



Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Spring 2021

President's Message

Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. Unfortunately, we are going to postpone our 80th Reunion event to 2022. At this time, there are too many unknown details that we cannot plan for. We want this event to be open to all our alumni without any restrictions or complications. This is disappointing for all of us. We are exploring the possibility of having a picnic at a local park in the fall. We'll announce those details later in the summer.

Summer music camp programs are emerging again after a long hiatus. The camps are facing a challenging summer trying to have meaningful sessions while following restrictions like wearing masks and social distancing that are still required by local and state guidelines. Many camps are offering a virtual program or cancelling for a second summer. Arrowbear will have in-person sessions, but it had to reduce the number of campers per session. Bunk beds are not allowed, so arranging the sleeping areas presented another challenge. Flexibility is the key.

Many thanks to all those who continue to donate to our organization. We just finished awarding our scholarships for 2021. This year we were able to help all the young musicians who needed assistance to attend a summer music camp. Many families are struggling to survive and can't begin to provide their children with experiences that were once a normal part of growing up. One of our applicants wrote that his family did not always have enough food to eat this past year. Your generous support helps many families provide special musical experiences for their children they can't afford without help.

This coming Fall, we are going to fund one year of private lessons for as many middle school students as we can. We are raising money through the Long Beach Gives fundraiser on September 23 to help fund the lessons. More information is in a separate article in this newsletter.

I ask that if you can, please visit Arrowbear or any other summer music camp. They need your support and encouragement.

Cliff Kusaba
President



Lost Arrowbearites

Every fall and spring we receive numerous newsletters back stamped, "Not Deliverable as Addressed. Unable to Forward." Not only are we sorry to lose an address, but it costs us \$1.09 per piece to get a newsletter back. We also receive regular address changes for every newsletter. These pieces cost us \$0.57 cents each. Now we're having the problem that we're not getting back all the address changes from the Post Office. 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.

If you know how to contact any of the following Arrowbearites, please let us know. It's really helpful if you have their mailing or email address, rather than just telling us you think they moved to a certain city.

Adrienne Scarcello	Lara Slifko	Randy Swanson	Denise Amling	Frances Lee	Brad Coleman
Daniel Lusher	Presley Schlarb	Kevin Giser	Sachin Pandya	John Choi	
Eugene & Sammy Yoon	Monique Boustani	Lois Yum	Jamie Brown		

Fall and Winter 20-21 Donations

Many, many thanks to the alumni and friends of Arrowbear who donated to our Scholarship Fund. Donations from the Fall Newsletter totaled **\$31,630.24**. We are particularly grateful because we know these are difficult times with families in dire economic straits from losing their jobs. Numerous businesses have temporarily closed putting thousands of people out of work due to the COVID-19 pandemic. All of the donations will go toward scholarships for this coming summer and Summer 2022.

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.

Anonymous
Gil Bishop
Michelle Otto Boden
Henry & Lily Boterenbrood
Teresa Marsi Bothman
Jon & Elizabeth Bowermaster
Stephen Boyett
Robert & Patricia Brown
Beckie Roth Celikel
Tracy & Jon Chaffee
Dave Collins
William & Marie Course
Mike Eipper
Erin Nakagawa Felix
Lida Lockwood Gerenraich
Kim & Christine Gibson
Julie Gill
Jennifer Hornung Gille
Eileen Choi Golden
Alex Gordon & Mimi Paller

Lynne Greenwood
Eileen Marrison Halcrow
Neil Harrington
Sherry & Lindsay Hetz
Karin Hoesli
Hogarth Family Trust
Jim Hopkins
Janitta Funk Keck
Marian Kent
Peter Kozik
Don & Anita Orahod Kramer
Jay & Leonie Kramer
Hayden Gerald Lawrence
Pat Nelson Mack
Robert Menke
Michael & Rosann Monaghan
Janet Moore
Yasuko Morihara
Jon Nowak

Mark & Linda Olson
Becky Boggs Othmer
John Rabold
Steven Reynolds
Steve Roddie
Nailah Connor Roque
Cynthia Schutz
Ralph Siemsen
Philip Simmergren
Jennifer Mitchell Spier
Daryl Temkin
Heidi Umber
Margaret Urke
Mike West
Bruce Wilkison
Karen Ostrom Wiles
Cathy Highberg Williams
Cathi Daggett Wrench
Ruth Luippold Zantiny



Additional Donations and Grants

- Thank you to the five alumni who have set up automatic monthly donations through PayPal. We receive \$125 in total every month from these alumni for a yearly total of \$1,500.
- Thank you to Dominica Pimentel 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 the family and friends of Wallace Umber who donated to the Wallace Umber Memorial Scholarship. He was a long-time music teacher in LAUSD whose children attended Arrowbear.
- Many thanks to Naomi Norwick's friends and family for donations through a Facebook birthday fundraiser and Network for Good. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Facebook birthday fundraisers totaled **\$2,186.72** since November 1, 2020. Amazing!
- Many thanks to Russell Graham for completing the paperwork for a grant through the ENGPAC program from the Northrop Grumman Foundation and through the ECHO payroll contribution program.
- Many thanks to Robert & Jennifer Mitchell Spier for a matching grant from the Benevity Community Impact Fund.

Dedications

Gustavo Alfaro, Jr. in memory of his mother-in-law, Cherry Blossom, who taught her children the joy of music.

Harold J. Russell in memory of his mother, Ruth Russell, who helped Mrs. O. in the camp kitchen for a number of years.

Marcia and Anna Schechter in memory of David L. Schechter.

Lon and Jean Reynolds Eckhardt in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Beth Mills Grace and Jeff Mills in memory of Ted Mills.

Deborah Trutanich in memory of her brother, Tony Trutanich.

Naomi Norwick in memory of Walter and Natalie Norwick.

Stefanie Holzman in memory of John Ervin.

Meg Garside Jones in memory of Rodney Garside, her wonderful dad.

Russell Miller in honor of Mark Masterson



In Memoriam

Rae Jean Boeving (1960s) passed away February 1, 2021. She was a high school music teacher for years before finishing her career as an elementary music teacher in Long Beach Unified. She started our son on the violin when he was in second grade. She was also a former member of our AMA Board of Directors.

Mary Dropkin passed away in January of this year. She was a marvelous harp player who worked as a staff member for several years and brought her students to play at Arrowbear.

Kurt Holmes (1971-1988) passed away unexpectedly December 12, 2020. Kurt was a music teacher and golf coach at his alma mater Wilson High School. At camp, he played the clarinet and saxophone and served up many delicious meals as the Camp Cook for many summers.

Dolores Delcoma (1948-1954) passed away in November 2020. She was a violinist from the early days of Arrowbear. She was both a camper and a counselor. She was a faithful supporter of our scholarship program over the years.

Clint Gilmore (1960s) passed away on November 2, 2020, after a battle with stomach cancer. Clint took over the family business – Gilmore's Music Store – in 1988.



Memories

I was in 6th grade, maybe 7th, when I won a scholarship. I was (and still am to some extent) painfully shy as a young adult and was pretty anxious about spending time away from home. But the experience was so amazing, that I didn't want to leave when it was over. I was in tears when my parents came to get me.

The choral sessions were recorded and placed onto vinyl. That was the 70s after all! I still remember the songs, and I was in such admiration of the all-teen boy choir. They sounded absolutely amazing. They sang 'Tis a Gift to Be Simple'.

It was an honor to be a part of something so wonderful, and it holds a special place in my heart and memories.

Deobrah Jo Moorehead Warren (1973)

Long Beach Gives – September 23, 2021 – Fundraiser for Private Lessons



We are excited to share with you that Arrowbear Music Associates was selected as one of just over 200 non-profits to participate in **Long Beach Gives** on **September 23**. What does that mean? It means that many more alumni and supporters of music education will have the opportunity to donate to help young Long Beach musicians receive private music lessons during the school year.

Our Scholarship Committee has noted how many of the young musicians who apply for a scholarship do not have the benefit of private music lessons. Their families just can't afford the expense of weekly lessons that cost anywhere from \$25 to \$50 each. We've decided to try to help meet this need.

We are partnering with the music teachers of Long Beach Unified to identify young musicians who would flourish musically with the support of private lessons. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to pay for private lessons for as many students as we can beginning in the fall when schools reopen for the new school year.

Would you like to help? Our Long Beach Gives website is <https://donate.longbeachgives.org/Arrowbear-Music-Associates>. The official day for donations is September 23, 2021. Please add the date now to your calendar.

2021 Arrowbear Summer Sessions

- Choral June 20-26**
grades 9 through college
- Jazz Improv June 27-July 3**
grades 9 through college
- Intermediate Band & Orchestra July 4-17**
grades 6 through 9
- Advanced Band July 18-31**
grades 9 through college
- Advanced String Orchestra August 1-14**
grades 9 through college

It's not too late to enroll in a session at Arrowbear.

Visit their website at arrowbear.com.

There are still openings available.



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Just login with the same login and password that you use on regular Amazon. If you're on Facebook or other social media, please share with your friends when you purchase something. That will advertise to other Arrowbearites that they can help send kids to a summer music camp by shopping at AmazonSmile. We've received **\$665.63** in donations since the last newsletter for a total of **\$2,739.93** since we signed up in 2014. Many thanks to the **221** of you who are already registered! Come join us and help to make a difference just by shopping on AmazonSmile.

Scholarships 2021

This was an unusual year to say the least. We held 39 scholarships awarded last summer because Arrowbear and other music camps could not offer their summer programs due to COVID-19 restrictions. Thankfully, music camps are offering sessions this coming summer – some virtually and others, like Arrowbear, are offering in-person sessions, but at reduced capacity. Out of the 39 recipients from last year, 31 are attending a summer music camp this summer. This year we received only 12 new scholarship applications. We did our best to fill in the scholarships from last year that were going to be unused this year since the 2020 recipient declined to use their scholarship. So many of the young applicants mentioned how much they needed an opportunity to attend Arrowbear this summer after all the stress of being stuck at home because of the pandemic. We, and you, do make a difference in these kids' lives.

We are excited to announce that we awarded **\$45,520** in scholarships to **43** recipients for the 2021 summer. Everyone who applied as a new applicant this year received a scholarship. Congratulations to them all!

An asterisk (*) indicates a new 2021 scholarship recipient.



Morey's Music Store Scholarship

*Kiana Lee	cello	San Diego
Catherine Harrison	string bass	Oceanside

David L. Schechter Scholarship

Will Canterbury	tenor sax	Valley Village
Emily Silvernail	euphonium	San Diego

Robert "Bob" Dill Foundation Scholarship

*Giovanni Carroll	percussion	Long Beach
*Maksym Graham	alto sax	Alta Loma
*Miracle Ratsavong	violin	San Gabriel
Sky White	violin	Long Beach

Robert Simmergren Scholarship

Rogelio Raya	violin	Burbank
Lucas Wheeler	trumpet	Running Springs

Newton and Elsie Wrench Scholarship

Kenny Tran	trombone	Long Beach
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Robert Collins Choral Scholarship

Lillian Dunlap	soprano	Spokane, WA
*Isaac Arussi	tenor	Woodland Hills

Arnold & Judy Hogarth Scholarship

Deborah Harrison	cello	Oceanside
*Avi Kenyon	tenor sax	Las Vegas, NV
Magdalena McKee	cello	Johnstown, CO
Zuzanna Szybura	violin	Long Beach

Raye Fairchild Scholarship

Alexis Lam	violin	Long Beach
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Walter Norwick Scholarship

Keyra Ickler	flute	Long Beach
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Loren & June Collins Scholarship

Maggie Jenkins	trumpet	Long Beach
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Carole Ohlendorf Dockstader Scholarship

Jordan Barnes	flute	Covina
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Suzanne Renee Fluchere Scholarship

Tyki Cantu-Wang	violin	Big Bear City
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B.T. Ted Mills Scholarship

*Abraham Corona	bass trombone	Long Beach
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Myrtle Seymour Watilo Scholarship

Vera Fang	violin	Los Angeles
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Wallace Umber Scholarship

*Luis Luna	French horn	Long Beach
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Kendall Feeney Scholarship

Kerry Walther	viola	Carlsbad
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Brian Reynolds Scholarship

*Miles Reusch	violin	Carlsbad
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Choral Scholarships

*Adeline "Michi" Seiler	soprano	Capo Beach
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Middle School Scholarships

Shayna Beckerman	trumpet	Las Vegas, NV
Isabelle Salcido	baritone	Baldwin Park
Isaac Suárez	violin	Escondido
Ally Uyetanaka	viola	Temecula
Sophia Wheeler	trombone	Running Springs

High School Scholarships

Omeed Almasi	cello	Los Angeles
Anais Cervantes	trumpet	Baldwin Park
James Fenton	cello	Whittier
*Aria Henson	flute	Long Beach
Isabella Kelly	violin	Los Angeles
Victor Orea	violin	Vista
Kimberly Rivera	flute	Baldwin Park
*Roland Shen	violin	Los Angeles
Allison Suárez	violin	Escondido

Scholarship Update

Below are some of the thank you letters we received from our scholarship recipients. Their appreciation and excitement reveal the impact your generosity has on their lives and families. After a year of limited interaction with their peers, they are thrilled to attend a summer music camp and spend time with other young musicians who share their passion for music.

Today I received a letter notifying me that I was a chosen recipient of the Robert “Bob” Dill Scholarship. I am extremely thankful for your kindness and the opportunity you have given me.

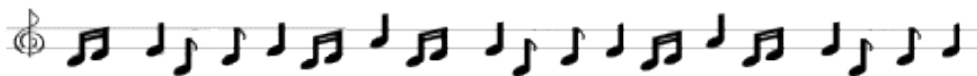
Ever since I started playing saxophone in 5th grade, I dreamed about the ability to fluidly improvise like the great musicians I listened to. I am now one step closer to achieving this dream because of the scholarship and the privilege of studying with the Arrowbear music experts. I just want to say a big thank you to you for this opportunity.

I am writing to thank you for the Arrowbear Music Camp scholarship. I am very grateful and appreciative to be the recipient of your scholarship. Thanks to this scholarship, I will gain more experience playing with new people and playing in a large ensemble. This scholarship alleviates a lot of financial stress from my parents and my family. Your generosity has motivated me to push myself further in music and to put myself “out there” more. I hope to one day help aspiring musicians as you have helped me.

I am honored to accept this scholarship to attend Arrowbear. Arrowbear Music Camp is like my favorite place to be during the summer. I have enjoyed three summers in a row at Elementary and made several life-long friends. This will be my first summer at Intermediate, and I’m very excited to go after a very difficult year. I am so thankful that you’ve given me this opportunity to attend as it was the only way I would be able to afford to go. My love for music is growing and Arrowbear is a huge part of my inspiration for making music.

I wanted to let you know I am extraordinarily grateful for the opportunity this scholarship will provide. I am relieved that I didn’t burden my family with this expense, as finances are tight due to the difficulties that COVID presented.

I got into my school’s top choir for competition this year, but I still have no idea how to sing in a choral setting. I didn’t receive the in-person instruction that my peers received prior to COVID. I don’t want to hold my choir back. I am hopeful that going to this camp will help develop me as a choral singer. Again, thank you so much for this opportunity.



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

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 and fresh ideas. If you are interested in joining a committee, please call 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.

Name _____ Maiden _____

Address _____

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Home phone () _____

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Years at Arrowbear 19____ to 19____ Or 19____ to 20____ Or 20____ to 20____

Instrument/Voice _____

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