [TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!](#)

Charlotte Diamond Workshop

Join us for a workshop with Charlotte Diamond, on January 12, 2017 at 7pm, where she will share her insights about working with children and show you how to teach her wonderful songs using sign language and props. The workshop is free to participating MFMI school teachers and docents. For more information, [email](#) MFMI.

Give the Gift of Music! Order Charlotte Diamond Tickets Now

... Saturday, February 11th, 2017 at 2PM ...

Harbor Light, 4760 Thornton Ave, Fremont, CA 94536

Charlotte Diamond



Join MFMI and Charlotte Diamond for an afternoon of upbeat musical fun, and songs from her new album "Diamonds By The Sea" as well as old favorites, such as "Octopus" (Slippery Fish), "I Am A Pizza" and many more!

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Welcome to the MFMI Board of Directors for the 2016-2017 School Year

Thank you to our returning, dedicated board members: Elise Balgley, Carolyn Zeljak, Ken Smith and Michele Morhous, and to our new members: Katya Lerner and Jamunarani B. Ramaraj, whose guidance and governance has been much appreciated and valued.

Hats off to our 30 new Docents in the Class of 2016! They are such wonderful and dedicated volunteers who will bring musical joy to their students. MFMI welcomes three new schools and our returning schools where these docents are placed in Castro Valley, Newark, and Fremont. They will join all of our veteran docents and the MFMI family for a fun-filled and educational year making the music/curriculum connection and helping our students to succeed. Congrats to all!



Thank You To Our Recent Donors and Sponsors!

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FUND A CHILD, FORM THE FUTURE!

Giving Tuesday is November 30th. Become a HOSTS Sponsor!

Did you know that music continues to be cut from children's schools?

For only \$10 a student, you can make the musical difference in a child's life! A sponsorship of \$250 can *change 25 children's lives for a whole year of weekly music lessons* provided by our wonderful volunteer Docents. Our first sponsors have already helped over 150 children and there are hundreds more in need of support. *Can we count on you to join HOSTS and help MFMI keep music alive?*



**HELP
OUR
STUDENTS
HOST
TO
SING**

**Become a HOSTS Sponsor and give
the gift of music to children!**

\$250
**will bring music to
One Classroom
Once a Week
for One School Year!**

Music For Minors II Volunteers currently have 5100 students singing in over 200 classrooms in Fremont, Newark, and Castro Valley elementary schools. Existing schools want us to add more classes, and new schools want to join.

**Visit www.MusicforMinors2.org
and click "DONATE NOW" today!**

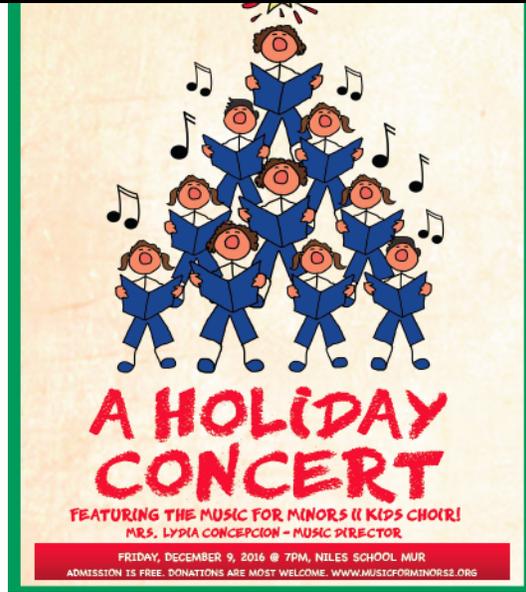
The advertisement features a green circular graphic on the left with the text 'HELP OUR STUDENTS HOST TO SING'. To the right, there is a red banner with white text. Below the banner, there are two circular images: the top one shows a group of children singing, and the bottom one shows a child playing a guitar.

[Click here to learn more about our HOSTS Sponsorship opportunity!](#)

MFMI Kids Choir Free Holiday Concert

In October, the MFMI Kids Choir did an amazing job in just one week, as they performed the song "Tomorrow" from the musical Annie, for a benefit gala at St Rose Hospital in Hayward. Congratulations to all performers (including a few docents' kids) and choir director, Ms Lydia. We look forward to your holiday performance in December: 12/9/16, 7pm at Niles School.





Taking MFMI On The Road

ED Carol Zilli flew to Anaheim in October for the California State Employees Association (CSEA) 25th anniversary state conference at the Anaheim Hilton and shared MFMI musical fun with about 300 attendees. The result was people from southern and Northern California wanted to have MFMI in their areas. Once you experience the joy of our MFMI songs, you can't help but want for more and more.

Carol also presented at the Delta Kappa Gamma Society's state conference in Danville in October and experienced the same result. These fun-filled women who are distinguished educators, were not hard to convince that music is essential in a child's education. MFMI greatly appreciated their donation and looks forward to some future docents from this group of active women some of whom are retired teachers and others who are still impacting children in their classrooms.

DRUMMM Workshop

On Oct. 19 about 50 participants enjoyed a rhythmic and fun-filled night, at our MFMI Drummm workshop, with Jeni Swerdlow. It was an engaging, liberating and stress-releasing evening as two concentric drum circles created amazing rhythms led not only by Jeni but also our docents and some children too! Click to learn more about [Drummm](#).

Also, a BIG thank you to [Fremont Bank](#) for sponsoring this workshop. We learned a lot of drumming games and activities to share with students.



Ledge Trio Presentations

This year MFMII partnered with [Music at the Mission](#) and was pleased to offer 3 free presentations to MFMII schools. The lucky schools were Gomes, Brier and Leitch.



The students experienced the power and beauty of classical music with the Ledge Trio, featuring Rhonda Bradetic (flute), Aileen Chanco (piano), and Bill Everett (double bass). The trio took the students on a historical journey through the music of Bach, Haydn, Webber, and the Jazz of Claude Bolling. The students learned about the different instrument families (wind, string, and percussion) as well as about meter and time in music, with clapping.

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