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Music Notes

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Back in-person. A few years ago, who knew how great those words would sound. We are delighted to say that all our programs and events were able to be in-person this season. We were extra cautious when we had to be and are lessening our caution as we come out of the pandemic. May we all come out of this pandemic knowing that we possess the skills to adapt. Resilience is key.

Some season highlights: At the **High School Competition** we needed to hold Korinthia Klein's string maintenance class on-line due to the pandemic. The silver lining was that via Zoom we were able to meet her in her glorious shop where all her tools live. What a treat! We celebrated six outstanding music educators at our **Educator Awards** held in conjunction with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra at their beautiful new Bradley Symphony Center in March. What an inspiration they all are! Audition Day for our **Private Lesson Program** was held in early April. Musician Meet-Up was a new initiative this year. Twice we gave PLP students, families, and teachers a forum to talk, share a meal and have fun together. We want to engage students and parents so that they continue to make music part of their lives. We call the Private Lesson Program Life Lessons through Music because through the study of music, students learn transferable life skills. We are fostering good citizens through music.

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Nominations for the **Distinguished Citizen Awards** are due June 1. We urge you to nominate someone whom you know has gone above and beyond to make sure that the joy of music is a constant in our community. We will celebrate the recipients at CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC currently being planned for November 2022. Would you like to help organize this event? Please contact us!

As always, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors who have made this season possible. Your generosity and confidence in our organization is bringing the joy of music to many!

Now that stages and halls are opening again, we encourage you to seize the opportunity to celebrate with our resilient and resourceful musical community by attending performances and supporting them as you are able.

Wishing you a summer of joy and tons of music!
Nancy Herro, Executive Director
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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

There are several ways that you can invest in the future. Here are a few options that enable you to extend your generosity.

Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

The rules for a QCD allow taxpayers to make IRA distributions up to \$100,000 payable directly to a qualified charitable organization like CIVIC MUSIC without treating the distribution as taxable income. In addition, the distribution will count towards the IRA owner's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the year.

Gifts of Appreciated Securities

Still another way is to gift appreciated securities to a charitable organization like CIVIC MUSIC MKE. Capital gains on the amount of appreciation are avoided, and the donor receives a tax deduction for the stock's full market value on stocks owned longer than one year.

For more information about these types of gifts and how they might help you achieve your personal and charitable goals, consult your tax or financial advisor, and then contact us.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITION

We were thrilled to once again hold the Competition and Showcase Recital in-person. Conversations were quieter on Audition Day as masked musicians and volunteers moved about the building, but the music was as beautiful and inspiring as ever! Here are the 2022 results:

Showcase Recital Performers and Scholarship Winners



SHOWCASE RECITAL PERFORMERS

INSTRUMENTAL

Nolan Boerner, Cello, a junior from Mount Pleasant attending The Prairie School

Zak Chen, Violin, a junior from New Berlin attending New Berlin Eisenhower High School

Amy Koo, Violin, a senior from Mequon attending Homestead High School

Zackary Muñoz, Flute, a sophomore from Greenfield attending Greenfield High School

Arisa Okamoto, Violin, a junior from Brookfield attending Brookfield East High School

Clark Snively, Violin, a sophomore from New Berlin who is homeschooled

Amelia Zitoun, Cello, a sophomore from Shorewood attending Shorewood High School

VOCAL

Leah Johnson, Mezzo Soprano, a junior from Pewaukee attending Brookfield Academy

Ariel Marks, Soprano, a senior from Milwaukee attending Milwaukee High School of the Arts

Leo Newman, Baritone, a senior from Milwaukee attending Shorewood High School

JAZZ

Eli Miller, Guitar, a senior from Oconomowoc attending Oconomowoc High School

SCHOLARSHIPS

Additionally, our judges awarded scholarships to these musicians:

Young Artist Scholarships:

Amelia Zitoun, \$500

Ariel Marks, \$500

Clark Snively, \$250

Leo Newman, \$250

Lee Guse Memorial Jazz Scholarship:

Eli Miller, \$1,000

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO:

OUR JUDGES

Special thanks goes to this year's esteemed panel of judges who listened in person from a proper distance. Their valuable notes were shared with the musicians afterwards. Our instrumental judges were **Pasquale Laurino**, Music Director, Racine Symphony Orchestra, Associate Conductor and Concertmaster, Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra; **James Ripley**, Professor and Director of Instrumental Music Activities, Carthage College, Principal Guest Conductor, Sakuyo Wind Orchestra (Japan), Music Director, Waukesha Area Symphonic Band; and **Johanna Brahm**, Associate Lecturer, Piano, UW-Milwaukee. Our vocal judges were **David Hoffman**, Senior Lecturer, Voice, UW-Milwaukee, Chicago College of Performing Arts faculty member, Roosevelt University; and **Corinne Ness**, Dean, Division of Arts and Humanities, Director, Master of Music in Music Theatre Vocal Pedagogy, Professor of Music, Carthage College. Our jazz judges were **Rob Engl**, former CIVIC MUSIC board president, retired music educator, and Music Director, Youth Wind Orchestra of Wisconsin, and **Pete Lange**, current CIVIC MUSIC board member, music educator, and professional musician.

OUR WORKSHOP LEADERS

We are also grateful to our workshop leaders who provided these offerings:

Mark Davis, Mindful Performances: Where Preparation and Confidence Intersect

Korinthia Klein, Repair and Maintenance for Your Stringed Instrument

Alexandra Kassouf, Lighten Up: The Alexander Technique for Musicians; Vocal Masterclass

Natalie Ford Sajdak, Vocal Tune-Up: Self-Care for Singers; Vocal Masterclass

Nina Johnston, Vocal Masterclass

Sarah Milton, pianist, Vocal Masterclass

Watch the 2022 Showcase Recital videos at
www.civicmusicmilwaukee.org

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE I

EDUCATOR AWARDS 2022 RECIPIENTS

Music education can make all the difference in a child's life. Since 1991, CIVIC MUSIC MKE has annually recognized inspiring teachers and administrators for their outstanding work in advancing music education.

2022 MUSIC TEACHER OF THE YEAR

SARAH WEHMEIER APARICIO, Director of Bands, Waukesha South High School, Waukesha School District



Sarah Wehmeier Aparicio began her teaching career in the Wauwatosa School District, but she has called the School District of Waukesha her professional home for 24 of her 26 years. During her tenure in Waukesha, Sarah has taught at many of the elementary schools, all three traditional middle schools, and South High School. Sarah is currently the Director of Bands at Waukesha South High School and also works with the bands at Horning Middle School.

Sarah holds a Bachelor of Music from UW-Whitewater, a Masters in Educational Leadership from Marian University, and she is a thesis short of a Masters in Education (Professional Development) from Alverno College. She has also studied Spanish in Guatemala and El Salvador. Sarah has done graduate level fieldwork teaching music and performing in Russell, New Zealand; Sydney, Australia; and Siena, Italy. Ms. Wehmeier spent a school year teaching music in Finland as a Fulbright teacher recipient.

CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC INSTRUCTION

TIM MCCARTHY, Director of Bands, Glendale-River Hills School District



Tim McCarthy is in his 36th year as band director at Glen Hills Middle School in Glendale. He works with students in 4th - 8th grade. He directs full bands at each grade level and leads the Jazz Lab and Jazz Ensemble. He especially enjoys inspiring and guiding young musicians as they begin their instrumental music experience. Many GHMS alumni have continued to enrich their lives with music by playing in community bands and church groups, and others enjoy successful careers as music educators, composers, and professional musicians.

Tim and his Nicolet-area colleagues collaborate on numerous events in the North Shore; Massed Pep Band performances, Band-O-Rama events, combined concerts, and touring concerts for area schools.. He has been fortunate to work with the educational programs of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and Skylight Music Theater, and worked with composer Ron Foster. Tim's students have participated in Woody Herman Jazz Festivals, the Summerfest Band Camps and WSMA Solo & Ensemble Festivals. Tim's annual "Glen Hills Recital Night" offers young musicians the opportunity to hone their preparation and performance skills in a comfortable, familiar setting.

CHORAL MUSIC INSTRUCTION

MILENA WALKER, Choir and Theater Director, Riverside University High School, Milwaukee Public Schools



Milena Walker has been a choir teacher for 34 years, teaching thousands of students to love to sing and enjoy a lifetime of music, both personally and professionally. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she worked for a few years at Slinger High School and as an MPS Traveling Music Teacher. She took over the choral program at Riverside University High School in 1994 and is still serving as the head of the department. In her many years of teaching, she has taught choir, voice lessons, piano, music history, AP music, and been the school's theater director. Currently her students participate in three to four concerts a year, in WSMA district and state competitions, Multicultural programs, Biennial Festival, Arts Connect, and more. Mrs. Walker's students are regularly invited to participate in clinics held by performers at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts and have appeared on local news programs many times. She has also directed the All City Honors Choir and All City Swing Choir. This is Milena's second award from CIVIC MUSIC—the first was a High School Award back in 1982!

GENERAL MUSIC INSTRUCTION

JULIO PABON, Music Teacher, Hawthorne Elementary School, Waukesha School District



Julio Pabon is a multi-discipline artist with an emphasis in Caribbean, West African, and Brazilian percussion, instrument building, painting, and woodcarving. He has been practicing and performing the Afro-Brazilian martial-art dance of Capoeira since 1998 and feels honored to have performed it with his son Javier in Ed Burgess' and Danceworks' production A Guy Thing in 2009. He also appeared in Renaissance Theaterworks' production of Spinning into Butter. He performs music regularly with the Milwaukee based Afro-Cuban Latin Jazz group De La Buena and Panadanza Dance Company.

Julio has been active with Arts programs around the Milwaukee area including Milwaukee Public Theatre, the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music, Danceworks, COA-Riverwest, and Walker's Point Center for the Arts. He currently teaches General Music in Waukesha at Hawthorne Elementary. He is Co-Director, alongside Bony Benavides, of Samba da Vida MKE, an all-ages Afro-Brazilian percussion community group affiliated with Grooversity Network, a worldwide network of over 40 samba schools lead by Master percussionist Marcus Santos.

Julio received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Inter-Arts and Post-Baccalaureate Certification in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is trained in Orff-Schulwerk music education, and Modern Band method from Little Kids Rock. He received the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellowship Award in 2007 and the Artist and Community Collaborations Grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board in 2011 and 2004.

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EDUCATOR AWARDS 2022 RECIPIENTS

STUDIO MUSIC INSTRUCTION

ERIC JACOBSON, Trumpet Instructor and Professional Musician



Eric Jacobson has been teaching private instruction for trumpet and performing since 1998. "Eric is the real deal! - a truly world-class jazz trumpeter with a gift to inspire, motivate and teach students of all ages with dramatic results. By sharing his own passion for the music with his students, he instills that "fire in the belly" that makes great musicians; and in instilling a love of practice and a robust work ethic, he equips his students with the tools to excel for a lifetime. And most importantly, he provides a compelling example of excellence for his students by his own brilliant playing. The word is out in the jazz world about the accomplishment of Eric Jacobson as both player and educator, and he's making that world a better place with his great work!" - Brian Lynch Grammy® Award-Winning Trumpeter.

As a performer, teacher, and clinician Eric Jacobson is in high demand and has been gaining a national reputation through his trumpet playing and as a jazz educator. Eric has performed with Grammy® Award Winners Phil Woods, Benny Golson, Brian Lynch, Tito Puente Jr., and Eric Benet. As a Music Major he studied Trumpet at UW-Whitewater from 1993-1997 with Dr. Frank Hanson, and Grammy Award winner Jazz Director Steve Wiest. Eric is a top call trumpeter for high-profile gigs in Milwaukee, Madison, and Chicago. Eric performs in the windy city at the Green Mill, Jazz Showcase, Winter's Jazz Club, and Andy's Jazz Club with some of the top Chicago groups such as The Chicago Jazz Orchestra, Chicago Yestet, Bakerzmillion, and Mark Colby's Quintet. Eric has also been busy in the recording studio with his latest CD released under Grammy Award winner Brian Lynch's jazz label Holistic MusicWorks.

EMERGING EDUCATOR

MEAGHAN HEINRICH, Music Teacher, Neeskara Elementary School & Emerson Elementary School, Milwaukee Public Schools



Meaghan Heinrich is a proud Milwaukee Public Schools Music Educator to 600 amazing students at Neeskara and Emerson Elementary Schools. She is a frequent collaborator for education and community initiatives with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra and has been a guest presenter for the President's Own Marine Band, U.S. Air Force Band, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Carnegie Hall, Music Academy of the West, and numerous other arts organizations around the country. She spends her summers as Education Curator for the Grand Teton Music Festival in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, as well as Oboist and Lecturer for the Washington Island Music Festival in Door County.

Ms. Heinrich holds a Bachelor's degree from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music and a Master's degree from Rice University, both in oboe performance, and is currently pursuing a Post-Baccalaureate Certification in Music Education from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She has previously held positions on the education staff of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and The Cleveland Orchestra and spent four years touring nationally with the multi-disciplinary ensemble Tales & Scales. She enjoys making music with family and friends, running along the shores of Lake Michigan, sipping Milwaukee's finest coffee and cocktails, and constantly trying new things - most recently indoor rock climbing and swing dancing.

PRIVATE LESSON PROGRAM — LIFE LESSONS THROUGH MUSIC

Final Recitals

Saturday, May 14, 12:00 PM and 3:00 PM

First Congregational Church of Wauwatosa

Students and teachers are busy preparing for recital performances. When a student is recommended by their private teacher for the opportunity of another scholarship, this performance is also their audition for that scholarship opportunity. Applications are beginning to come in. In them, students are asked to tell us the impact their year of lessons have made. Here is what Daniel, a 5th grade violin student said in his application:

This year private lessons impacted me by meeting and making a friend and a mentor. My private lesson instructor was amazing. He helped me by teaching me how to play harder songs and he encouraged me to be a better violin player. I also love how when I struggled my teacher helped me and was patient with me and never gave up. My teacher loves to talk to me when I am sad and that helps me calm down. I love to show what I've learned to my grandma. Violin is my second favorite thing to do. Baseball is my first. [Editor's comment: On that last point... Daniel is in 5th grade, after all!]

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ALUMNI CORNER

We caught up with **Julian Rhee** recently and are happy to share with you what is happening for this talented and beautiful soul. Julian participated in the High School Competition 2016-18. He performed in the Showcase Recitals and won the Young Artist Scholarship each of those years. Here is an excerpt from his current biography:

Julian Rhee is quickly gaining recognition as an emerging artist and performer, praised for his "sophisticated, assured tone, superb intonation, and the kind of poise and showmanship that thrills audiences." (The Strad) Julian is a winner of the 2021 Astral Artists' National Auditions, and in January of 2020, was named the first prize winner of the Elmar Oliveira International Competition, where he was also awarded the special Community Engagement Award. A passionate chamber musician, Julian's performance on violin and viola earned him and his String Quartet first prize in the A.N. & Pearl G. Barnett Chamber Music Competition, Rembrandt, Fischhoff and the M-Prize International Chamber Arts Competition. Julian studied with Almita Vamos and Hye-Sun Lee at the Music Institute of Chicago Academy. He is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Music degree with Miriam Fried at the New England Conservatory.



"It feels a bit surreal, but I'll be graduating from the New England Conservatory of Music next month! Thankfully, I'll be staying for 2 more years of graduate school, but time has been flying. Although performances were slowed due to the pandemic, things are picking back up this year as I've been able to perform works by Schnittke, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Beethoven, Saint Saens, and Vivaldi with orchestras across the country, all while balancing schoolwork and finishing up my undergraduate studies. The future continues to surprise me, but I do have my sights set on starting a chamber music festival in Milwaukee next summer to continue re-investing in the community that inspired me to pursue my dreams. Also, I'll be performing with the Menomonee Falls Symphony Orchestra in April of 2023, so I hope to see some of you there! Looking forward to seeing what the future has in store."

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

At the Educator Awards Ceremony just held in March, Certificate of Excellence in Choral Music recipient **Milena Walker** shared with those attending that this was not the first award she had received from CIVIC MUSIC. She received a CIVIC MUSIC High School Award in 1982 from Alexander Hamilton High School in the Milwaukee Public Schools!

Did you receive a High School Award? Let us know the school you attended and the year you were awarded. Perhaps you still have your pin tucked away? We would love to post a photo of you on our Facebook page!

CODA

Several of our friends have passed away this season. Each of them shared their love of music with others.

Jeanne Westphal Kahn

Jeanne received two awards from CIVIC MUSIC MKE: Certificate of Excellence - Studio Music in 1996 and Music Teacher of the Year in 1998. An inspiring music teacher and harpist, Jeanne passed away in October 2021. She taught music for 25 years in the Milwaukee Public Schools where she directed the largest harp program in the United States. She also taught private lessons to many students, who became like family to her. She directed two harp ensembles and played harp for many local events and productions. Jeanne passed away at 73 in November 2021.

Ronald DeVillers

Ron received the CIVIC MUSIC Lifetime Achievement in Music award in 1996. He was a music teacher for Milwaukee Public Schools beginning at Lincoln High School and retiring in 1989 from Pulaski High School. He served in the US Army during the Korean War and continued with the Army Reserves as the Commanding Officer for the 84th Division Army Reserve Band. He expanded his musical talents by forming the Ron DeVillers/Jack Carr Big Band with his best friend, Jack Carr. Ron passed away at 92 in January 2022.

Wayne Cook

Wayne was the Trumpet Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee from 1966-99. While at UWM he also served as director of graduate music studies, associate dean of the school of fine arts, and chairperson of the music department. Wayne was also a freelance trumpet player and performed with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Skylight Music Theatre, Music Under the Stars, Milwaukee Ballet Orchestra, Festival City Symphony, and the Waukesha Symphony. Marlene Cook, Wayne's wife of 56 years, served as a board member to CIVIC MUSIC for many years in the 1980s and 90s. Wayne passed away at 82 in January 2022.

LEND YOUR SUPPORT

We are grateful for the generous support of our donors who provide exceptional opportunities to students and educators. Here are just a few examples of what your support can provide:

\$25...pays for one private lesson

\$100...pays for one month of private lessons

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