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Our 2018 Summer Music & Arts Camps

The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida has been offering summer arts camps for over twenty-five years and once again is proud to offer another high quality program of summer camps to the young people in our community. We are thrilled to again be at the centrally located and wonderful campus of Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School. We will be offering approximately 20 different camps in all areas of instrumental and vocal music including piano and guitar, as well as Theatre, Visual Arts, Culinary Arts and Digital Design. For more details about the camp offerings, please see the camp brochure on our website, www.music-foundation.org.

We are in great need of additional funding to provide scholarships to deserving students who need financial assistance to participate in our 2018 summer arts camps. Our goal is to never have to turn a student away because of financial limitations, however that can only be possible with your support. During the 2017 summer camps, we awarded more than \$12,000 in scholarships to students to attend our summer camps. **We need your help!** Your contribution will enable deserving, talented students who need financial assistance to participate in our 2018 summer arts camps and also enable us to bring in many special clinicians to work with and inspire the young students.

2018 High School Scholarship Auditions

We were once again honored to be able to award the following scholarships to some very talented young musicians to attend the following summer music programs:

The Scott Knipe Memorial \$2,500 Scholarship – Daniel Holmes, piano, to the Summer Piano Academy at Indiana University and **Danyel Lawston**, alto saxophone, to attend the Stetson University Saxophone Workshop.

The O'Brien \$2,000 Scholarship – Grace Anderson, voice, to attend the Westminster Choir College Summer Program; **Gus Bahruth**, alto saxophone, Florida State University's Summer High School Jazz Band Program; **Carly Fulcher**, cello, to attend the summer program with the Castleman Quartet; **Jonathan Gardella**, viola, to attend the Philadelphia International Music Festival.

The Rodwell Family \$1,000 Scholarship – Victoria O'Donnell, violin, to attend the Summer String Camp at Indiana University; **Gwenyth Morris**, oboe, to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

The Gossmann Family \$1,000 Scholarship – Kassandra Cooper, cello, to attend the Summer String Camp at Florida State University; **Gwenyth Morris**, oboe, to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

The Neuman Family \$500 Scholarship (\$50 balance) –Gwenyth Morris, oboe, to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida aims to enrich and transform the lives of young people by igniting and nurturing the life long joy of making music.

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NEWS AND UPDATES

Dear Friends and Supporters of Music and Arts Education,

The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida is preparing for summer, but also planning for an exciting 2018-2019 year of activities. We have a very enthusiastic and committed board to advance the mission and goals of the organization: William Dawson (President), Stacey Gossmann, Sabrina Gruber, Kathy Light (Secretary / Treasurer), Patrick Neuman, Dorothy Rodwell (web master) and Jason Thomashefsky. We are happy to have been reaching out and making some new connections in our community that hopefully will result in some new and exciting partnerships to help provide high quality music and arts education programs to the young people of Southwest Florida. Please feel free to contact us at 239-275-0057 or JCMFA@aol.com if you have any questions or suggestions or would like to assist us in any way. Thank you for your support!

Ruth Kostush Christman – Executive Director

2019 Annual Benefit Dinner – Save the Date!

Plan now to join us on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 for our annual fundraiser and evening of music that showcases some of our recent scholarship students as well as professional musicians.

Fifth Grade Traveling Instrument Program

We are thrilled to announce that we were awarded a \$10,000 grant from Suncoast Federal Credit Union to assist with our Traveling Instrument Fundraiser! We have now reached 73% of our goal. Please help us as we are raising \$17,000 to replace all of our Fifth Grade Traveling Instruments. These instruments travel each year to almost every public elementary school in Lee County reaching over 4,000 students! Some of these instruments have not been replaced since the program began in 1991. This program desperately needs to be updated to be an effective tool to the students we reach. We are also hoping to have online resources available for the teachers who make use of these instruments.

Thank you to past donors from 2017 – 2018, if you have not donated this year, please join us again!

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