



# Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Spring 2026

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## President's Message

**85 years of Melodies and Memories** is the theme for our upcoming 85<sup>th</sup> Reunion fundraiser. The event will be on **September 6, 2026**, at Arrowbear Music Camp. The schedule for the day will be similar to our last Reunion. There will be a group photo in the morning, followed by the rehearsal of the choir and orchestra. After lunch, there will be singing followed by chamber music, a brass ensemble, a photo booth, a raffle, and free time to visit. The concert will be at 5:00 followed by dinner. More details will follow in the next few months. Be sure to mark the date on your calendar now. Contact your Arrowbear friends on social media and make sure they're planning to come as well.

We hope this will be a time to reunite with old friends and to reminisce about a much different time in our lives. It will be a time to remember those we have lost since the last time we were together at Arrowbear. Recently, we lost Paul Feller. He was a former member of our Board of Directors and a 1940s camper. He was looking forward to being at the reunion, but sadly he will not be there. We have lost many of our campers from the 1940s in the last few years. They are the ones who believed in the idea that there should be a music camp; 85 years later their dream is still alive today.

Our **Private Lessons Scholarship program** is just wrapping up for the 2025-2026 school year. We helped **21** middle school students in Long Beach Unified receive a set of ten private lessons. We will be participating again in **Long Beach Gives on September 24** to raise funds to continue this important program to help musicians grow in their mastery of their instrument. We accept donations for this scholarship program year-round and are grateful to those who have donated.

We just finished awarding scholarships for this coming summer. We awarded **\$83,188** in scholarships to **64** young musicians. We were excited to learn that one of our camp scholarship recipients also received one of our scholarships for private lessons. She wrote, "In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, I received a scholarship that I didn't even know existed from Arrowbear Music Associates. I was lucky enough to get free private lessons with a coach at my school, and that is kind of what showed me that I could have a real career in music. I now take private lessons with him, and you have no idea how much I look forward to it each week." It is wonderful to hear that our scholarship programs are truly making a difference for young people.

Many thanks to all of you who donated to our scholarship funds. You have helped so many young people have a unique and life-changing experience. We exist because of your support. In closing, I hope to see you at our Reunion in September.

Cliff Kusaba  
President



## 85 Years of Melodies and Memories

Registration is open now. For your donation we will provide a digital Reunion picture, a Reunion Note, lunch, and dinner. We are also offering an optional Reunion T-shirt. These will be available by pre-order for a small additional donation to cover the cost of the shirts. A limited number of additional shirts will be available on the day of the Reunion. Your best bet is to pre-order, so you know you'll get the size you want. The camp will provide breakfast for an appropriate donation, or you can eat out of camp. It would be great if you could pre-register as soon as you know your plans for the summer. This will help us order the food and the shirts as well as copies of the music.

You're welcome to come into camp on Saturday afternoon and sleep overnight. You can stay until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 7, if you wish. The accommodations at camp are just as you remember them, but there are a number of motels or Airbnb options in the vicinity if you're not up to staying in camp. We do caution you that it is Labor Day weekend and likely to be busy for the motels. Don't wait to make a reservation.

Online registration is available on our website at [arrowbearmusicassoc.org](http://arrowbearmusicassoc.org). You can use a credit card or PayPal. There is no extra fee for online registration. You can still send in your registration by regular mail as well. The form is included with this Newsletter. We'll keep updating info about the Reunion on our website and on Facebook and Instagram throughout the summer. We'll post a link so you can print out your music and practice before the big day.

We need help spreading the date of the Reunion, so no one is left out who'd like to attend. Talk to your friends and get them to come! Please send the addresses of alumni by email to [arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com](mailto:arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com).

## Fall and Winter 25-26 Donations

Many, many thanks to the alumni and friends of Arrowbear who donated to our Scholarship Fund. Donations from the Fall Newsletter totaled an astounding **\$75,890.26**. We are particularly grateful because we know these are difficult times for families struggling to pay their monthly bills with high prices at the pump and at the grocery store.

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.

Paul Arundel  
Mary Ann Rhinemiller Aufderheide  
Thomas Boggs  
Dave & Teresa Marsi Bothman  
Ann Lowe Budd  
Beckie Roth Celikel  
Nancy Strobridge Chase  
David Collins  
John Curtis  
Patty Dobiesz  
Mike & Marylynn Wilcox Eipper  
Erin Nakagawa Felix  
Eric & Jane Simonsen Frankenfeld  
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Sherry & Lindsey Hetz  
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George Keys  
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Don & Anita Orahood Kramer  
Leonie Kramer  
Joan LaRue  
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of Sigma Alpha Iota  
Marianne Marsi  
John Menke  
John & Deborah Middlebrooks  
Michael & Rosann Monaghan  
David Moody  
Janet Moore

Morey's Music Store  
Yasuko Morihara  
Heather O'Connell  
Michelle Otto-Cedeño  
Steven Reynolds  
Ted & Nancy Rodriguez-Bell  
Nailah Connor Roque  
Ken Sams  
Janice Sanders  
Paul Schwartz  
Ildiko Meracz Siegrist  
Philip Simmergren  
Robert & Jennifer Mitchell Spier  
Lonnie Timney  
Karen Tkaczyk  
Susan Winkler Towner  
Gary 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 \$95 in total every month from these alumni for a yearly total of \$1,140.
- Thank you to Kathy Fraser McLeod 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 Toshi Chun who set up a Facebook donation for his birthday with the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- Many thanks to Naomi Norwick who set up a Facebook donation for her birthday with the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Thank you to everyone who donated.
- 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 America Online Giving.
- Thank you to Ted & Nancy Rodriguez-Bell for a matching grant from the Bank of America Matching Gift Program.
- Thank you to Jim Garrecht who set up payroll deductions through Kaiser Permanente and America Online Giving.
- Thank you to Heechoon Lee and Jian Liang for matching grants from the Qualcomm Employee Grant Program.



## Dedications

Todd Graber in memory of Russell Miller.

Diane Wittry in memory of Elizabeth Wittry.

Frederick Seykora in memory of Duane Seykora.

Harriet Harrington in memory of Neil Harrington.

Gayle Garcia in memory of her husband, Chris Garcia.

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

Cathy Moore Parker in memory of Fran Cleaver Moore.

Naomi Norwick in memory of Walter and Natalie Norwick.

Brian Woodland in memory of Vina Mae Sippel Woodland.

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

Len and Jean Reynolds Eckhardt in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Mathew & Meagan Henderson in memory of Katy Henderson.

Dolores Loera and Henry in honor of Nancy Petersen's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Meg Kerr, Bob Vanderslice, and Sara Domonoske in memory of Michael Fluchere.

Stuart Holmes and many additional friends and family in memory of David Anders Nelson.

Kiki Collins Bussell & Leslie Collins Edwards in memory of their parents Loren and June Collins.

Sarah Solberg in memory of Edna Ohlendorf, Ellen Deffner, Carole Dockstader, and Clarence Sawhill.



## Giving Tuesday – December 2, 2025

Giving Tuesday is a national event designed to encourage donations to worthy causes. The event took place on December 2, 2025. We raised **\$2,598** for the scholarship fund. Many thanks to the donors who contributed.

Rocky Reames    Wayne Selover    John Rabold    Brody Guesno    Brian Delgado    Becky Boggs Othmer  
Beckie Roth Celikel    Juanita Jackson    Dennis Trembly    Katy Bridges    Dolores Loera    Laura Dean Kusaba  
Alan Black    KC Still    Bruce Wilkison    Daniel Armstrong    Sue Green    Marcy Sudock    Greg Thomas

## In Memoriam

**Steve Romansky (1957-1963)** passed away in November 2024. He was a fine violinist who played with the LBCC Community Orchestra for many years. Steve was a doctor who cared deeply about his patients.

**Paul Feller** passed away on March 11, 2026. He was a camper and counselor at Arrowbear from 1943-1950. His wife, Shirley Hamby Feller, and their two sons, Mike and Bob, were also Arrowbearites. Paul played the French horn. Paul was looking forward to the upcoming Reunion. He wanted to be recognized as the oldest person in attendance. He will be greatly missed.

**David Anders Nelson** passed away in February 2026. Anders was a clarinetist, private teacher, band director, adjudicator, and a conductor at Arrowbear Music Camp. He conducted award-winning middle and elementary school band programs in the Poway school system for ten years. He had a deep passion for the outdoors which made his conducting at Arrowbear a perfect combination of his love for both music and nature.



## Long Beach Gives – September 24, 2026 – 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 24**. 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. We raised **\$5,770** last year for private lessons.

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. We are currently providing private lessons for one student at each of the district's Middle and K-8 Schools. Twenty-one young musicians are participating this school year.

### Long Beach Gives for 2026

Would you like to help? Our Long Beach Gives website is <https://www.longbeachgives.org/organization/Arrowbear-Music-Associates>. The official day for donations is **September 24, 2026**. Please add the date now to your calendar.



Updated!!

### 2026 Music Camp Sessions

**Choral: June 14–20**  
**Jazz Improv: June 21–27**  
**Intro Intermediate: June 28–July 4**  
**Elementary: June 28–July 1**  
**Advanced Session: July 5–July 25**  
**Full Intermediate: July 26–August 8**

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

Visit their website at [arrowbear.com](http://arrowbear.com).

There are still openings available.



### See's Candy Fundraisers

Thank you to all the friends and alumni who purchased delicious See's Candy through our two online fundraisers during the holiday season and the Easter season. In total, we raised **\$606.55** for music camp scholarships. Awesome!

Juanita Jackson	Ellen Pesavento	Diana LaPointe	Wilson Ochoa	Eric Frankenfeld
Shaw Droker	Beth Mills Grace	Courtney Lamb	Cliff Kusaba	Carolyn Kusaba Carroll
Joy Ellis	Katie Mayhew	Marilyn Winebarger	Eric Stanfield	Stacy Burcham
Holly Tomren	KC Still	Mark Fronke	Leslie Schmidt	Evelyn Dugan
Kristen Mason	Regina Judd	Laura Dean Kusaba		

# Scholarships 2026

It's so difficult to decide who should receive assistance. We agonize, argue passionately for students who touch our hearts in some way, and finally reach a consensus on who gets a scholarship, and who we are unable to help. We walk a delicate line trying to balance merit with need, those who have the advantage of lessons versus those who have potential, but whose parents can't afford private lessons. Students are eager for the musical challenge and the camaraderie that a session at camp provides. Your generosity helps make their dream of attending a summer music camp session possible.

We are excited to announce that we awarded **\$83,188** in scholarships to **64** young musicians for Summer 2026. Congratulations to them all!

## Morey's Music Store Scholarship

Allison Feinberg	violin	Santa Ynez
Emma Stelzried	violin	Walnut

## David L. Schechter Scholarship

Grace Maier	alto sax	Long Beach
Jaden Martinez	alto sax	Crestline

## Robert Simmergren Scholarship

Edward Gietzen	string bass	Camarillo
Carter Lucas	tenor sax	Apple Valley

## Newton and Elsie Wrench Scholarship

Niamh Adamis	cello	Manhattan Beach
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## Robert Collins Choral Scholarship

Samantha Clarizo	mezzo-soprano	Arcadia
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## Arnold & Judy Hogarth Scholarship

Abel Sandoval	violin	Escondido
Adel Sandoval	cello	Escondido
Jesus Sandoval	violin	Escondido
Ruoling Shi	cello	Long Beach

## Vina Mae Sippel Woodland Scholarship

Miles Reusch	violin	Carlsbad
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## Raye Fairchild Scholarship

Colin Bass	violin	Tehachapi
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## Walter & Natalie Norwick Scholarship

Leo Jimenez	tenor sax	Lakewood
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## Loren & June Collins Scholarship

Claire Lloyd	alto sax	Long Beach
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## Carole Ohlendorf Dockstader Scholarship

Emily Guerra	flute	Downey
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## Zachary Smith Scholarship

Joseph Canales	string bass	Lakewood
Emily Mojica-Esparza	string bass	Long Beach

## Sigma Alpha Iota Scholarship

Abigail Shertzer	clarinet	Ventura
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## George W. & Martha McGhee Waters Scholarship

Emmalee Goldsmith	string bass	Lakewood
Ava Martinez	bassoon	Hesperia
Julian Negrete	French horn	Rancho Mirage

## Elizabeth Wittry Family Scholarship

Sandoval Family		Escondido
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## Suzanne & Juliette Fluchere Scholarship

Nora Serena-Valle	violin	Barcelona, Spain
Bodhi Taiyo Thein	violin	Aliso Viejo

## B.T. "Ted" Mills Scholarship

Christopher Richter	clarinet	Los Angeles
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## Myrtle Seymour Watilo Scholarship

Adelina Taylor	violin	Murrieta
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## David Anders Nelson Scholarship

James Foster	tuba	San Diego
Tamara Mitrani Shafran	percussion	San Diego

## Arthur & Margery Schwartz Scholarship

David Gietzen	trumpet	Camarillo
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## John Ervin Scholarship

Leire Serena-Valle	trumpet	Barcelona, Spain
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## Frances J. Harding Scholarship

Emily Salazar	soprano	Lake Arrowhead
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## Russell Miller Scholarship

Hannah Pearce	bassoon	Long Beach
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## Solberg Memorial Scholarship

Matilda Martinez	clarinet	Hesperia
Posey Ussery	bass clarinet	Arroyo Grande

## Fran Cleaver Moore Scholarship

Annalysse Sullivan	viola	Long Beach
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## Choral Scholarships

Alivia Castro	soprano	El Monte
Natalie Dulguerov	soprano	Hoover, AL
Joella Muyanjanja	mezzo-soprano	Azusa
Serenity Ng	soprano	La Verne

## Elementary Scholarships

Lily Diggie	violin	Crestline
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## Middle School Scholarships

Raelynn Alger	violin	Buffalo, MN
Zachary Gerhart	cello	Long Beach
Arabella Levitov	violin	Baltimore, MD
Imogen Levitov	cello	Baltimore, MD
Kinsey Martin	cello	Big Bear City
Lily May	alto sax	Ventura
Ariana Moreno	violin	Long Beach
Connor Wheeler	percussion	Running Springs

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### High School Scholarships

Joseph Baldridge	violin	Silverado	Asher Lowery	clarinet	Crestline
Oscar Borrego-Losada	violin	Australia	Kaydin Lowery	trombone	Crestline
Daniel Carballido	cello	Temecula	Elin Lu	cello	Las Vegas, NV
Andrew Gerhart	piano	Long Beach	Stephanie Perteet	alto sax	Riverside
Celine Hall	cello	La Mirada	Leah Porter	clarinet	Blue Jay
Colin Hobson	trumpet	Crestline	Timothy Sweeney	trumpet	Garden Grove
Axel Logg	string bass	South Pasadena	Frederick Toettcher	electric bass	La Habra
			Lucas Wheeler	trumpet	Running Springs

## 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 their families. They are thrilled to attend a summer music camp and spend time with other young musicians who share their passion for music.

I am incredibly grateful for the support of a scholarship. You have opened up the path to what I know is an incredible opportunity, and for that, I can't thank you enough. Though I love creating in many forms, music is my greatest passion, and it's my dream to use music to connect people all around the world. I truly believe, despite how insignificant music may seem to some, that it can accomplish great things. Thank you again. These three weeks will likely be one of the best times of my life.

Thank you so much for awarding me a Fred and Edna Ohlendorf Scholarship. I am grateful because this really helps my family and me be able to afford to go to this camp. Also, I am really looking forward to making high level music with others and discovering lots of cool chamber music in my groups. It means a lot that you continue to believe in and support my musical training.

I wanted to take a moment to truly thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for providing me with the financial means to attend my favorite place in the world – Arrowbear Music Camp. Without your scholarship, there would've been no way for me to attend this year's camp session, especially after my father lost his job! I am beyond ecstatic for this opportunity and cannot thank you enough for your generosity. It is such a blessing for me and my family.

Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship to attend Arrowbear. I am very grateful for your generosity. I love Arrowbear, and I am so excited to go back this year. The camp has helped me grow as a musician, challenge myself with new music, and learn from others who share my passion for music. Because of Arrowbear, I was motivated to spend a lot of my summer practicing and improving my skills. I'm also so excited to meet new people and reconnect with all of the friends I've met there before. Receiving this scholarship also makes it possible for my family to afford this opportunity, and I truly appreciate your kindness and support.

### Arrowbear Music Associates Board of Directors

Alan Black	Member-at-Large	Clifford Kusaba	President
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**PLEASE REGISTER BY AUGUST 23**

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$70 donation each or \$100 per couple \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Young Adults \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 donation (ages 16 – 25) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$15 donation each (ages 10 - 15) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ages 9 and under are free.)

Optional T-shirt with Reunion logo \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25 donation each \_\_\_\_\_

Men's sizes: Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ 2X \_\_\_\_\_

(Limited additional shirts will be available the day of the Reunion. Please pre-order.)

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes or No I will bring my instrument. Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Yes or No I would like to sing. Voice \_\_\_\_\_

Yes or No I plan to stay in camp on Saturday night.

Yes or No I'm willing to help on the day of the Reunion.



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Summers at Camp \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument or Voice \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*I cannot attend the Reunion, but I would like to send a donation to the**

**Fred and Edna Ohlendorf Scholarship fund. \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Make checks payable to: **Arrowbear Music Associates**

Mail to: **Arrowbear Music Associates - PO Box 1294, Lakewood CA 90714**

All donations are tax deductible.



You can also register for the Reunion using **PayPal** or a credit card on our website at [arrowbearmusicassoc.org](http://arrowbearmusicassoc.org)

**No** extra fees added to online registration.

Alumni addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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