

THE NOTE

40th
Season



1981

ARROWBEAR MUSIC CAMP
40th Season Elementary Session II Aug. 30 to Sept. 5

The History of Arrowbear Music Camp

The first time that young musicians came to this location was in 1942 when the Long Beach All-City Jr. High Orchestra came up for a weekend outing. The property belonged to Mrs. Ohlendorf's father, F.J. Schinnerer. The group returned the following year and by 1944 two sessions were established -- one for junior high and one for high school. By 1946, the sessions were lengthened to two weeks.

In late 1948 a bulldozer came to get rid of the old buildings and to build the new. The orchestra bowl was constructed the following year. In 1952 the girls' cabins were added as well as the band bowl, and in 1954 the trolley appeared. These buildings remain unchanged. Ten years later a series of new buildings were constructed for the 25th anniversary, including the staff building, the "O" building, and the swimming pool.

Other improvements have been made since then, including the establishment of Arrowbear as a non-profit educational corporation with its own board of directors. All of these and more have contributed to making Arrowbear what it is today -- the oldest and finest music camp in the Western United States.

FRED OHLENDORF, the founder and director of Arrowbear since its inception in 1942, has served young people as an inspirational and dedicated teacher all his life. "Mr. O", as he is affectionately known, received his education at Northwestern University, where he played violin and viola. Since then he has served as Music Consultant in the Long Beach Schools, where he began the All-District Orchestra. It is through his skill and efforts that the outstanding music education programs in Long Beach have become widely known in the nation. Since his retirement, he has continued to direct the All-City groups as well as the Pasadena Youth Symphony and other young orchestras.

EDNA OHLENDORF is the capable person working behind the scenes year round to keep Arrowbear going -- answering phone calls, responding to letters, and being responsible for the bookkeeping and organizational details. Her generous and cheerful spirit are always felt and greatly appreciated by all who come in contact with her. Mrs. O earned a Bachelor of Music degree in piano performance from USC. She spent many years playing the organ in church and giving private piano lessons in Long Beach. She is a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, the Musical Arts Club, and the Long Beach Symphony Guild.

JOE BURGER has been assistant camp director for 29 years. "Mr. B" has been teaching instrumental music in the Long Beach schools for the same length of time, and has watched many of his former students go on to achieve recognition for their music.

BOB GIBSON, violinist and perennial Arrowbearite, was our String Orchestra director. During the year, Mr. Gibson (now retired from Millikan High) supervises student music teachers from Cal State Long Beach.

During the year, SARAH SOLBERG teaches English (and some music) at Southern Utah State College. Preparation for this position included: UCLA (A.B., secondary teaching credential, and M.A. -- English major, music and p.e. minors), University of Edinburgh (Ph.D. -- thesis on Dickens), and Arrowbear. Clarinet playing, cycle touring, and length swimming are favourite pastimes.

MICHELLE CHACE BASS is spending her 15th year here at Arrowbear. She is a violinist and teaches at Long Beach City College, Newcomb Jr. High, DeMille Jr. High, and privately. She just completed her Masters Degree at USC.

SANDY MUKAE, a second year Arrowbear nurse, is taking a leave from her usual duties in the critical care units of a hospital. When she isn't taking her children, Geoff and Emiko, to violin (and other) lessons, she tries to swim, do some handcraft, or study for her computer class.

DEBBIE WALDER, craft instructor, can be seen with her boy on her back. Her two-fold job includes running the snack bar.

CAROLE DOCKSTADER is spending her 33rd summer at Arrowbear and has been a year round resident for 12 years. Carole plays the flute in the San Bernardino Symphony and various other local groups.

YANA CHESKA is a fifth year student at U.C. Riverside, where she majors in Psychobiology. This is her first summer at Arrowbear, where she has served as a cook.

FRANCES PETROVIC, dishwasher, is a music major at Cal State San Bernardino, where she is studying the violin.

CATHY WYMAN, a 'cellist, is spending her sixth summer at AMC. Besides washing dishes, she loves the beach, hikes to Keller Peak, and John.

JOY LEONARD was a high school camper who stayed a few extra days to babysit. She is a junior at Lakewood High. Joy enjoys violin, astronomy, people, jogging, and just about anything.

TRICIA HODGES is spending her second summer at AMC. Tricia has played bassoon for four years and is also active in vocal music. She enjoys going to the beach and listening to music.

COUNSELORS

BARBARA CHOI, violinist, is a first year counselor. She is a senior at Palos Verdes High, and her hobbies include shopping, reading magazines, practicing, and Danny Davies.

EILEEN CHOI is a seventh session counselor. She will be entering her senior year at the Eastman School of Music where she holds a merit scholarship. She has played the flute for ten years.

LORI CURCI, the counselor with the puppy on her arm is spending her first session counseling. A fifth year camper, Lori is a senior at Lakewood High. A clarinetist, Lori enjoys singing and bribing her campers.

DENNIS DOCKSTADER has been overseeing the physical problems of camp since leaving the Army in 1968. He is a percussionist in several orchestras, and is interested in mechanical things of all kinds.

SHAW DROKER is spending his sixth year and eighth session at AMC. He has played saxophone for six years and piano for ten. This is his first year counseling. Shaw is a senior at Fountain Valley High.

This is CAROLE DYER's third year at AMC and her first year counseling. A sophomore at Orange Coast College, she is majoring in Choral Conducting. Her favorite place, besides AMC, is Disneyland where she works.

JENI GORDON is spending her sixth summer at AMC. Jeni, a junior Economics major at U.C. San Diego, enjoys reading, beach bumming, and flying. She is a Certified Flight Instructor.

LUANNE LANGEVIN has been enjoying Arrowbear since 1970 as a camper, staff member, and as a crazy camp counselor. Upon graduating from UCLA (Go Bruins!) Luanne returned to her native Long Beach where she spends the school year teaching English, P.E., and Vocal Music at Rogers Jr. High.

LAURIE LENAHAN, a senior at Palos Verdes High, is spending her fifth summer at AMC. A first year counselor, Laurie studies the violin and piano, and spends her free time swimming, camping, and thinking about her fellas.

GEORGE PEHLIVANIAN, violinist and first year counselor is spending his ninth session at AMC. George will be a senior at Millikan High. George's hobbies are girls, girls, and girls.

GREG ROBERTSON, a '77 graduate of Millikan High, is a sometime Vocal Performance major. Now working for a living, Greg plays the viola and sings in a church choir for enjoyment. A camper for six years, Greg is now a third year counselor.

MARA SOLOMON is another new counselor this session. She graduated from Wilson High, and is spending her seventh summer at Arrowbear. She enjoys skiing and going to the beach.

CONSTANTINOS (PRAKASH) TELLALI, serving his first year as a counselor, is a graduate student at Cal State San Bernardino, studying Lyric Theater. He plays viola, guitar, mandolin, and bass.

Counseling for his first session is GREG THOMAS. A fourth year camper, Greg attends Edison High in Huntington Beach. His main instruments are bassoon, percussion, and tuba.

This is DANNY WALTERS' first year counseling. He is a fifth year choral camper. Danny will be a sophomore at Orange Coast College where he majors in Vocal Performance.

SESSION REPERTOIRE

BAND

Fred Ohlendorf - conducting

A Mighty Fortress is Our God.....arr. Ployhar
Londonderry Air.....arr. Ortone

STRING ORCHESTRA

Bob Gibson - conducting

Zwei Stucke.....Telemann
Slovakian Folk Songs.....Cechvala

ORCHESTRA

Joe Burger and Michelle Chace Bass - conducting

Ballerina.....arr. Jurey
Brazilian Dance.....arr. Jurey
Hopak.....Beethoven, arr. Jurey

ALL OF CAMP FINALE

Michelle Chace Bass - conducting

Happy Birthday Arrowbear.....Tellali

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:15	Reveille/Breakfast		
8:15	Inspection	2:00	Theory
8:30	Flag Raising	2:45	Practice
8:45	Practice	3:30	Recreation
9:45	Break/Snack Bar	6:00	Dinner
10:15	Music Appreciation	6:40	Assembly - Singing
11:00	Practice	7:30	Evening Activity
12:00	Lunch	8:30	Campfire/Skits/Snacks
12:40	Assembly - Singing	9:00	To Dorms
1:00	Rest	9:30	Taps

Recreation and evening activities included the afternoon hikes, crafts, swimming, dance lessons, soccer games, ping-pong, horseback riding, dances, musicales, skits, and preparing for the cook-out.

Two musicales featured campers playing solos or ensembles. The accompanists were Luanne Langevin and Dennis Dockstader. Campers and staff who participated in the musicales were: Michelle Cameron, Emily Curci, Karen Masterson, David Provenghi, Anna Cearley, George Pehlivanian, Lynn Speir, Trent Amelotte, Theo Douglas, Kierstin Mof-fat, Cindy Christensen, Sarah Donaldson, Perry Shieh, Geoff Mukae, Danny Cearley, Jojo Ngheim, Eileen Choi, Laurie Lenahan, Barbara Choi, and Cathy Wyman.

Each evening ended with a campfire including singing, skits and snacks.

SECOND GENERATION CAMPERS: Michelle Cameron, Emily Curci, Breck Dockstader, Seth Dockstader, Stephanie Leigh, Karen Masterson, Elise Solomon, Kristy Tretter.

Editor's Note

I owe a lot of thanks to some people on the staff. Thank you Mrs. O and Mrs. Harding for the supplies, and for your hard work. Thank you Shaw, for your proofreading. Thank you Sarah, for your editing assistance, understanding, and patience with this novice editor. Finally, I owe a thank you to the campers for being here -- and for making this session memorable.

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