



Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Fall 2024

President's Message

The recent fires in Southern California came close to several of the summer camp facilities. Residents of Running Springs and Arrowbear Lake had to evacuate their homes. Some structures were damaged or destroyed by these fires, but thankfully, Arrowbear and the other two summer camp music facilities nearby did survive. The firefighters did an amazing job of controlling these fires at great risk to their own lives. Arrowbear is having work weekends **November 15 - 17** to clean up some of the fire damage around the camp. Check the camp Facebook page for details if you can help.

Recently, I subbed for the music teachers at Wilson High School and Marshall Middle School in Long Beach. It was encouraging to see the quality and energy of the students. Marshall had two beginning bands, and Wilson had two string classes on the days that I was there. Both schools have taken advantage of our private lesson scholarship program. We are using the funds generated from the **Long Beach Gives** event to fund the private lessons. I hope we can continue this program, but it depends on how much is donated to this fund. Last year we sponsored lessons for 26 students which cost us \$12,000. We view it as an investment in music education. Let us know if you'd like to contribute to this program.

We are planning our annual **Sounds of the Seasons** event where former alumni of Arrowbear, Long Beach City College and anyone else who wishes to can participate. This event is a fundraiser for our scholarship program. This event will take place at the Los Cerritos Mall on December 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The program is mostly Christmas carols and a few other selections. The information will be posted on our Facebook page in early December. Even if you do not play an instrument, please come and enjoy the program and visit with us.

In two years, we will be hosting our **85th Reunion** fundraiser at Arrowbear in 2026. If you have any suggestions, please send them to us. It takes us at least twelve months of planning to put on this event. The most important task for all of you is to contact your Arrowbear friends, counselors, and staff members to encourage them to attend.

I really appreciate your generous donations. You have helped so many young musicians who would not have had this opportunity. On behalf of our Board of Directors, I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season. Enjoy!

Cliff Kusaba
President



Scholarships for Summer 2025

Scholarship applications will be available beginning **February 1, 2025**, 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 **\$109,727** in scholarships to **92 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 in MP3 format on a flash drive or sent to us by email, 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 2024 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 **\$24,390.65**. That's a very good start in building the scholarship bucket for Summer 2025.

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.

Tami Caryl Borowick

Liz Houston Bowermaster

Allan & Stephanie Crlenica Carter

Bill & Marie Course

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Stephanie & Karl Eggers

Jerry Shaw Evans

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Lida Lockwood Gerenraich

Julie Gill

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Marilyn Martinson Hales

Neil Harrington

Brooke Hearons Hicks

Stefanie Holzman

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Hayden Gerald Lawrence

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John Menke

David Moody

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Michelle Otto-Cedeno

Steven Reynolds

Ted & Nancy Rodriguez-Bell

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Janice Sanders

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Rosemary McNamee Waller



Additional Donations and Grants

- Thank you to the six alumni who have set up automatic monthly donations through PayPal. We receive **\$145** in total every month from these alumni for a yearly total of **\$1,740**.
- 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 **Jim Garrecht** 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 America Online Giving.
- Many thanks to **Ted and Nancy Rodriguez-Bell** for completing the paperwork for a matching donation from Wells Fargo.
- Thank you to the person who asked to remain Anonymous who sent a donation through Fidelity Charitable.

Birthday fundraisers have raised **\$1,301.71** so far in 2024 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.

Beth Mills Grace in memory of her father - Ted Mills.

Marvin Sippel in memory of Vina Mae Sippel Woodland.

Mark Byer and Stephanie Cinereski in memory of Brian Reynolds.

Barbara Goorevitch Cook in honor of the dedication of longtime camper, counselor, staff member, and friend - Sarah Solberg.



Choral Scholarship Recipients

Giving Tuesday – Coming December 3, 2024

Giving Tuesday is a national event designed to encourage donations to worthy causes. It was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. It has grown into a global movement that inspires millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Help us fund scholarships to send young musicians to a summer music camp.

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



Alumni Update

Jerry Shaw Evans (1944-1952) shared that Fred Ohlendorf was her first private bass teacher when she was in the 8th grade. Jerry played with the Seattle Symphony during her college years.

Valerie Davidson Marsh (1954-1955) shared that she started in music with a school cello in 1949. She was fortunate to be able to attend two sessions at Arrowbear in the early fifties. Valerie was a student at Wilson High School in Long Beach under Mr. Furjanick. Valerie shared, "I was never as good as the rest of the kids, but the experience forever changed me. I still have my cello that my mother bought me when I went into high school."



In Memoriam

Harriett Hudson Ibbetson passed away in April 2022. She was a camper in the 1940s.

Karen Dickey Emery Kovich passed away on August 12, 2023. She was a camper, counselor, and staff member from the late 1950s into the 1970s. Karen was a fine cellist with a beautiful smile. She will be missed by all who knew her.



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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 continue to have a problem with the post office not sending us all the address changes like they should. This most recent newsletter, we only received nine address changes 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 any of the following Arrowbearites, please let us know how to contact them:

Vincent & Debra Humphrey Julia Matsuzaki Andrew Warren

If you moved between May 2024 and November 2024, PLEASE let us know your new address by email.



Long Beach Gives – Held September 19, 2024 – Fundraiser for Private Lessons



We are so grateful to the donors who supported our organization through **Long Beach Gives** on September 19, 2024. We raised **\$2,235.32** for scholarships to fund private lessons for middle school and high school students in Long Beach Unified. We helped **twenty-six** young musicians receive private lessons in Spring 2024. We are funding lessons again for one student at each middle, K-8, and high school in LBSD for this Fall Semester. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Naomi Norwick Ruth Perez Ashley Carolyn Kusaba Carroll Amy Essington Susan Green

Linda Curtis Kellogg Kristin Manning Marcy Sudock Dawn Swanson

Beth Mills Grace Beckie Roth Celikel Michaela Quinby Farmers & Merchants Bank

Robyn Archer in honor of Jack Palacios.

Carole Dyer in memory of Carole Dockstader.

Dolores Loera in memory of Dwight Muma.



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

Over the last 40 years, Dennis has often used campfire to provide the camp with a variety of experiences to allow us to reflect on philosophies, ideas, and feelings. Some of you who camped in the late 80s/early 90s might remember a campfire experience Dennis ran one, maybe two times. In an effort to encourage deeper investment in our session, we were asked to imagine how it would impact us if we had to evacuate mid-session due to a forest fire approaching camp. How would we want people to remember us? What regrets might we have about things we had not done, etc.? It was a moving experience to sit there around the campfire, imagining imminent evacuation and the potential loss of the camp.

That memory was heavy on my mind in September as the Line Fire roared over Keller Peak and continued its move towards Arrowbear and Running Springs, and I know so many of us were following its progress with hope and fear. It gave me cause to reflect. Had I done everything I would like to do for camp? What more was left to be done? And I am sure many others were out there thinking, "If this is it, I would have liked to have visited one more time," or being left wanting to contribute in some way.

When I spoke with Dennis during the fire, he was dreaming about next summer, and said something like, "We can always put up tents," and it reminded me of one my favorite things to look up in the dictionary during Coffee Time with Ross at Advanced Session. The word is "camp," and it comes with two definitions in the dictionary. The first says something to the effect of, "a group of more or less temporary buildings to provide housing for a group of people," which seems particularly poignant at the moment. But the one I love is the second definition, which reads something like, "a group of people dedicated to a common cause." That one seems like the truer version to me when I consider what Arrowbear Music Camp really is.

At the end of that campfire experience long ago, in the end, the camp and all of us were still there, and we were left with another week to take advantage of our new inspiration to make the most of our session. Well, following the Line Fire, camp is still there and perhaps many of us have come away from the Line Fire wanting to contribute however we can: work weekends, donations, word of mouth advertising, etc. Well, the good news is camp is still there, and we still can.



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Scholarship Recipients – 2024

Visit our website to see all the photos of our Scholarship Recipients plus photos from each of the 2024 Sessions.
Visit arrowbearmusicassoc.org/scholarships and our Photo Gallery.



Intermediate 1



Pre-Intermediate

ZELLE



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Scholarship Thank You Letters

We awarded scholarships to ninety-two young musicians for Summer 2024 thanks to your generosity. We wanted to share some of the thank you letters we received on your behalf.

Thank you for honoring me with such a big scholarship. This will greatly assist my family to afford the payment for the two-week Advanced Session at Arrowbear Music Camp. This will also help me be more motivated to ensure this amazingly generous scholarship does not go to waste. I plan to pay this forward by performing at my absolute best during my stay at the camp while also having lots of fun meeting new people and making a lot more music friends along the way.

Thank you so much for the scholarship for camp this year. It actually means so much to me. Between the stress of school and life in general, I really need a break this summer and this will be absolutely perfect for me. I really can't wait to learn so much about jazz this session while also meeting new friends who share the same interests as me. The scholarship really takes a financial burden off of my parents this summer and makes it so I can do something I love doing without stressing about how it will impact my parents and siblings. Once again, thank you so much. This has turned my year around and I can't wait! I really cannot thank you guys enough.

I want to thank you for all the support you have provided my brothers and me with. We literally could not have attended this camp without your help. Our parents would never be able to afford a camp like this. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! It is because of you that my brothers and I will be able to grow our musician skills. We look forward to becoming great teaching artists and musicians! Thank you for helping us make this possible! We have met wonderful people along the way that the Lord has put in our path that have helped us advance, like you!

I want to wholeheartedly thank you for providing me with a scholarship to attend Arrowbear Music Camp. I am extremely excited to attend Arrowbear and play in a full symphony orchestra for the first time, and your scholarship makes it so much easier to do so. I want to tell you that the scholarship is a huge help to my family and to me and we are incredibly grateful for it. I am deeply thankful for what you do.



Thank you so much for giving me the amazing chance to go to Arrowbear Music Camp in 2024! I'm so excited and grateful for your scholarship. Music has been a huge part of my life ever since I went to the camp last year. It makes me really happy and comfortable, and I love being able to express myself through music.

I wouldn't have been able to go to the camp again without your help, so I'm really thankful for your generosity. I can't wait to make more awesome memories and have even more fun at Arrowbear this year. It means a lot to me that you believe in me and want to support my love for music.

Thank you so, so, so much for this chance! I love the choral camp so much and it truly means the world to me to have this opportunity! I cannot just explain how it helps financially, and it makes me so ecstatic to be able to go!! I would love to just hug you all. I'm crying tears of joy as I write this thank you!! I'll write to you how it goes!

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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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