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## From the Board President: Virginia Williamson

What a fabulous evening we enjoyed at the MFMI 25th Anniversary Benefit Gala! It was definitely a night of Music, Magic and Memories... for a long time to come! I won't soon forget the magic that happened as each group of marvelous entertainers shared their gift of music with all the guests and left us glowing! What power there is in music to touch our hearts and lives, and how grateful we are that Music for Minors II is "25 and Alive!" to keep sharing that gift and joy of music with children! We hope you'll enjoy reading all about this wonderful event in our special Gala section in this issue of In Harmony!



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## Executive Director's Message: Carol Zilli

Everything did come up Music and it was SENSATIONAL! Everyone we talk to these days is still raving about how much they enjoyed the MFMI 25th Anniversary Gala event on Friday, March 15th at the Fremont Marriott of Silicon Valley.

MFMI Galas have not been annually but rather every five years since MFMI focuses on the annual training of our community volunteers as music docents, music workshops and family concerts for the community, and countless other Family Music Nights and school site performances so that we share as much music as possible with as many people as possible throughout the year.

Therefore MFMI is grateful for the generosity and success of our Gala under the outstanding coordination of Susan Lesh and a sensational team of volunteers. The funds raised allow us to plan for many more enriching musical experiences for young and old alike in the near future such as our annual docent training program and community performances.

It was wonderful to have former and current MFMI volunteers such as board members, docents, and staff coming together for the Gala along with local dignitaries and community



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*MFMI Students Perform at the MFMI 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit Gala*

***(Board President's Message, cont.)***

In addition to the wonderful celebration, our silent and live auction raised approximately \$14,000, and there were numerous other donations as well (please see page 4). These funds will allow us to expand and enrich the MFMI program.

The Board is now focusing on how to use the proceeds generated from the Gala. Some ideas under consideration are supporting the docent training, mentoring of all docents, and providing additional music workshops. Board and Staff members are working on a host of ideas to enrich the musical education of our wonderful students. Thank you to all who supported the Gala for this opportunity to enrich our program!

Some other items we discussed at our recent Board meeting included an MFMI presence at the YMCA Healthy Kids Day on April 27, an upcoming ukulele workshop that you will hear about soon, and our next big event... the Annual Docent Recognition Luncheon, which will come up in May. This is an opportunity for MFMI to honor the heart of our program – our wonderful Docents! You will be hearing about this special event very soon! We would really like to see everyone there, so we can recognize all Docents for your service!

I want to wish everyone a happy spring! Enjoy these gentle days, keep the music, magic and memories close to your heart, and keep singing!

**Virginia Williamson**

***(Executive Director's Message, cont.)***

and business leaders. Having 200 people united in the spirit of making music for children was simply beautiful and powerful!

As always we look to the future in MFMI and our 25th year docent training classes from mid September through mid November at both the Fremont and Castro Valley Adult Schools.

Now is the time to find those new volunteers who will be a part of this milestone year's training. Our goal is to train at least 25 people in each class so let's find 50 new docent trainees in 2013!

Fifty new recruits means at least 1500 more children will be reached with music if those volunteers each only teach one class. However, there is no limit to the number of new docents we can train as our training rooms are large and inviting.

Please refer anyone you think might be interested in learning more about the MFMI training program to Carol Zilli (czilli@aol.com) or Sandy Shimkus (shimkuss2@yahoo.com) from now through mid September. Docent Applications are available online ([www.musicforminors2.org](http://www.musicforminors2.org)) or from Sharon Filippi (sharon.filippi@sbcglobal.net or 510-733-1189).

Again our thanks to the community for helping MFMI set a new course for continued growth and expansion to reach many more children in need.

**Carol Zilli**

## The Music for Minors II 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit Gala: It Truly was a Celebration of Music, Magic, and Memories



“Curtain Up! Light the Lights!!” – for those of you that couldn’t make it to Music For Minors II 25th Anniversary Benefit Gala, below is a comprehensive report from members of the Gala Committee highlighting all aspects of a truly memorable evening.

This event was just about a year in the making. We went full speed ahead with the planning process with about eight months to go. The Committee Chairperson spent a good portion of last Summer evaluating possible venues. After multiple meetings and discussions with committee members, we decided to have our event at the Fremont Marriott Silicon Valley.

It is a beautiful property with the most professional and supportive staff in the industry! It was a pleasure to work with our event manager and the Marriott team. They had great suggestions and accommodated everything we requested.

During the planning process we had multiple site visits, a rehearsal, linen selections and even a food tasting; all to ensure the most perfect evening. On March 15th the Fremont Marriott did not disappoint. They set up and configured the ballroom to accommodate every activity planned, prepared delicious appetizers for our cocktail hour, addressed every question and request that came up, and delivered a first class dining experience for our guests.

An event of this magnitude could not have been a reality without the support and dedication of all the Gala Committee members. We were lucky to have two amazing Co-Chairs in Christina Melnarik, and Virginia Williamson. They took the big picture view and coordinated teams to address every detail of the event to ensure the ultimate experience was top notch. Without their tireless efforts and unwavering support we would not have been a smashing success.

Each Co-Chair came to the planning committee with unique talents; Christina for her genius in graphical design, photography, audiovisual/sound, and lighting, and Virginia for her creative juices in making the ballroom look classy and elegant, as well as taking the lead role in coordinating the live and silent auctions.



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To all committee and sub-committee members thanks so much for your tremendous planning skills, support and execution of the plan both behind the scenes and at the event. Your talents resulted in a fabulous evening!

The 25th Anniversary Gala will long be remembered by all! Oh but it's never too early to start planning so here's to our upcoming 30th celebration!!

Now for the details of the evening.....

### *Sponsors & Donations*

MFMI is 25 and we're most definitely *alive* - thanks to our wonderful supporters both before and after the Gala. We can't say enough about our wonderful major event sponsors:

- \$2,500: Fremont Bank Foundation
- \$1,000: Cargile Salt, Adobe Volunteer Grants
- \$500: Dale Hardware, Lynette Pang, Nirmala Godhwani
- \$250: Wendy Clark, Ellen Muller
- \$200: Haller's Pharmacy, Dr. Ash Jain, Mei Mei
- \$100: Marsha Badella, Liz Baker, Steve & Amy Cho, Thomas Cruz, George & Trudie Mathiesen, James Negri, Riki Twist, Harriet Whitney & Len Gasiorek,
- \$50: Dr. Vaishali Bharsar, Dr. James Block DDS, Janet Crocker

These donors along with event supporters who provided services and goods such as **Clarence Berry** of Allegro Music, the Marriott Fremont Silicon Valley, **Aria Printing** and **Cathy Critchfield**, made this exciting event possible. MFMI thanks every event donor and guest whose support contributed to our event success. The **Fund a Need Appeal** made by our auctioneer was very successful. Proceeds from this Appeal will be used for program needs in the areas of docent training and music resources, the core of our program. MFMI thanks the following people for their generosity:

- \$1000: Paulette Lowe, Carol Zilli
- \$500: Mark Lichman
- \$250: Theodore & Karen Bresler, Kenneth Milnes, Aldo Zilli



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- \$100: Linda Alt, Stephanie Budde, Martin & Kit Close, Ardith Concannon, Mamata Deshpande, Pedzo & Serena Espinosa, Rose Godfrey, Steven Giudici, Clare Hoffman, Mary Ellen Jestic, Rohinton Kazak, Bruce & Alison Kieft, Monika Lee, Diane Lusch, Melinda Mawson, Monica Melville, Jessie Mickevicius, Michele Morhous, Jaya Murthy, Eric Pearson, Sheldon and Susan Schwartz, Carla Sendig, David Smith, Andrew Solnick, Shiva Swaminathan, Marilyn Williams, Suzanne Young
- \$50: Paul & Barbara Emge, Karin Cornils, Kaori Schneider

### *Entertainment:*

Our evening began with appetizers and mingling. The lovely music provided by harpist Angel Simmons put us in the mood for a magical night.

Several of our schools were represented at the Gala during the performance of “Music and Me” and “You Can Make a Miracle”. The students were well prepared by their docents: **Sandy Shimkus** (lead docent), **Kathy Garfinkle**, **Suzy Young**, and **Jennifer Apy**. There were more than 80 students performing from the following Fremont schools: Azevada, Gomes, Hirsch, Leitch, and Niles Elementary Schools and Hopkins Junior High. Bunker Elementary School in Newark was also represented. It was a magical performance and re-emphasizes the reason we are part of this amazing organization. The children sang and used sign language for each song and several of our docents, board and staff members joined during the last verse of “You Can Make a Miracle”. It was a heartfelt performance that will long stay in the memories of the Gala performers and attendees.

Guests were next entertained by the **Newark Memorial High School Advanced Choir** directed by former Docent **Joanne Hong**. Some students had MFMI in elementary school which proves musical seeds blossom when planted early.

Our first-ever all Docent Ensemble was just fantastic! What professional talent we have in our docents: Kris Palmer, flautist; Marcella Schantz, violinist; Rose Godfrey, guitarist and harmonist; Melanie Smith on recorder, Shane Sharkey, music producer on ukulele, and the gorgeous voice of Stephanie Wesley. Hats off to them all!



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Guests also experienced beautiful music as they enjoyed the scrumptious sit-down dinner thanks to the magical hands of professional pianist **Marti Williams** while watching the slide show of testimonials by docents, principals, teachers, and children who reflected on their experiences with MFMI.

The evening continued with an inspiring performance by **Sugi Shiva's Indian Dance Troupe** who entered by candle light and moved gracefully on the dance floor enchanting the guests with their nature-inspired dance.

The dancers were followed by the sensational **Dream Achievers Band** of young adults with autism. This talented and amazing band received a standing ovation in recognition of their powerful performance.

Then the angelic voice of opera professional, **Gloria Acerboni** resounded in the ballroom as she sang Puccini, Gershwin and the beautiful "Con Te Partiro" by Francesco Sartori. Gloria also offered her singing talents pro bono as a live auction item which was won by new Docent **Mark Lichman**, whose family loves opera.

Entertainment followed the 25th Anniversary Toast with the MFMI Docent Ensemble, led by Stephanie Wesley entertained us with several lovely tunes. Our thanks to Kris Palmer, Shane Sharkey, Marcella Schantz, Melanie Smith, Rose Godfrey, and Marti Williams. Next, new Docent **Rosa Los Santos** and her band, **Cultural Association De Rompe Y Raja**, offered the final excitement with their dynamite drumming and dancing expertise. The evening finished with dancing to favorites provided by Producer and Docent, **Shane Sharkey**.

### *Awards and Recognition*

MFMI was honored to have received resolutions and recognition for its service to children these past 25 years by **State Senator Ellen Corbett's** office and that of **State Assembly Members Bill Quirk and Bob Wieckowsky**, **City of Fremont Mayor Bill Harrison**, and **City of Newark Mayor Al Nagy**.

### *Silent and Live Auction*

In addition to the entertainment and recognitions, the evening was also a benefit to raise funds to expand our



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program to reach more children in need of music. Our silent and live auctions were very successful, thanks to all of our generous donors and bidders!

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the live or silent auction. A special thank-you goes to auction subcommittee leader **Virginia Williamson** and her dedicated team of **Wanda Conner, Sarah Dunham, Veera Kazak, and Michelle Pimentel**, who contacted numerous businesses and obtained an amazing number of donations for our silent auction. Thank you to everyone who participated by bidding on the numerous silent auction items, raising hands to bid on the live auction items, or generously pledging a donation in the fund-a-need appeal by our auctioneer. Thank you all so much for all you have done to help us continue to provide the gift of music that can impact children's lives! We couldn't have done it without you!

### *Decorations*

As with any celebration, it was important to "set the stage" for the evening. Our outstanding decorations team did just that under the capable direction of **Virginia Williamson, Betty Andrews, Bill Andrews, Mamata Deshpande, Ed Mateo, and Catherine Pearson** did a superb job of providing a beautiful setting to make the evening special. The table centerpieces, designed by **Betty Andrews**, and completed by the team, reflected the "magic" of "Music, Magic and Memories." The stage decorations reflected the elegance of the evening and were reminiscent of our theme of "Curtain up! Light the Lights! Everything's coming up MUSIC!" It was definitely a magical evening, and we are grateful to our wonderful volunteers for their time and talents to create such a sparkling, memorable atmosphere!

### *Volunteers*

An event such as this could never have been possible without the tireless hours spent by our wonderful volunteers. The committee members met monthly, spoke on the phone with each other daily, emailed each other hourly and met each other outside of the scheduled meetings. This labor of love came to fruition on March



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15th in a beautiful event that will be remembered forever.

A special thank you goes to our High School volunteers who performed various duties the night of the event. There were 42 High School students from American, Irvington, Kennedy, Mission San Jose and Washington High Schools.

Their duties included but were not limited to the following: Table assistants, Hospitality room helpers, Timekeepers, Entertainment helpers, Personal assistants, Videographer. With the help of two Fremont Bank employees, **Johnny Orenburg** and **Melissa Pajuelo**, who acted as supervisors in two key areas, the evening was very organized and ran smoothly.

The students were professional in their demeanor, performed their duties well and were extremely helpful to everyone. We hope they enjoyed working at the event and, now that they have been involved with us, they are part of the MFMI family. Thank you, **Melissa Cai**, **Grant Carter**, **Kaelin Chan**, **Jonathan Chao**, **Cheston Cheung**, **Abhinav Doddi**, **William Ray Duan**, **Michelle Duan**, **Taylor Fiester**, **Raiha Ghatala**, **Emily Gosti**, **Amy Hoffman**, **Kevin Hui**, **Alina Huizar**, **Cassie James**, **Pakizah Kadirzada**, **Ayesha Khan**, **Umair Khan**, **Natasha Kiri**, **Ada Lee**, **Jonathan Lee**, **Sabrina Leung**, **Kathleen Liang**, **Sarah Liu**, **Railon Mendoza**, **Kiet Nguyen**, **Sushma Parappagoudar**, **Anish Parasrampur**, **Tarj Patel**, **Amrutha Potnuru**, **Kyle Quan**, **Abhiraj Sanku**, **Moxit Shah**, **Tarun Sivakumar**, **Anjali Suthar**, **Boris Tam**, **Abhinav Tripathy**, **Sara Tsai**, **Cathy Wang**, **Anneke Wustenhoff**, **Emeri Zhang**, **Julian Zhang**.

To help our wonderful high school volunteers keep their energy up, we established a hospitality room where they could take a break from their duties to have dinner and relax for a bit. We want to thank **Domino's Pizza** on Chapel Way in Fremont, **Mountain Mike's Pizza** on Washington Blvd. in Fremont, and **Sandy Shimkus** for donating all the pizza for our 42 high school volunteers. Thank you to **Jaya Murthy** for picking up all the pizzas and delivering them to our eager volunteers in the hospitality room. Thank you to **Carolyn Zeljak**, too, for providing lots of other snacks for the students and for staying with them in the hospitality room during the time the volunteers were there.





## In Harmony Service Award

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It's time to submit nominations for our annual Music for Minors II In Harmony Service Award. This award is presented annually at our year-end recognition event.

Please see the nomination form sent by Sharon Filippi (also included in this newsletter) to all of our volunteers and staff and nominate someone whom you think qualifies for this award.

Keep in mind that the person needs to be someone who has gone above and beyond the requirements in their role as docent, liaison, or board member. The recipient must show service in more than one area of involvement in MFMII. The opportunities for service include not only serving as a docent, liaison, or board member but also in some or all of the MFMII activities and events for the year.

If you know of someone, please fill out the form and forward it to the person/address included on the form ASAP so that your nomination will be included for consideration. This year's recipient's name will be included on the beautiful plaque now established and displayed at our 25th Anniversary Gala event. Recipients thus far have been: Mamata Deshpande, Birgit Andersen, Wendy Clark, Joanne Hong, Katharine Whalen, Susan Schwartz, Rose Godfrey, Sandy Shimkus, Lelia Ng, Veera Kazak, and Ed Mateo.



*Parkmont's students sing thank you & farewell songs to the school's favorite custodian last week. Docent Catherine Pearson directed them during lunch recess so the rest of the school was the audience.*

## Recruitment Tips for Success

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If all 100 of us in the MFMII family can recruit just one volunteer to become a docent or board member, think of that expansion of music for children in need. If my calculations are close, it would mean 3000 more children! Did I write 3000? Think of it and all it takes is each person finding one person to experience and share the joy of music with children. It's possible. Let's do it in our 25th Anniversary Year! Tips:

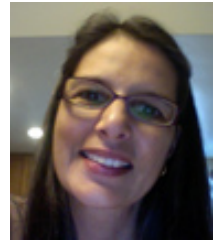
- Keep a supply of the 4 R's flyer attached here on pg. 11 of this newsletter in your car and forward it to people online.
- Distribute that flyer to friends, neighbors, relatives, acquaintances at the grocery store, Little League or soccer game, poolside, your work, the stores you frequent.
- Ask if you can post the flyer in your frequented stores.
- Wear your MFMII T shirt more often to be a visible sign of the program.
- Share your joy of teaching music to children and how it has impacted your life with friends and associates.
- Post on Facebook or twitter about MFMII and your involvement in it.
- Share an experience with children in MFMII.
- The list is endless but without your help, we cannot meet the great need out there for more music in the schools.

Thanks for all you do for MFMII and therefore children in need!

## Resource Center News by Veera Kazak

Exciting news! Due to the success of our recent gala and feedback from docents, I am looking into making a starter instrument pack for our MFMII schools that do not have a resource center or instruments.

This bag or box will belong to MFMII but will be kept at the local school, and will include: remo drums, rhythm sticks, tambourines, maracas, triangles, an 8 note resonator bells set and cymbals. Let me know if you'd like to include anything else.



I am glad to know that the MFMII resource centers are being used by our docents. Please remember to return items to their correct RC and place items back in the closets. Thank you for your co-operation. Please remember that items can be checked out for 2 weeks. If you want to borrow items for longer, please let me know.

I recently bought 30 US stick flags for the **Glenmoor** RC, and also made some small ribbon sticks. Here's **Jaya Murthy's** comments:

"Veera thanks so much for getting the flags! Am glad not to have to bug Carol to borrow them from Schilling any more. We already marched to "Heart of America" last week and the kids loved it even more with the flags. I can't explain it but that song sounds nicer every year :) And Emily put together a lovely St. Patricks day lesson plan- the ribbon sticks for Follow The Rainbow" were a big success as well. So thank you so much for all the resource additions!"

I have had quite a number of requests for a full set of boomwhackers, so that a whole class can play them at the same time. Since it is impractical to borrow boomwhackers from all the RCs at the same time, to make a class set, we have decided to buy some more boomwhackers (diatonic - C to C), so look out for them shortly at the **Niles** RC.

I have also had a donation of some large triangle scarves from **Shirtique at Newpark Mall**, which I thought we could use for movement. These will be placed at the **Glenmoor** RC shortly.

Thank you to **the Vine restaurant** in **Niles** for donating some milk crates. These can be used for transporting instruments.

As always, if there is anything that you would like to see at your local RC, please let me know..

Veera

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### *Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Music for Minors II! A Magical View:*



## Docent Training Coordinator and Docent Manager/Mentor News by Sandy Shimkus

The past few months have been very busy for our docents. Many docents helped in the preparation of the 25th Anniversary Gala and have been teaching their classes' new songs, music theory and how to perform on stage.

This month, Carol Zilli and I have been busy observing the new docents in their classrooms. If I could describe the new docents with one word, I would say "Amazing". I am so impressed with the professionalism, the rapport with the students, the ability to teach music theory and the curriculum connection that I have seen with these wonderful volunteers.

The veteran docents are hard at work teaching the students music theory; curriculum based songs; and are leading students in performances. The Parkmont students performed on April 12th at their Multicultural Faire. Several of the students even played the ukulele while singing with the other students. It was a fun evening for everyone.

Several teachers have sent in their Mid-Year evaluation and we are pleased with all of the positive comments teachers have said about our docents. Some examples can be seen below:

Jennifer Apy (Azaveda)- "My Music for Minors II docent is meeting and exceeding my expectations. She is doing a great job. She has so much energy when she comes to our class. The children love her." From another teacher: "I am really grateful to have Mrs. Apy doing MFMI in our class. The whole class and I really enjoy our time with her, besides students are learning music fundamentals too."

Kathie Chappell (Bunker)- "So far, we are LOVING the program and LOVING Kathie. We have had links to reading units, science, and social studies. Kathie is incorporating both content-based music and music theory. The students know what a half-note, quarter note, and eighth note are and look like. They are understanding terms such as pitch, timbre, scale, etc. And of course, they are having fun doing it all!"

Kit Close (Brier)- "Ms. Kit exceeds my expectations. Always well prepared and patient with the kids. Ms. Kit is awesome and wonderfully supports my students even showing up for other events my class does. The kids love her and I respect and appreciate her. We always have a blast with Ms. Kit"

Kaori Schneider (Jensen Ranch)- "Mrs. Schneider does a phenomenal job with the kids. She teaches them how to read music, and most recently beginning lessons on how to play the recorder"

Shelly Stewart (Parkmont)- "The students are learning a lot about music and they're having fun. It's a wonderful program and I especially love it because it's an area beyond my expertise so I very much appreciate my talented docent!"

Emilie Zimbrick (Brier)- "Ms. Zimbrick is very accommodating and interested in my class. I am pleased with the variety of ways music is taught. I am so glad this program came to our school. I highly recommend it." (More to come in the next newsletter)



## Docent Training Coordinator and Docent Manager/Mentor News by Sandy Shimkus (continued)

### *What's Happening at MFMII Schools: Glimpse into Gomes Elementary*

The Kindergarten students, led by docents Nicole Cantu and Mark Lichman have been learning music theory such as beat, rhythm, pitch, melody, dynamics, and tempo through fun curriculum and seasonal based songs.

The 1st graders, led by docent Michelle Hertel with assistance from Holly Han, in addition to learning music theory, performed several songs at the PTA Founders Day celebration. The audience couldn't believe how well the children performed and were thoroughly entertained.

The 3rd graders, led by docent Sandy Shimkus have been learning music theory, sign language, playing instruments and recently performed at the MFMII 25th Anniversary Gala. They are also practicing for an assembly that will be performed in June for the entire school. They will be singing and signing songs while demonstrating the music theory that they have learned in the classroom.

The 4th graders, led by docents Chris Schurman and Sandy Shimkus with assistance from Mette Graversen, are hard at work learning the songs and the script for the show: "How the West Was Really Won" that they will be performing in May. One of the 4th grade classes (Mrs. Orr's) has been in a competition with the 3rd graders to see how many rhythm patterns they can clap and say correctly. To date, the 4th graders have been able to correctly match 33 patterns which is a new record for Gomes. The 3rd graders are not far behind with 25-30 correctly matched patterns.

The 5th graders, led by docent Joy Suh with assistance from Mette Graversen, recently performed a musical extravaganza called "Lewis and Clark". This play covers the adventures of these amazing pioneers and is a curriculum connection to what they are studying in history class. Several students worked many hours to perfect their lead roles in the play and the rest of the cast sang and danced and amazed the audience with their abilities.

The 6th graders, led by docent Lelia Ng with assistance from Mette Graversen, are busy practicing the many dances, speaking parts, and singing parts in the play; "Dig It" which is a musical adventure that introduces the ancient civilizations that the students are learning about in their history class. This show is something that every student at Gomes looks forward to being a part of from the time they are in 4th grade. They will be performing in June and the students and parents are looking forward to a memorable evening. None of these performances would be possible without the assistance of all of the docents working together. The teachers and principal are also to be commended for all of their support of the

Music for Minors II program and the docents.



# In Harmony Service Award Nomination Form



## Music for Minors II "IN HARMONY" Service Award 2012-2013 School Year

Each year Music for Minors II (MFMI) would like to recognize a docent, liaison, or board member whose commitment to children and the MFMI program has been outstanding and particularly deserving of recognition. This person would have gone above and beyond the norm for volunteer work within MFMI.

Nominations are now welcome if you know of someone within MFMI that you think should be honored. Please fill out this form and return it to MFMI:

by mail to 37141 Second Street, Fremont, CA 94536  
by FAX to 510-713-9879  
by email to [czilli@aol.com](mailto:czilli@aol.com)

**The deadline for receiving nominations will be May 1, 2013.**

The "In Harmony Service Award" honoree will be announced at our year-end volunteer recognition event in May.

I nominate \_\_\_\_\_  
for the MFMI In Harmony Service Award because of the following:

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(Use the back for additional comments if needed.)

Please print your information below so we can contact you if we have questions.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:  Parent  Teacher  Principal  Docent  
 Liaison  Board Member  MFMI Staff

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- ♪ Discover and share your love of music with children and make the music-curriculum connection in their classrooms!
- ♪ Gain access to resource centers filled with instruments, posters, and CDs
- ♪ Receive a binder with over 300 songs for K-6, and CD's with 60+ songs
- ♪ Enjoy fun, hands-on sessions with adults who have the same love of children and music
- ♪ Receive continued support from MFMI and shared tips from fellow docents

### **When and where is the training?**

Mid-September through mid-November annually

#### **FREMONT**

Fremont Adult School  
4700 Calaveras Ave., Fremont, CA 94538  
Two mornings weekly 9:30-11:45 am  
OR

#### **CASTRO VALLEY**

Castro Valley Adult School, 4430 Alma Ave., Castro Valley, CA  
Two evenings weekly 7-9:15 pm



### **To apply and for more information:**

Go to the MFMI website: [www.musicforminors2.org](http://www.musicforminors2.org)  
call MFMI at 510-733-1189 or email at [czilli@aol.com](mailto:czilli@aol.com)

Our mission as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization is:

"To nurture a lifelong love and literacy of music in children's classrooms and lives"

## Upcoming Events

### Year-End School Performances

MFMI Docents have exciting plans for upcoming end-of-school-year performances. MFMI students will perform at the following events in May and June:

#### **Chabot Elementary**

- May 10, 2013 – 2 pm
- Kindergarten Orientation

#### **Milani Elementary**

- May 16, 2013 – 6-7 pm
- Kindergarten Open House

#### **Snow Elementary**

- May 16, 2013 – 6-8 pm
- Open House

#### **Kennedy Elementary**

- May 17, 2013 – 1:15 pm
- Kindergarten Orientation

#### **Vannoy Elementary Showcase**

- May 22, 2013 – 6:30 – 8pm
- At Canyon Middle School Cafeteria

#### **Stanton Elementary**

- May 23, 2013
- International Festival & Open House

#### **Gomes Elementary**

- May 28, 2013 – 7 pm
- How the West was Won Play (4<sup>th</sup> Grade)

#### **Gomes Elementary**

- June 6, 2013 – 7 pm
- Dig It! (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Play)

#### **Hirsch Elementary**

- June 11, 2013 – 10 am
- Spring Program

#### **Gomes Elementary**

- June 12, 2013
- Third Grade Performance

### Upcoming MFMI Recruiting Opportunities

Please stop by our booth and see what we've been up to for the last 25 years. Docents feel free to volunteer an hour or two of your time and share your MFMI classroom experiences with the community. We'd appreciate your help. For more info contact Sue Lesh at: [susanlesh@comcast.net](mailto:susanlesh@comcast.net).

**April 27:** YMCA of the East Bay Healthy Kids Day, DeVry University, 6600 Dumbarton Circle, Fremont CA, 10 am – 2pm

**May 19:** 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts and Crafts in the Park, Shinn Historical Park and Arboretum, 1251 Peralta Blvd, Fremont CA, 10 am – 4 pm

**June 19 – July 7:** MFMI has again been given an opportunity to volunteer for the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton. Please contact Ed Mateo for information at [mateo.e2000@hotmail.com](mailto:mateo.e2000@hotmail.com).

**July 13-14:** Newark SummerFest, Newpark Mall, 10 am – 6 pm

*More scenes from the MFMI 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit Gala*

