



Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Spring 2025

President's Message

Summer music camps can change the life of a young person in more ways than anyone could ever know. Our organization continues its mission of providing scholarships year after year because of your generous donations. Your support these past 35+ years has made it possible for young musicians to experience music while making lifelong friends in a unique setting away from home and its distractions. Many of them have gone on to be professional musicians or involved in the music industry. This spring the scholarship committee met and listened to the auditions and read the applications that we received. We were able to award **\$124,653** in scholarships to **82** students. Congratulations to all the recipients.

Our private lesson program for music students in LBUSD is in its fourth year. The funds are coming primarily from the Long Beach Gives program which is a city-wide fundraising activity held in September each year. We do need more donations to this program if we are to continue funding it.

The idea of including copies of ***The Note*** on our website has percolated for a while, but it seemed a daunting task. Then in 2024, Bob Walton asked if we wanted his many copies of *The Note* from the 1960s. How could we refuse? His offer was the impetus for Laura to start the scanning process. We have many copies from the original *Note* in 1942 through 1988. It's fun to relive past sessions while reading biographies on the staff, insider gossip on the campers, the repertoire played, recreation highlights, and words of wisdom from Mr. Ohlendorf. They bring back so many memories. Check it out on our website at arrowbearmusicassoc.org/archives. Please send us your old *Notes* if you have any we're missing.

Our 85th Reunion will be next year in 2026. It will be at Arrowbear during the Labor Day weekend. You can come and stay over at the Camp if you are willing to sleep in the dorms, or there are motels in the nearby communities of Running Springs, Lake Arrowhead, and Big Bear. We will begin planning in the fall. If you are interested in being a part of the Reunion Committee or would be willing to help us during the Reunion, please contact us. Save the date now, so you don't miss out.

Please try to visit a summer music camp concert or a rehearsal this summer. Camp generally has the concert on the last day of each session. Laura and I will visit our scholarship winners at each session and take pictures to share with all of you. I hope everyone has an enjoyable and safe summer.

Cliff Kusaba
President



Lost Arrowbearites

Every fall and spring we receive 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.

We didn't receive any updated address information from the Fall Newsletter. This is really frustrating for us. Your newsletter was sent on to your new address by the post office, but we have no idea that you moved. If you moved between **June 2024 and May 2025**, PLEASE let us know your new address by email.

Fall and Winter 24-25 Donations

Many, many thanks to the alumni and friends of Arrowbear who donated to our Scholarship Fund. Donations from the Fall Newsletter totaled an impressive **\$63,435**. We are particularly grateful because we know these are still difficult times with high prices at the pump and at the grocery store. All of the donations will go toward scholarships for this coming summer.

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 love to hear from you.

Robert Baeyens
Michelle Pappone-Beedy
Teresa Marsi Bothman
Robert & Patricia Brown
Charlene Lowe Budd
Lon & Kiki Collins Bussell
Gayleen Hood Marmarelis Callister
Carolyn Kusaba Carroll
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Shawn Harris
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Maura Hudson
Janitta Funk Keck
Marian Kent
Peter Kozik
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Leonie, Isaac, & EJ Kramer
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Hayden Lawrence
Mary Logan
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Robert Menke
Pauline Merry
John & Deborah Middlebrooks

Michael & Rosann Monaghan
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Janet Moore
Morey's Music Store
Yasuko Morihara
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Naomi Norwick
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Steven Reynolds
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Nailah Connor Roque
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Jennifer Ness Schmid
Oliver Seely
Phil Simmergren
Sarah Solberg
Robert & Jennifer Mitchell Spier
Daryl Temkin
Susan Winkler Towner
Karen Ostrom Wiles
Gary & Jacqueline Wrench
Liz Youngman



Additional Donations and Grants

- Thank you to the six alumni who have set up automatic monthly donations through PayPal and Zelle. We receive **\$145** in total every month from these alumni for a yearly total of **\$1,740**. Awesome!
- Thank you to **Carla Contreras Buddingh** 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 **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 **Bill Shibley** 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 **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 Benevity & America Online Giving Fund.
- Many thanks to the nine friends and family members who donated in memory of **Neil Harrington**.
- Many thanks to **Ted & Nancy Rodriguez-Bell** for a donation and a matching grant from Bank of America.
- Many thanks to **Jim Garrecht** for setting up payroll deduction donations through America Online Giving.

Dedications

Karin Hoesli in memory of Hanna Hoesli.

Linda S Koffman in memory of Ravi Knypstra.

Anonymous in recognition of Carole Dockstader.

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

Cathy Moore Parker in memory of Fran Cleaver Moore.

Paul Schwartz in memory of Arthur & Margery Schwartz.

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.

Anonymous in memory of Katy Henderson and Maddie Gallandt.

Mike and Jan Fluchere in memory of Suzanne & Juliette Fluchere.

Matthew and Meagan Henderson in memory of Katy Henderson.



Giving Tuesday – Coming December 2, 2025



Giving Tuesday is a national event designed to encourage donations to worthy causes. The most recent event took place on December 3, 2024. We raised **\$976.04** for the scholarship fund. Many thanks to the donors who contributed.

Donations are processed through
Fundraisers on our Facebook group page
and on our Instagram page.

Kathleen Schaner
Heather Randles Ophir
whatevermakesyouhappytoday

David James

Laura Dean Kusaba
bobreysaidso

Katy Bridges

Becky Boggs Othmer

LBS Financial Credit Union

Naomi Norwick



In Memoriam

Ravi Knypstra passed away July 16, 2024. Ravi was a trumpet player at camp in the mid-1980s. He switched to the string bass in college and performed regularly. His wife told us he loved his time at Arrowbear and shared memories of it often. Music was everything to him. <https://montalvoarts.org/artist/ravi-knypstra/>

Shirley Hamby Feller passed away on November 3, 2024. She was a cello player who was a camper from 1946-1948. Her husband and sons were all campers at Arrowbear. Shirley and Paul Feller attended the 80th Reunion as the sole representatives of the 1940s campers. She will be missed.

Chris Garcia passed away on November 11, 2024, after a brave battle with cancer. Chris was a violin player as a camper and counselor in the 1980s. He met his wife, Gayle, at Arrowbear. They raised four children and were married 25 years.

Jim Wiebolt passed away on December 6, 2024. He was a Choral camper in the 1970s. He spent his adult life as a sheriff's deputy in San Diego County and as a youth pastor where he was a father figure to kids who "fell through the cracks." His daughter share that both of her parents took care of everybody.

Neil Harrington passed away on February 24, 2025. He was a clarinet player at camp from 1946-1950. He was a long-time supporter of our scholarship program. His wife shared that Neil had many happy memories of his time at Arrowbear.

Margaret Florsheim passed away suddenly on February 27, 2025. She was a viola player who also worked in the kitchen and as a counselor during her years at camp from 1969-1977. She was a Clinical Psychologist for over 30 years.

Long Beach Gives – Coming September 18, 2025 – Fundraiser for Private Lessons



We are excited to share with you that Arrowbear Music Associates is once again participating along with over 200 non-profit organizations in **Long Beach Gives** on **September 18, 2025**. 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 \$60 each. We've decided to try to help meet this need.

This is the fourth year we've partnered 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. We are currently supporting private lessons for 17 middle school-age students and 11 high school-age students. Please help us reach our goal.

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 18, 2025**. Please add the date now to your calendar.



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

Visit their website at arrowbear.com.

There are still openings available.

Sessions range from **\$370** for the four-day Elementary Sessions, to **\$1,890** for the two-week Intermediate Session, and **\$2,700** for the three-week Advanced Session.

ZELLE



Arrowbear Music Associates can now accept donations through **Zelle**. You can scan the convenient QR Code using your banking app on your phone, or you can type in our email address: arrowbearmusicassociates@gmail.com.

Donations through **Zelle** are secure and free of fees for you and for us. Donations are deposited directly into our business bank account. We receive an email from our bank letting us know you've donated.

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Arrowbear Music Associates



Scholarships 2025

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 **\$124,653** in scholarships to **82** of the young musicians who applied for Summer 2025. Congratulations to them all!

More's Music Store Scholarship

Angelo Atendido-Santos	violin	Long Beach
Tyki Cantu-Wang	violin	Big Bear City

David L. Schechter Scholarship

Grace Maier	alto sax	Long Beach
Emily Silvernail	euphonium	San Diego

Fran Moore Scholarship

Lily Laveglia	viola	Temecula
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Robert Simmergren Scholarship

River Cortez	violin	Carlsbad
Edward Gietzen	string bass	Camarillo

Newton and Elsie Wrench Scholarship

David Gietzen	trumpet	Camarillo
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Robert Collins Choral Scholarship

Serenity Ng	soprano	La Verne
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Arnold & Judy Hogarth Scholarship

D'aire Logan Butler	viola	Pasadena
Josh Cantu-Wang	violin	Big Bear City
Nina Cantu-Wang	viola	Big Bear City
Jaden Martinez	bari sax	Crestline
Connor Wheeler	cello	Running Springs
Lucas Wheeler	trumpet	Running Springs

Raye Fairchild Scholarship

Allison Feinberg	violin	Santa Ynez
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Walter & Natalie Norwick Scholarship

Zachary Gerhart	cello	Long Beach
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Loren & June Collins Scholarship

Leonardo Jimenez	tenor sax	Lakewood
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Carole Ohlendorf Dockstader Scholarship

Avrie Milford	flute	Running Springs
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Memorial Scholarship

Taylor Herron	clarinet	Redlands
Matilda Martinez	clarinet	Apple Valley

Herb Guthmann Scholarship

Hannah Brown	trombone	Mission Viejo
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Vina Mae Sippel Woodland Scholarship

Miles Reusch	violin	Carlsbad
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B.T. Ted Mills Scholarship

Brenden Watson	alto sax	Crestline
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Suzanne & Juliette Fluchere Scholarship

Niamh Adamis	cello	Manhattan Beach
Ryan Chung	cello	Big Bear Lake

Myrtle Seymour Watilo Scholarship

Emma Stelzried	violin	Walnut
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Cliff Ervin Scholarship

Wesley Johnson	trumpet	Long Beach
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Arthur & Margery Schwartz Scholarship

Phoenix Soto	trumpet	Long Beach
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Russell Miller Scholarship

Hannah Pearce	bassoon	Long Beach
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John Ervin Scholarship

Kell Malmgren	tenor trombone	San Diego
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Sigma Alpha Iota Scholarship

Ava Je	oboe	Irvine
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Frances J. Harding – Musical Arts Club Scholarship

Manfred Yim	tenor	Temple City
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Brian Reynolds Scholarship

Isaac Suárez	string bass	Escondido
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Carol Lyn Jackson Scholarship

Bodhi Thein	violin	Aliso Viejo
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Smith Family Scholarship

Arricka Rice	string bass	Lakewood
Eric Villicana	string bass	Long Beach

Choral Scholarships

Emily Salazar	alto	Lake Arrowhead
Nolen Sudduth	baritone/bass	Sacramento
Eileen Zhu	soprano	Arcadia

Scholarships Continued

Middle School Scholarships

Zachary Arnold	alto sax	Long Beach
Iyanu Asiwaju	violin	Loma Linda
Ethan Contreras	alto sax	Riverside
Andrew Gerhart	violin	Long Beach
Morgan Heang	violin	Riverside
Jeremy Jakovcic	cello	Muncie, IN
Luri Lee	clarinet	San Diego
Elin Lu	cello	Las Vegas, NV
Renata Raya	cello	Burbank
Abel Mateo Sandoval	violin	Escondido
Tamara Mitrani Shafran	percussion	San Diego
Annalysse Sullivan	viola	Long Beach
Posey Ussery	clarinet	Arroyo Grande
Alexander Wood	clarinet	Long Beach

High School & College Scholarships

Joseph Baldridge	violin	Silverado
Angie Chung	violin	Big Bear Lake
Grace Chung	violin	Big Bear Lake
Vincent Felix	clarinet	Cedarpines Park
Jessa Fisher	trumpet	Cypress
Celine Hall	cello	La Mirada

High School Scholarships, continued

Eishin Hiraishi	viola	Muncie, IN
Colin Hobson	trumpet	Crestline
Avi Kenyon	tenor sax	Las Vegas, NV
Claire Lloyd	alto sax	Long Beach
Asher Lowery	clarinet	Crestline
Kaydin Lowery	trombone	Crestline
Sofia Morales	cello	Hawthorne
Stephanie Perteet	oboe	Riverside
Leah Porter	clarinet	Blue Jay
Rogelio Raya	violin	Burbank
Boedy Reisner	tuba	Crestline
Isaiah Rodriguez	trumpet	Rimforest
Mia Romero	violin	Long Beach
Adel J Sandoval	cello	Escondido
Jesus Sandoval	violin	Escondido
Matisse Sayada	violin	France
Mareen Shah	percussion	Redondo Beach
Nathan Sharma	cello	Katy, TX
Mari Stanton	violin	Sedalia, CO
Shion Svenson	French horn	Wrightwood
Shelia Villalobos	violin	Long Beach
Olivia Walsh	violin	Temecula



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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 _____

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

Instrument/Voice _____

Camper _____ Counselor _____ Staff _____ Parent _____ Friend _____



Donations to the Fred and Edna Ohlendorf Memorial Scholarship Fund

\$10____ \$20____ \$25____ \$50____ \$100____ \$500____ Other \$_____

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