



Arrowbear Music Associates An Educational Corporation

Spring 2023

President's Message

Spring means that summer is not far behind. I believe that summer sleepaway camps provide a unique experience for our students. It certainly did for our own children. One comment we see consistently in the scholarship letters is how meaningful it is to them to play with peers who are as passionate about music as they are themselves. Our Mission is to provide scholarships to young people from elementary school age through college so that they may participate in the educational experience of attending a summer music camp. It is also our mission to promote the musical arts in performance and to give local communities an opportunity to view today's youth in a positive and constructive light. Laura and I attended the Long Beach Unified All District Honor Concert for Middle School Band and String Orchestra plus the High School Honor Orchestra in February. It was exciting to see how many young musicians were on stage. Participation in the performing arts is growing in numbers again after the dip during the pandemic. A big shout out from us to all the music teachers who are working to rebuild their programs.

Our organization continues to support young musicians in their efforts to improve their musical skills. Our Scholarship Committee just met to review the applications. Many thanks to the Scholarship Committee members who spent the entire day reading and listening to all the applications. Because of your generous donations, we were able to award 69 scholarships to every student who applied. This totaled over \$77,000 which is a new record for us.

Another program that we started last year is sponsoring private lessons for nineteen middle school students in Long Beach Unified. We are currently supporting lessons for one student at each of the Middle and K-8 schools. The students are selected by each school's music teacher. We are adding high school students to the program in the fall. We are funding this program out of the **Long Beach Gives Program** and other specific donations to this effort.

Many thanks for your support for our organization; your donations enabled us to provide scholarships for hundreds of young musicians over the past thirty-seven years. I hope that you have fun this summer and if possible, try to visit a summer music camp, Arrowbear's dates listed in this newsletter and are also on their web site at arrowbear.com.

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.

We didn't receive any newsletters back 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 2022 and May 2023, PLEASE let us know your new address by email.

Fall and Winter 22-23 Donations

Many, many thanks to the alumni and friends of Arrowbear who donated to our Scholarship Fund. Donations from the Fall Newsletter totaled **\$63,476.35**. We are particularly grateful because we know these are still difficult times with families trying to recover economically from the effects of the pandemic. All of the donations will go toward scholarships for this coming summer and 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 love to hear from you.

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Additional Donations and Grants

- Thank you to the eight alumni who have set up automatic monthly donations through PayPal. We receive \$175 in total every month from these alumni for a yearly total of **\$2,275**.
- Thank you to Carla Buddingh 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 Anonymous person who set up a Facebook donation for his/her birthday with the donations going to our Scholarship Fund. Please email us so we can give you the proper credit.
- 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 **\$1,160** since the Fall Newsletter.
- 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.
- Many thanks to Veronica Wilson for a matching grant from BASF Corporation.
- Many thanks to Nancy Rodriguez-Bell for a matching grant from Bank of America.

Dedications

Rosemary Waller in memory of Dick Waller.

Naomi Norwick in memory of Walter and Natalie Norwick.

Jean Mahnken Prendergast in memory of Connie Sainburg Namasy.

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

Meg Garside Jones in memory of her father, oboist, Rodney Garside.

Kirk and Eric Watilo in honor of their mother, Myrtle Seymore Watilo.

Linda Olson in honor of her twins – former campers Patricia and Isabel Olson.

Marvin Sippel in memory of his sisters Vina Mae Woodland and Evelyn Baeyens.

Sarah Solberg in memory of Ellen Schinnerer Deffner and Carole Ohlendorf Dockstader.



Giving Tuesday – Coming November 28, 2023

Giving Tuesday is a national event designed to encourage donations to worthy causes. The most recent event took place on November 29, 2022. We raised **\$1,121** for the scholarship fund. Many thanks to the donors who contributed.

Giving Tuesday 2023 will take place on
Tuesday, November 28, 2023.

Donations are processed for free through a
Fundraiser on our Facebook group page.

Ri-Jen Chou Lisa Moliver Sandler Marcy Sudock D. Wilson Ochoa Juanita Jackson
Rocky Reames Beckie Roth Celikel Jim Garrecht Becky Boggs Othmer
Katy Bridges Naomi Norwick Michaela Quinby Bruce Wilkison Robert Menke

In Memoriam

Gregg Gottlieb (1960s) passed away November 9, 2022. He was an accomplished cellist and digital artist who attended camp from 1965-1968. He recorded multiple CDs of cello music under the name ShaunDarius Gottlieb.

Richard “Dick” Waller passed away on November 29, 2022, at the age of 93. He was a camper and counselor from 1943-1952. Dick was the principal clarinetist in the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra for 35 years until his retirement in 1994. He became a successful painter after retirement and opened his own art gallery in 2014.

Jack Crawford passed away in 2022. He was a fine trumpet player who camped at Arrowbear in the 1940s.

Don Crawford passed away September 15, 2021. He and his brother Jack made their fortune as wildcatters in the oil business and then parlayed their good fortune into pioneering land development in Hawaii as soon as it became a state.

Aladel Abbott Pfohl passed away in 2021. She a camper in the 1940s.

Our hearts go out to each of our lost friends’ families.



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



We are excited to share with you that Arrowbear Music Associates was selected again as one of over 200 non-profits to participate in **Long Beach Gives** on **September 21, 2023**. 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.

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. We are currently supporting private lessons for 19 middle school-age students – one at each of the Long Beach Unified Middle and K-8 schools. We plan to add private lessons for 1-2 students at each of the Long Beach high schools in the fall. Please help us reach our goal.

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 21, 2023**. Please add the date now to your calendar.

**SUMMER
CAMP
2023 DATES**

- Elementary 1 • ages 9-12 • June 15-17
- Choral • grades 9-college • June 18-24
- Jazz Improv • grades 9-college • June 25-July 1
- Intermediate 1 • grades 6-9 • July 2-15
- Advanced • grades 9-college • July 16-29
- Intermediate 2 • grades 6-9 • July 30- August 12
- Pre-Intermediate • grades 6-8 • August 13-19
- Elementary 2 • ages 9-12 • August 13-16

Enrollment Opens Early February!

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 **\$275** for the three-day Elementary Session up to **\$1,800** for the two-week Intermediate or Advanced Sessions.



Thank you to the 243 alumni and friends who participated in the AmazonSmile program. Amazon discontinued the program on February 20. We've received **\$1,186.58** in donations since the last newsletter for a total of **\$5,435.63** since we signed up in 2014. This includes a final bonus payment that is equivalent to an estimated 3 months of payments based on your purchases in 2022. We're sorry to see the program end, but we're grateful to all of you who participated and to Amazon for sponsoring the program.

Arrowbear Music Camp is partnering with a new non-profit initiative called the **Arrowbear Cares Project**, which is hosted by OneOC. It is designed to raise funds for scholarships to Arrowbear. The scholarships will be for young musicians participating in the Harmony Project. Funds raised will be used for scholarships and for improvements to camp facilities. Donations to the Arrowbear Cares Project are tax deductible. For more information, see the post on the camp's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ArrowbearMusicCamp> or reach out to Diane Shapiro, Thomas Bilodeau, or Kirk Watilo by email at ArrowbearCares@gmail.com.



Scholarships 2023

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. The effects of two years of learning on Zoom is still impacting all genres of performing arts classes. Enrollment in music classes is down, but growing, and the progress is slower than usual. It's going to take time to rebuild programs. 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 **\$77,265** in scholarships to all **69** young musicians who applied for Summer 2023. Congratulations to them all!

Morey's Music Store Scholarship

Zachary Gerhart	cello	Long Beach
James Fenton	cello	Whittier

David L. Schechter Scholarship

Julian Hahn	alto sax	Crestline
Jaden Martinez	bari sax	Crestline

Brian Reynolds Scholarship

Isaac Suárez	string bass	Escondido
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Robert Simmergren Scholarship

Nicholas Collins	violin	Ventura
Ivanna Moore	flute	Long Beach

Newton and Elsie Wrench Scholarship

Emily Silvernail	euphonium	San Diego
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Robert Collins Choral Scholarship

Jade Elias	alto	Crestline
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Arnold & Judy Hogarth Scholarship

Justin Bal	tenor sax	Ridgecrest
Leonardo Jimenez	tenor sax	Lakewood
Alison Wetteland	cello	Long Beach
Lorelei Wetteland	viola	Long Beach
Dylan Witter	percussion	Twin Peaks

Raye Fairchild Scholarship

Miles Reusch	violin	Carlsbad
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Walter & Natalie Norwick Scholarship

Andrew Gerhart	violin	Long Beach
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Loren & June Collins Scholarship

Christian Velez	alto sax	Goleta
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Carole Ohlendorf Dockstader Scholarship

Maximiliano Nievas	flute	Perris
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Ellen Deffner Scholarship

Stella Feldman-Abe	violin	Los Angeles
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Herb Guthmann Scholarship

Kenny Tran	trombone	Long Beach
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Vina Mae Sippel Woodland Scholarship

Maximilian Ness	violin	Long Beach
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B.T. Ted Mills Scholarship

Maggie Jenkins	trumpet	Long Beach
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Suzanne Renee Fluchere Scholarship

Renata Raya	cello	Burbank
Ruby Reusch	violin	Carlsbad

Myrtle Seymour Watilo Scholarship

Allison Suárez	violin	Escondido
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Katy Henderson Scholarship

Rogelio Raya	violin	Burbank
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Kendall Feeney Scholarship

Riley Jones	viola	Long Beach
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Mark Masterson Scholarship

Damian Magaña	flute	Goleta
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John Ervin Scholarship

Kell Malmgren	tenor trombone	San Diego
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Sigma Alpha Iota Scholarship

Nathan Quick	alto sax	Ridgecrest
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Frances J. Harding – Music Club Scholarship

Emily Salazar	alto	Lake Arrowhead
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Elementary School Scholarships

Grace Tang	clarinet	Fontana
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Middle School Scholarships

Max Balusik	trumpet	Long Beach
Christian Barajas	alto sax	Goleta
Elliot Rice Epstein	violin	Long Beach
Alexander Interiano	viola	Long Beach
Allison Feinberg	violin	Santa Ynez
Marlee Johnson	trumpet	Lakewood
Luri Lee	clarinet	San Diego
Claire Lloyd	alto sax	Long Beach
Cooper Lorimor	cello	Oregon City, OR
Asher Lowery	clarinet	Twin Peaks
Kaydin Lowery	trombone	Twin Peaks
Giulietta Luongo	violin	San Diego
Selene Medina	violin	Long Beach
Gus Novak	trombone	Santa Barbara
Leah Porter	clarinet	Lake Arrowhead
Daniel Roman	trumpet	Upland
Lucas Wheeler	trumpet	Running Springs
Amelia Yamauchi	oboe	Torrance

Scholarships Continued

Choral Scholarships

Lillian Dunlap	soprano	Spokane, WA
Liam Rockwell	bass	Benicia
Tyler Williams	baritone	Temple City

High School Scholarships

Shayna Beckerman	clarinet	Carson City, NV
Noemi Blacklock	violin	Petaluma
Clare Drake	clarinet	Long Beach
Katherine Erber	flute	Long Beach
Vincent Felix	clarinet	Cedar Pines Park
Jack Gravois	flute	Long Beach

High School Scholarships, continued

Keyra Ickler	flute	Long Beach
Elliott Jackson	percussion	Crestline
Scarlett Martinez	violin	Long Beach
Eli Nuñez	violin	Escondido
Katie Nuñez	violin	Escondido
Alyssa Plooy	clarinet	Running Springs
Zuzanna Szybura	violin	Long Beach
Matisse Sayada Tari	violin	France
Brenden Watson	alto sax	Crestline
Sophia Wheeler	flute	Running Springs

Scholarship Letters

Thank you letters from our Summer 2023 recipients are just starting to arrive. We wanted to share one with you. His appreciation and excitement reveal the impact your generosity has on all the recipients' lives and on their families as well.



I would like to share my sincere thanks and gratitude for your generous donations which allows me to attend Arrowbear Music Camp this summer. I am incredibly excited at the prospect of attending the camp to improve my musical capabilities, see beautiful sights, breathe fresh air, and have a lot of fun. This brilliant opportunity is one of great value to me as I hope to greatly improve the skills that I already have with music.

I have personally never attended a sleep-away camp and am most eager to experience one. Music has always been something I enjoy and the idea of having a new experience based off of something I love and always have loved is an exhilarating prospect.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering generosity of you all and for that I offer every ounce of the thanks I can muster. The experiences I'll have I owe to you. Thanks again.

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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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Donations to the Fred and Edna Ohlendorf Memorial Scholarship Fund

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

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