



Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Fall 2023

President's Message

Fall is a time of the year that I like to reflect on last summer and look forward to the upcoming holiday season. First of all, thank you to all of you who have supported us this past year. Many of the students we give scholarships to wouldn't have had the experience of attending a summer music camp without your support. Arrowbear had a much better summer in terms of enrollment, but there are other camps that had to cancel their sessions because of low enrollment. If you know of any school-age students who would like to attend a summer music camp, please encourage them to explore the opportunities that are available for next summer.

We are in our third year of providing private music lessons in Long Beach Unified School District. In the spring, high school students were added to this program joining the middle school-age students in receiving lessons. Private lessons can make all the difference in really learning how to play an instrument, something that a school music teacher does not have time to teach. Mr. O and my teacher Mr. Thompson recommended to my parents that I should take private lessons. They signed me up to take lessons from Rocco Leggett at Morey's Music Store in 1968. These lessons, All District Orchestra, and going to Arrowbear helped shape my musical journey into what I am today as a person and as a musician.

Some good news is Proposition 85 in California is being implemented this school year. Millions of new dollars are now available for Arts education. Long Beach has hired several new music teachers this year. This is the first time that I can remember that Arts education has had this much support from state funding. The Arts will really benefit from this new program with teachers being able to provide more time and resources for their students.

If you are interested in volunteering on our Board of Directors, please call us or send us an email at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com. We are really in need of former campers and staff members from the different decades of Arrowbear to help us network with more alumni. Our 85th Reunion is coming up in three years, and we will need volunteers to help.

In closing, on behalf of our Board of Directors, I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. Enjoy!

Cliff Kusaba
President



Scholarships for Summer 2024

Scholarship applications will be available beginning **February 1, 2024**, on our web site at www.arrowbearmusicassoc.org/scholarships. You can also contact our Scholarship Chairperson, Laura Kusaba, at 562-634-5158 or by email at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com to request a paper application after February 1. Last summer we granted \$81,165 in scholarships to 70 recipients. Most scholarships awarded are partial scholarships. There are a limited number of full scholarships available. We grant scholarships to both choral and instrumental applicants. Recipients are chosen based on both need and merit. Nearly all of our recipients would not be able to attend a summer music camp without financial assistance. Applications are due in mid-April. We notify all applicants by the middle of May. The process includes a written application, a recording of a solo with or without accompaniment on a CD or flash drive, a letter written by the applicant explaining why he or she needs a scholarship, and a recommendation letter from a private or school music teacher. **Please be sure of your summer plans before you apply for a scholarship. Once awarded, scholarships are not transferable to another session, music camp, or person. Recipients are expected to attend the entire session without arriving late or leaving early unless there is an emergency.**

Spring and Summer 2023 Donations

Many, many thanks to the friends and alumni of Arrowbear who donated to our Scholarship Fund during the spring and summer months. Donations from the Spring Newsletter totaled **\$8,614.04**. That's a good start in building the scholarship bucket for Summer 2024.

Every donation is appreciated. We receive amounts from \$10 to hundreds of dollars. It all adds up. Don't worry about waiting until you can give more at some point in the future. Any amount makes a difference. It's always a wonderful surprise to visit the mailbox and hear how you're doing and what is keeping you busy. Please keep in touch and give when you can. We'd love to hear from you.

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Additional Donations and Grants

- Thank you to the nine alumni who have set up automatic monthly donations through PayPal. We receive **\$195** in total every month from these alumni for a yearly total of **\$2,340**.
- Thank you to **Becky Boggs Othmer** who set up a Facebook donation for her birthday with the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Thank you to **Joel Elsten** who set up a Facebook donation for his birthday with the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Thank you to **Sarah Solberg** who set up a Facebook donation for her birthday with the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Thank you to **Katy Bridges** who set up a Facebook donation for her birthday with the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Thank you to **Russell Graham** for arranging for us to receive payroll withholdings from the Northrop Grumman Employees Charity Organization (ECHO) and the Charities Aid Foundation America program.
- Thank you to **Jim Garrecht** who arranged for us to receive payroll deductions through the United Way.
- Many thanks to **Veronica Wilson** for arranging a grant through the BASF Charitable Giving Program.
- Thank you to AmazonSmile for a final donation of **\$360.18** and a total of **\$5,479.20** since 2014.

Birthday fundraisers have raised **\$1,066.00** so far in 2023 with more donations expected in November. We are so grateful to everyone who sets up a fundraiser and to those who donate. You are awesome!

Donation Dedications

Mark Scott in memory of Jim and Jacque Scott.

Anonymous in honor of Aidan J. Sommerfield's bar mitzvah.

Mark Byer and Stephanie Cinereski in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Lennard & Jean Reynolds Eckhardt in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Rocky Reames in memory of Bruce Ford and his brother Michael Reames.



Pre-Intermediate & Elementary Sessions



The AmazonSmile program was discontinued earlier this year by Amazon. We received our final donation from this program in May. We can't thank you enough for participating just by shopping on Amazon. We received a total of **\$5,479.20** over the nine years we were registered with the program.

Alumni Update

Please send us information about what you're doing. We'd love to share with everyone in the next Newsletter.



In Memoriam

Russell Miller passed away unexpectedly in July. He was a camper, counselor, and accompanist at Arrowbear from 1974-1980. Russell was an accomplished bassoonist, pianist, and composer. He was professor Emeritus of Vocal Coaching and Repertoire at Eastman School of Music where he taught from 1995 through his retirement in 2022.

Michael Reames passed away on August 25 after a long illness. He attended Choral Session in the mid-1960s. He and his brother Rocky sang barbershop together whenever they saw each other. The last thing he texted Rocky was, "Good morning campers, how about a nice bowl of oatmeal?" He was excited about getting to eat solid food again.

Ardoth Cheadle Carr passed away on August 28 at the age of 93. She was a member of the first group of campers at Arrowbear in 1942. After graduating from Wilson High School, she received a scholarship to Juilliard as a talented French horn player. She continued playing in a local quintet until the age of 70.

Mary McKelvy passed away on October 6 after a long illness. She was a fine violinist who enjoyed life and lived it to the fullest. She was a camper and counselor in the early 1980s. Our hearts go out to her friends and her sister, Carol.

David Rain passed away on October 23 after a long battle with his mental health. He was a camper and counselor in the 1960s. David played the trombone and served as a drum major at LBCC. He was a retired band teacher who built a great music program in Minnesota. He was a frequent contributor to our Facebook group page. We send our love to his family.



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Go Green and become a subscriber. Instead of receiving a paper edition of our newsletters, you'll receive an electronic version. The numerous photos are in full color and all the links are live. You'll help us save money on printing and postage that can help send more young musicians to a summer music camp. It's easy. Just go to our website at arrowbearmusicassoc.org/alumni and register.

Lost Arrowbearites

We're having a problem with the post office not sending us all the address changes like they should. This most recent newsletter, we only received one address change from the post office when we would expect to receive 30-40 notifications. Your newsletter is sent on to your new address, but we're not being notified of your new address as we were in the past. This is where you come in. Please try to remember us during the stress and craziness of moving. We need your new address as well. You can send the new address to our PO Box, or you can email it to arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com. Thanks to those of you who have taken the time to let us know you've moved.

If you know how to contact the following Arrowbearite, please let us know how to contact her: **Martha Drake**

If you moved between May 2023 and November 2023, PLEASE let us know your new address by email.



Long Beach Gives – Held September 21, 2023 – Fundraiser for Private Lessons



We are so grateful to the donors who supported our organization through **Long Beach Gives** on September 21, 2023. We raised **\$3,099.59** for scholarships to fund private lessons for middle school and high school students in Long Beach Unified. We helped **sixteen** young musicians receive private lessons in Spring 2023. We are funding lessons again for one student at each middle, K-8, and high school in LBUUSD for this Fall Semester. Thank you to everyone who donated.

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A special thanks to donors who sponsored matching funds:

Stefanie Holzman Sarah Solberg Dennis Trembly



We accept donations to this scholarship program year-round.

Just let us know that you'd like your donation to be applied to our music lessons scholarship program.

Contact us:

We encourage you to join our group on Facebook. We post information, photos, updates, videos from camp sessions, and fun cartoons and articles that are music related. It is also the best place for info on the Reunions that take place every 5 years. Please join us!!

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Coffee Time with Ross

Greetings Arrowbear alumni and welcome to another edition of “Coffee Time with Ross!” I like to use this space to talk about ways that camp has evolved since the mid-80s or so. Past editions have included topics like the role of campfire and the camp songs.

Another time of day that has evolved significantly since the mid-80s is the morning assembly. We all still gather after morning clean-up to get our day started together, but due to some changes to the space in front of the First Aid Porch, we now gather daily on the volleyball court. At Advanced (Senior) Session, in particular, a huge shift has been to have the campers be the ones who do the entertaining rather than the counselors. I recall being a young camper and hearing different counselors introduce themselves each day (to be both cheered and booed depending upon whether they were from Wilson or Millikan) and perhaps do a bit of entertainment. Now we get a parade of daily sharings from a variety of campers. One mainstay has become “Trend of the Day” such as hats, backward clothing, Fresh-and-Fancy Friday, etc. We have also been treated to Jokes of the Day, Word of the Day (which back in the 90s made me fall in love with the dictionary), Cuttlefish Fact of the Day, and a wide array of other offerings. The best part is when we get a glimpse of special personal talents such as Yo-Yo Trick of the Day. That guy did some crazy tricks! But perhaps the best outcome of all of this is, from the campers who choose to share at that time of day, we get to know them over a two-week period; we get invested, and when it comes to the last Word of the Day, last Cuttlefish Fact of the Day, last Yo-Yo Trick of the Day, there is a sense of melancholy closure that can only come with the Arrowbear experience of Music, Magic, and Friends.



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Scholarship Recipients – 2023

Visit our website to see all the photos of our Scholarship Recipients plus photos from each of the 2023 Sessions. Visit arrowbearmusicassoc.org/scholarships and our Photo Gallery.



Choral



Intermediate 1



Intermediate 2



Jazz

Scholarship Thank You Letters

We awarded scholarships to seventy young musicians for Summer 2023 thanks to your generosity. We wanted to share some of the thank you letters we received on your behalf.

I want to thank you, truly thank you, for awarding my son the scholarship this year so he can attend the Jazz Improv Session at Camp Arrowbear this year. He loves music and is so passionate about music. It is his “reason” for going to school each day. As a mother that feels the financial burden of his passion but wants to be able to provide these types of experiences for him, I appreciate that you have helped so tremendously to alleviate this burden. This will pay for more than ¾ the cost of the camp! I am humbled by your generosity.

Ever since I first caught wind of Camp Arrowbear, it's been my dream to get in. I've loved summer camp all my life, and music is my greatest passion. If I could participate in a camp experience where those two are combined, it would be the most amazing opportunity. And now I can thanks to this scholarship! I can't express how much I appreciate you choosing me to receive this money, and I can't wait for camp! I'm going through a hard time, but now I can smile because I know in a few weeks I'll be at the camp of my dreams! Thank you so much.

Thank you so much for helping me get to go to the music camp. I love the music camp so much. I had so much fun last year. It was my first time ever going to camp. After a crazy winter where I had to stay home for weeks, thinking about camp gave me so much joy. I can't wait to learn new things and play my trombone with everyone.

THANK YOU!!!! I can't stress enough how grateful I am for the opportunity to go to the music camp. I talk with my friends about how fun this camp is going to be. I couldn't have gone without the help of your kindness. Music has changed my life. I've gone from a person with a small friend group that I would talk to and now I have a massive social group of people that I consider my friends. So, from the bottom of my heart, thank you.



I just want to start this off by saying I am very happy to receive this scholarship. Living in a household where all of our money goes toward necessities, we don't really go on vacations. Going to Arrowbear is an opportunity to do this. Also, I get to connect with others who share the same love of music. I went to Arrowbear last year and though at first it was scary, I ended up having the time of my life. I made many friends and I'm excited to reunite with them this coming summer. I am very grateful to receive this scholarship, and I will put it to great use.

Thank you so much for the opportunity you've given me. I really appreciate your generosity and I'm looking forward to the camp so much! I'll be practicing hard to prepare, and I'm so excited to attend. Again, thank you so much.

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Arrowbear Music Associates is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Our purpose is to provide scholarships to deserving young musicians for summer music camps. The number of scholarships depends upon the donations we receive each year. Our major expenses are the two Newsletters which are published in the fall and in the spring. We mail Newsletters to over two thousand alumni and friends of Arrowbear.

The members of the Board of Directors volunteer their time and talents so that we can provide scholarships and keep you informed about what is going on at Arrowbear. We are always in need of more help. If you are interested in joining a committee, please call us at 562-634-5158, email us at arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com, or write to us at PO Box 1294, Lakewood CA 90714. We meet three to four times a year. We'd love to have you join us.

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