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Pakachoag Music School Elects New Board of Directors

Auburn, MA – October 10, 2011 – Pakachoag Music School of Greater Worcester today announced its Board of Directors for FY2012. For officers:

- President: Thomas Ingrassia, of Holden, President of Ingrassia Productions & Artist Management
- Vice President and immediate Past President: Patricia Verderese, of Auburn
- Secretary: Nisha Koshy Cocchiarella, Esq., of Holliston, an attorney with Fletcher Tilton, Worcester
- Treasurer: Melody Hanks, of Charlton, Chief Financial Officer at South County Physical Therapy, Auburn and other nearby communities

Two new members were elected to the Board:

- Christine Rearwin, of Sutton, Commercial Credit Analyst at Avidia Bank
- Donelle B. Wright, of Holden, Human Resources Manager at EMC Corporation, Hopkinton

Continuing as members of the Board are:

- George Charles Allen, of Worcester, Founder and Vice President of the Worcester Regional Flight Academy
- Meg Gallo, of Jefferson, a Pakachoag Music School parent and development professional
- Barbara Groves, of Holden, retired educational administrator, and Summer Leadership Institute leader at Harvard Graduate School of Education
- Jean Jesensky, of Bolton, Principal of Endswell Indexing
- Kallin Johnson, of Worcester, music educator and board member for numerous Worcester-based arts organizations.
- Andy Weigl, of Southborough, product management consultant in the financial services industry

"This is an exciting and challenging era for Pakachoag Music School, and the importance of a strong, dynamic Board has never been more vital," said incoming President Tom Ingrassia. "While we work to sustain the admiration of our students and their families, we are also expanding our presence in the community, with programs such as Shrewsbury Arts Alive. This kind of forward thinking calls for a Board with dedication, ideas and the energy to make things happen. I am confident we've assembled a Board fully capable of moving Pakachoag to the next level."

Shrewsbury Is Alive with The Arts

A cooperative program with First Congregational Church of Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury Arts Alive (SAA) brings harmonious, high quality music programming to residents of Shrewsbury and the surrounding communities.

Beginning this fall, SAA is offering:

- After-school private music lessons.
- Music Together, providing children a foundation for life-long musical enjoyment and success.
- Distinctive visual and theater arts classes.

Sarah Smongeski, Pakachoag Executive Director, said, "We are thrilled to be partnering with First Congregational to offer arts enthusiasts in the Shrewsbury area an uncommon opportunity to learn and excel at their chosen musical endeavors and other artistic passions. Pakachoag is delighted to join with the staff of FCC Shrewsbury as we work to expand the School's presence throughout the region, while complementing the church's long-standing commitment to The Arts."

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Founded in 1982, Pakachoag Music School is dedicated to providing the highest quality music instruction and performance opportunities to the broadest possible student base, from infants to the elderly, by creating excitement, joy and high expectation for intellectual, emotional and creative self-development.

Pakachoag Music School is conveniently located at the Pakachoag Church of Auburn and offers classes in other nearby communities, including Shrewsbury, Sterling, Sturbridge and West Boylston.