



Yes. despite the budget cuts. the arts live on because they

November Highlight

Docent Training Graduation -
 Nov. 18, 2009: Two locations:

Ohlone College, Fremont 11:00 am
 Proctor School, Castro Valley 8:15 pm

December Highlight

Holiday Brunch
 December 6, 2009 2:00 pm.
 Sandy Shimkus' Home
 40370 Canyon Heights Drive
 Fremont, CA 94539

President's Message

Virginia Williamson, Board President

The beat goes on! Music for Minors II has been busy training new docents and finalizing plans for the wonderful activities that will take place this year. Back to Music for Minors II Night was a joyous kickoff to our year, a time to welcome new and current docents, along with many board members and friends of MFMII. Carol enthusiastically introduced songs and taught us to make and use instruments that students will enjoy. There was a wonderful atmosphere of fun and excitement in the room, as we played kazoos and other instruments, sang together, and sat in circles on the floor learning the "Passing Game" with lummi sticks to the tune of "12th Street Rag." It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening! We are so grateful for the docents, and the wonderful MFMII training staff, who are making the commitment of time, energy and devotion to provide the gift of music for children.

Plans are now being finalized for a number of exciting new workshops this year, as well as some much-loved returning events. Watch for information about the upcoming new dance program training and drumming workshop! We're also excited to welcome Red Grammer back, and we look forward to our 10th Children's Showcase Concert. We appreciate the time and effort it takes to make these events a reality. There is so much to look forward to!

One of Carol's favorite sayings is, "Keep a song in your heart." We definitely have a song in our hearts as we move into this year of providing the joy of music for children.

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Calendar of Events

November, 2009

Nov 18 Docent Training Graduation
Wednesday 11:00 am. Ohlone, Fremont
Portable 18 on Pine Street near Kidango Center
Wednesday 8:15 pm. Proctor, Castro Valley
Proctor School on Redwood Rd. in Castro Valley

December, 2009

Dec 6 Holiday Brunch
Sunday 2:00 pm Sandy Shimkus' home, 40370 Canyon Heights Dr., Fremont

Dec 9 7:00 pm Red Grammer Concert Meeting
8:00 pm Showcase Committee Meeting
Both at Carol's home , 601 Rancho Arroyo Pkwy. Fremont

Dec 16 "Christmas is the Season" – Schilling School Chorus
Wednesday 10:00 am and 7:00 pm
performance directed by Carol Zilli, corner of Spruce and Thornton Ave. in Newark

Holiday Performances at School Sites to be communicated via e-mail network yahoo group.



Planning Ahead



Mark your calendars for the exciting upcoming events sponsored by MFMII for your musical pleasure and enrichment:



January 30, 2010
RED GRAMMER IN CONCERT
2:00 pm. Harbor Light in Fremont

Don't miss this interactive concert by grammy nominee and award-winning children's recording artist whose music touches the heart, gets your fingers snapping and feet tapping, and brings out the best in all of us. "Be Bop Your Best" with Red and your friends. Tickets are going fast so gather your family, friends, neighbors and relatives and come for musical fun and a chance to get an autograph from Red.



February 23, 2010
A DRUMMM RHYTHMIC EVENT
7:00 pm. Niles School, Fremont

Hands-on DRUMMM training to build connections with children through rhythm. Drum circles and much more - this is an event you won't want to miss.

Everyone can play a drum and share their unique sound and together it's a powerful and exciting experience. Come build our team and have a ball doing it.

March 19, 2010 at Harbor Light
MFMII presents SHOWCASE 2010
THE BEAT GOES ON!



All docents are invited to participate in this powerful event that unites hundreds of students in our MFMII classrooms. MFMII coordinates and plans the event and docents just pick their performance song and learn the opener/closer for the event. Children benefit greatly from this professional performance with an audience of over 700 people and their memories last a lifetime. All schools need to be represented in Showcase. Combining classes and working as a docent team from a school is fine. Look for song recommendations from Sandy.



March 31, 2010
JO'ANN FREAD DANCE WORKSHOP
7:00 pm. Niles School, Fremont



Jo'Ann is back to lead us in folk, square, line dancing, parachuting with La Raspa, and much more rhythmic movement fun. Docents learn how to teach the dances while enjoying them firsthand. Handouts and CD provided to participants. Put your dancin' shoes on!

Executive Director's Notes

Carol Zilli, Executive Director



CHEERS FOR MANY MORE VOLUNTEERS:

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our 35 new docents who have completed their training class, and our experienced docents, over 4,500 students will be receiving music enrichment each week who would otherwise have been deprived of it. In addition, we have added new schools to the MFMI family: Mattos, Niles, Holly PreSchool in Union City, Fountainhead Montessori in Dublin, Patterson and Forest Park in Fremont and a Charter School in Alameda. Both the Fremont and Castro Valley classes were filled with wonderful people who sang beautifully and enjoyed the many songs and activities and making new musical friends. MFMI welcomes and thanks these new docents who will bring energy and creativity to our docent team.



Hats off to: Fremont: Roxanne Agront, Jodi Benson, Ashley, Justine Burt, Deborah Byon, Walter Chu, Eileen Clifford, Rekha George, Michelle Hertel, Betsy Key, Elaine Leon, Teri Minnis, Jaya Murthy, Kris Palmer, Shweta Parekh, Catherine Pearson, Mira Shah, Cathleen Snell, Radhika Sriram, Joy Suh, Grace Wu, and Suzanne Young; Castro Valley: Ineda Adesanya, Nancy Flores, Jean Gao, Florence Hunt, Melba Jacobsen, Eunjoo Lee, Sayoni Mookerjee, Pavithra Narasimhan, Giovanni Rome, Kaori Schneider, Ruth Tse, Josie Warneke, and Stephanie Wesley.

A special note of HUGE THANKS to SANDY SHIMKUS for her countless hours of dedicated work organizing the many supplies, daily plans, and always thinking, thinking, thinking, to make things flow. Training could not have happened without

Sandy's tremendous effort and outstanding work. Thanks to Lynette Pang for her excellent support as one of the Castro Valley training coordinators for the first time this year to support returning CV coordinator, Elena Scharnhorst and her mini assistant, daughter Cassie. All these ladies make training successful and deserve our appreciation for a job well done.



All are welcome to come to the two graduations on Nov. 18th to help celebrate with our wonderful graduates. See the calendar of events for details. Congratulations graduates for a job well done and let the fun begin!

BACK TO MFMI NIGHT was a great success as we sampled so many instruments: handbells, tone bells, boomwhackers, scarves, homemade kazoos, recorders, etc. A highlight of the evening was the appearance of Cher of Sonny and Cher via the talents of Susan Lesh, Program Coordinator, with wig and all. Everyone joined in for "The Beat Goes On!" Competition for 12th Street Rag and the passing of the lummi sticks was no problem for all the teams as everyone started and finished with one stick! Thanks especially go to Sandy Shimkus for her unbelievable organizational skills and labor along with Sharon Filippi who helped with set-up and take-down; Betty Cole's hospitality efforts were also much appreciated. Thanks also to so many of the Castro Valley trainees who came the distance. The pictures speak for themselves and prove that everyone had a ball.



On a final note, I would like to wish all of you in MFMI a joyous holiday season filled with family, friends, food,

fun, and song of course. The beat must go on especially during these difficult and challenging times. Music keeps us happy and hopeful as it feeds our souls, touches our hearts, and keeps our spirits high. Merry

Christmas and Happy Holiday Celebrations whether it be Diwali, Hannukah, or Kwanzaa. I look forward to our 22nd year of service to children in 2010.



BACK TO MFMII NIGHT Niles School Auditorium

Community event:

Ohlone College Community Chorale Concert
"Mass in G" by Franz Schubert
"Te Deum" by Mark Hayes
Saturday, December 5th at 3:00 pm
Centerville Presbyterian Church
4360 Central Avenue, Fremont
Tickets: \$10 General, \$5 Student/Seniors

Resource Center: New CheckOut Policy



Go to the
music4minors2
Yahoo group:

Select Database
MFMII RC
Inventory Sign Out

- click on add record and fill out the form

1. Keys for most RCs are located in the school office and need to be checked out

and returned there immediately after checking out resources.

2. Items need to be signed out in the CHECKOUT BINDER and the new DATABASE on the MFMII Yahoo group - include your name, phone no., email address, items borrowed, item codes, date out, date in, RC location.

3. Maximum borrowing time is 2 weeks.

4. Remember to enter the date the items were returned in the checkout binder AND database.

Volunteer Help Needed

Resource Center Assistant

The main duties of the RC assistant are:

To oversee the use of items, maintain the RC in an organized way,

Help conduct yearly audits.

Label Music K8 magazines/CD with MFMII and its code.

Place in folder - every 2 months

Make sure there are enough sign-out/quick check/reserved list sheets in the binder.

Check signout sheets for tardy returns.

Ensure latest copy of inventory list is available - print from MFMII Yahoo groups.

Check for poor condition of any items on the inventory sheet. Keep records.

Take broken instruments out of circulation.

Repair/replace when possible.

Reorganize the area as needed, to keep space used efficiently.

Gather and file "wish lists" from docents of suggestions of items that the RC should have, so that when money is available these lists can be consulted.

MFMII & "In harmony" contacts

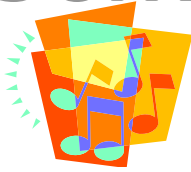
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Docents' Corner



Sandy Shimkus, Docent Manager

Hello Docents,

I'm sure you have noticed all of the emails that have been coming from MFMII. **We have so many new, exciting events planned** for this school year we are doing our best to keep you informed. The Back to MFMII night was so much fun. We used instruments to play a kazoo song, learned how to play the recorder and got to use the beautiful choir chimes. The upcoming events will prove to be just as exciting and rewarding. Check the MFMII calendar and don't miss a thing.

SHOWCASE 2010, "The Beat Goes On" is going to be an opportunity to let your students shine. Come join the docents that have already signed up and be rewarded with a memory that will last a lifetime. I have sent, and will continue to send email updates about the Showcase. It is going to be fun!

It's my favorite time of year. **Halloween**, with all of the fun, scary, goofy songs allowed the students to dance, sing, and use their acting skills to portray characters that went along with the songs. *Some of my favorite Halloween songs are listed below. Please look at the list and add some of your own. **Sharing our favorites with each other will help the new docents to start building a repertoire and will give the experienced docents new material to use in the classroom.***



Thanksgiving songs give us a chance to explore part of our history, culture, and what sharing and family are all about. I love the fun turkey songs, the beautiful songs about being thankful, and the songs about Pilgrims and Native Americans. I have included some of my favorite songs below.

Many of the other **holiday's** coming up which include but are not limited to: Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, etc. have so many songs available to teach that I would need another 10 pages just to list them.



Many of my favorite songs are from Music K-8, McGraw Hill, Music Express, and our Docent Training CD's. **We are going to be working on adding many more lists to the Yahoogroups to help you find songs for any occasion and to help guide you on teaching music theory.** Look for these great additions in the coming months.

SANDY'S SONG LIST

HALLOWEEN

Whacky Ogre, Monster Day, This is Halloween, It Must Be Halloween, Do the Igor, Wizard's Brew, Looking for Dracula, Monster's Holiday, Purple People Eater, Scarin Alive, Spider's Web, There Was an Old Woman, The Addams Family, The Magic Garden, Dem Whacky Bones, and Ghostbusters

THANKSGIVING

5 Smart Turkeys, We are Thankful, The Turkey Woogie, When I First Came to This Land, Land of the Silver Birch, Mashed Potatoes, Whacky Gobbler,

Docent Teaching Schedules are in the process of being updated. Please send us your schedule if you haven't done so already.

Docent Training

Sandy Shimkus, Docent Training Coordinator



I am so excited about the wonderful class that will be graduating on November 18th this year. Graduation ceremonies will take place at 11:00 am in Fremont, and 8:00 pm in Castro Valley. It would be wonderful to see as many of you attending the ceremony as can make it.

Thank you to all of the docents that gave the trainees the opportunity to observe and present in your classroom. The second Docent Observation now requires that the trainee present a song in the classroom that they are observing. We felt that this would help them adjust to teaching a little quicker. I have received several emails talking about how wonderful our new trainees are. It is great to have feedback from experienced docents.

If you have not done so already, please email any comments you have on your experience with a new trainee.

We are very fortunate to have so many talented and enthusiastic new docents joining the program. This is going to be a great year.

Liaison Information

Sandy Shimkus, Liaison Coordinator

With all of the new events planned this year, it is going to be more important than ever for the Liaisons to take an active role in communicating with the Docents and providing them with timely information that will allow everyone to attend events and be involved with our wonderful program.

We have three new Liaisons this year at Niles, Mission Valley and at Jensen Ranch.

We are still looking for a Liaison at Proctor.

Following is a list of schools and the Liaisons:

(If your name is on this list and needs to be removed or there is a new Liaison at your school please email the new information to me.)



School/Liaison

FREMONT

- ARDENWOOD/ Linda Hsu
- AZEVADA/ Heather Carroll (T)
- GLENMOOR/ Robyn Padilla
- GOMES/ Marilyn Williams, Lelia Ng
- HIRSCH/ Amanda Poole
- LEITCH/ Lizzy Bosch
- MALONEY/ Beverly Sanders
- MATTOS/ Heather Merril
- MISSION VALLEY/ Susan Wirth (T)
- NILES/ Eileen Clifford
- PARENT'S NURSERY SCHOOL /Christine Gaugler
- PARKMONT/ Veera Kazak, Barbara Rodriguez
- NATURE'S GIFT/ Yin Yin Mar (T)

NEWARK

- MUSICK/ Carol Burkhardt (T)
- SNOW/ Landa Bishop

ALMEDA

- NEA CHARTER SCHOOL/Marty Simonds

DUBLIN

- FOUNTAINHEAD MONTESSORI /Ruth Tse(T)

PLEASANTON

- EDCC / Bev Bell (T)

CASTRO VALLEY

- CASTRO VALLEY/ Natalie McCullough
 - INDEPENDENT/ Sharon Young
 - JENSEN RANCH/ Lynn Kong
 - MARSHALL/ Kara Leong (T)
 - PALOMARES/ Gladys Kong
 - STANTON/ Heidi Morgan (T)
 - VANNOY/ Melanie Smith
- (T) - teachers

The most up to date roster can be found on Yahoogroup.

Music for Minors II
Family Holiday Potluck Brunch



Join our MFMII Family as we connect with old friends and make new ones! Meet the newly trained Docents, Board Members, Liaisons, and Staff as we begin the seasons' celebrations with our ornament exchange and annual sing-a-long. Bring your family, a prospective docent or board member too!!!



MFMII Holiday Potluck Brunch

WHEN: Sunday, December 6th, 2009

2:00 - 4:00 pm


HOST: Sandy Shimkus

WHERE: 40370 Canyon Heights Drive, Fremont

510-657-7659

Please let us know the dish you plan to bring;
Appetizers, Salads, Main Dish, Dessert (and your recipes too!!)

RSVP by December 3rd to: susanlesh@comcast.net

Please bring a wrapped ornament  to exchange
(\$5 limit)

MUSIC FOR MINORS II, MUSIC FOR MINORS and LINDEN TREE RECORDINGS AND BOOKS
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Family Concert

with

RED GRAMMER



Grammy nominee, award-winning children's recording artist and former lead singer with the Limelites, Red magically captivates audiences of all ages with his golden voice and inspirational and engaging music that helps us Be Bop our Best!

Saturday
January 30, 2010
2: 00 pm Matinee
Harbor Light
4760 Thornton Ave. Fremont, CA

General seating tickets \$14. Group discounts available with advance purchase only:

- ❖ By MAIL (Music for Minors II, 37141 2nd St., Fremont, CA 94536) with check by January 23rd
- ❖ By PHONE (call 510 / 733-1189)
- ❖ By E-MAIL (sharon.filippi@sbcglobal.net)
- ❖ By FAX (510-713-9879)

Please mail or FAX this form, or provide the information by phone or e-mail when ordering tickets:

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Number of tickets _____ at \$ _____ each = total amount of \$ _____



LINDEN TREE



Proceeds benefit **Music for Minors II**, a 501-3(c) non-profit providing music education in classrooms through trained docents who nurture the love of music in children 🎵 www.musicforminors2.org 🎵



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JOIN US - and Build Connections through Rhythm

MFMI: Docents, Classroom Teachers and School Principals.

Community-at-large: College Students, Seniors, Retired Teachers, Relatives and Friends of Children and the Arts

Come and learn how to express yourself on drums and be able to teach the children to do the same!



presents

Drummm Workshop

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

7 – 9 p.m.

Niles School Auditorium

37141 Second Street, Fremont CA



Percussionist and art therapist Jeni Swerdlow is a dynamic and engaging facilitator, trainer, presenter, and performer. Since 2000, Jeni's interactive DRUMMM events have captivated thousands of participants at hundreds of events in the United States and abroad. She is best known for her playful attitude and innovative strategies that inspire drumming with freedom and confidence among diverse populations.

Workshop participants will enjoy a fun, stimulating experience while team-building and developing bonds between each other

Workshop is free to all MFMI Docents, Classroom Teachers and Principals of MFMI Schools

Non-MFMI Participants: \$15.00 Fee by 2/12/2010; \$20.00 at Door - Space is limited

RSVP: "To reserve your seat and handouts" call: 510-733-1189 or

Email: sharon.filippi@sbcglobal.net

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Community-at-large: College Students, Seniors, Retired Teachers,
Relatives and Friends of Children and the Arts

Come and learn how to share musical movement and folk dances with children.



presents

Jo-Ann Fread Dance Workshop

Wednesday, March 31, 2010

7 – 9 p.m.

Niles School Auditorium

37141 Second Street, Fremont CA

Jo-Ann Fread is a gifted mentor dance teacher and kindergarten teacher at Warwick School in Fremont. She is also the founder of Star-Brite Children's Theater which provided an opportunity for children to perform and learn how to present theatrical productions in the Tri-City area.

Workshop participants will have fun learning while experiencing dance and movements from around the world.

Workshop is free to all MFMI Docents,
Classroom Teachers and Principals of
MFMI Schools

Non-MFMI Participants: \$15.00 fee
(Includes Handouts)

RSVP: 510-733-1189 or Email sharon.filippi@sbcglobal.net

