

Changing Landscapes

With a newly established endowment, a new alliance, and a fresh curriculum, Pakachoag is changing the landscape

Change at Pakachoag this year takes on several exciting new dimensions. As we look toward a strong, sustained future, we are pleased to receive support from others in the community.

Seeds of Endowment Sown

By Patti Verderese, President of the Board

Pakachoag Music School of Greater Worcester's quest for greater financial stability has taken another advancement with a contribution by Arline Rayner to the recently created school endowment fund.

Arline, a supporter of the Music School since its inception 28 years ago, was a member of the School's first board of directors. She studied recorder with Silvia Irving, supported the School financially, attended every Cabaret and many student and faculty recitals. When asked why she continues to be involved with Pakachoag Music School, Arline said, "Because I think the School is a worthwhile investment and I want it to continue." Based on her experience supporting Old Sturbridge Village, Arline recognizes that not-for-profit organizations need a financial foundation to support fundamental needs. Arline says she does not want anything named for her. She hopes her gift "might encourage others to contribute in the same manner to perpetuate the School...I've just liked what I've seen over the years... it's grown more, especially with Sarah. She's done a wonderful job."

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Worcester Youth Orchestras Enjoy Bright, New Rehearsal & Concert Space

In September, the Worcester Youth Orchestras (WYO) took up residence here at Pakachoag following several years in other locations around Worcester. Pakachoag is pleased to support the work of WYO under Artistic Director Audrey White. The Orchestra will celebrate 45 years of continuous operation in 2011 and holds the distinction of being one of the first youth orchestras founded in the US.

New Programs & A Fresh Curriculum

- Music Theory Classes Go On-Line
- Alexander Technique Lessons
- Musical Theatre for Middle/High School
- Young People's Orchestra (YoPO)

Pakachoag is offering an exciting new on-line music theory curriculum for students this Fall. The *Theory in A Box* curriculum is now part of the School's Musicianship/Theory classes, although spaces are also available for a limited number of students to sign on as 'independent studies'. Pakachoag joins the Community Music Center of Boston as the other Massachusetts school of the arts currently using the curriculum, and is one of about 30 schools of the arts nationwide participating.

For information on Theory classes and other new programs, please visit the web site at www.pakmusic.org or call us at 508.791.8159



Student

Highlights: Organ student, violist and choir member Annecca Smith (of Worcester) celebrates Oktoberfest in Germany as a Cultural Ambassador for the US. Read more about Annecca's unique year abroad on page 2. Read about Trumpet student Vera Grek's travels on back page.

School Voted Best Cultural Organization

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Events

Faculty Performing: Saturday, November 13, 2010 3:00 p.m. **Inna Muravnik, Piano** at the Museum of Russian Icons, Clinton;
Saturday, January 29th, 2011 2:00 p.m. Pakachoag **Faculty Recital** in the Great Hall

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Program Note, Volunteers & Recognition

Music Together Winter Registration: Additional Classes Offered

With all Fall classes filled, we hope to be able to offer additional classes in the Winter session to free up some space for new families, tightly filled classes and make-ups.

- Continuing families:
Register during November.
- New families: Register starting Dec. 1.

To register go to www.pakmusic.org and look for "Register: Music Together" or call the office at 508-791-8159.

Winter Song Collection: Sticks

Student Highlights: More About Annecca's Ambassadorship To Germany *(see photo page 1)*

Annecca Smith, a graduate this past May of Doherty Memorial High School and Pakachoag Music School, has been awarded the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) scholarship which covers a year of study and cultural immersion in Germany.

Anna was one of only 50 students chosen nationwide to receive this award, sponsored by the US Department of State.

Anna will serve as a Youth Ambassador from the United States while participating in special educational, cultural and political events, including receptions and meetings with both German and American government officials. In 2011, Annecca will enter Smith College.

New Board Members

Michael Lapomardo (of Worcester) is a pianist and teaches music in the Shrewsbury Public School. Michael conducts the high school orchestras and several high school choirs.

Joan Butterworth (of Auburn) is a former Pakachoag parent and teaches Speech Pathology at Worcester State College. Joan served on the Pakachoag Board roughly 10 years ago, and returns now that her children are both enrolled in college.

Endowment...

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As for the role the School plays in the Greater Worcester Community, Arline feels that "it serves to educate people toward appreciation of good music and widens your vision of the world. The School is available for all ages and people of all talents and interests whether [or not] you know anything about [music] at all."

Arline's gift in the spring has been followed by a second endowment gift made by board member Thomas Ingrassia in memory of his parents, Rose and Andy Ingrassia. Tom likewise hopes his gift will inspire others as Arline's gift has inspired him.

Currently the School's budget is approximately 80% tuition driven. Pakachoag has arrived at a point of development where financial aid and fundamental programs require self-sustaining support. Permanent endowments are an underlying strength of the cultural and educational institutions that are replete in Greater Worcester. With the development of the endowment fund, Pakachoag Music School is laying the foundation for taking its place among the many institutions that contribute to the richness of Greater Worcester.

Pakachoag Music School thanks Arline Rayner and Tom Ingrassia for their generosity and vision and anticipates reporting back to both Arline and Tom on how others have followed their example.

Annual Meeting: Opportunity for Reflection & Recognition



Susan Kraft accepts the 2010 Verderese Volunteer Award at the October Annual Meeting

Dr. Susan Kraft Verderese Volunteer of The Year

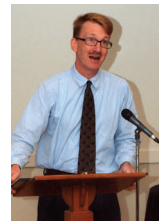
Thank you Susan Kraft (of Westboro), a violin student of Maxim Korn, member of the Unison of Violins, and Pakachoag parent of Charlotte, also a violin student. Susan and her husband have contributed generously and repeatedly to the Annual Fund and the 'Save The Pianos' Fund, and Susan has volunteered for a number of years at School's annual cabaret. Susan is known to many private instruction families for her performances at recitals—sometimes as the sole adult participant. She has been a wonderful role model for her bravery during performance, donations of healthy refreshments (in keeping with her status as a healthcare provider) and generous spirit. Thank you Dr. Kraft and husband Donald Michaels for your support of the Pakachoag mission.

Boy & Girl Choirs of All Saints Recipients of Community Partnership Award

Peter Stoltzfus Berton and the Choirs of All Saints were recognized at the school's 2010 Annual Meeting for their shared vision of quality music opportunities for the youth of Worcester. Pakachoag adult student, parent and All Saints Choir Member Neel Smith accepted the award on behalf of Peter. To learn more about the unique alliance between Pakachoag and All Saints, click on "Ensembles ► Choirs" on the home page keyboard at www.pakmusic.org

Pakachoag thanks Peter for his shared vision and support. Peter moves on to a new Organ / Choir Director position in Connecticut this Fall.

Neel Smith shares treasured memories of his years as member and choir parent with the All Saints Choirs



As Director of Pakachoag, I would like to extend special thanks to Paul Levenson, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Symphony Orchestra for speaking at Pakachoag's 2010 Annual Meeting. Paul shared memories and connections surrounding the Symphony, WYO and its founder Harry Levenson — Paul's Father. Music truly does connect us all. Sarah S.

People News

Peggy Kelley Reinburg Award

Congratulations to 10-year Piano student Katerina Vujic (of Shrewsbury; student of Lea Lucia Lipner) recipient of the 2010 PKR Award for Effort, Commitment, & Attitude. Katerina's commitment to music is clearly discernible in her playing which included a May performance of Bach's Prelude & Fugue in D Major. Katerina was recently elected Vice President the Shrewsbury High School Women's Choir and inducted into the Shrewsbury School's Tri-M Honor Society.

Five and Ten Year Students

PCMS congratulates the following students who were recognized in May for reaching these special milestones reflecting perseverance and commitment:

Ten Years: Claire Holston-Byrnes (W. Boylston) Violin; Amanda Roper (Sutton), Violin; Andrew Thebeau (Shrewsbury), Piano; Katerina Vujic (Shrewsbury), Piano.

Five Years: Alison Cundiff (Whitinsville), Violin; Brendan Kelleher (Auburn), Piano; Andrew Lefferts (Sutton) Piano; Claudine Morana (Worcester), Violin; Krysten Renihan (Auburn), Flute; Dhruv Srinivasachar (Sturbridge), Trumpet.

Cecile Afable (Piano, student of Lea Lucia Lipner; of Sturbridge) was inducted this past spring into Tantasqua High School's Tri-M Music Honor Society.

2010 High School Graduates:

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Amanda Balesano (Auburn) attending Boston College.

Ian Cunningham (Brookfield) attending Edinburgh Univ., Scotland

Vera Grek (Auburn) attending Holy Cross

Kate Hirtle (Shrewsbury) attending Univ. of Connecticut majoring in geriatric care.

Jeffrey Lefferts (Sutton) attending Liberty University majoring in flying airplanes.

Julia Nguyen (Auburn) attending Williams College.

Jen O'Connor (Auburn) attending Quinsigamond College majoring in Accounting.

Krysten Renihan (Auburn) attending Quinsigamond majoring in Aerospace Technology

Amanda Roper (Douglas) attending Boston College.

Rebecca Ruggere (N. Brookfield) attending Lowell University majoring in Music Technology

Annecca Smith (Worcester) accepted at Smith College, attending a year of post-high school study in Germany (see Feature Student News—page 1)

Hannah Lane (Auburn; Graduate of '09) is now a Freshman at Southeastern University in Florida.

Kerri Stearns Appointed Manager of Development



Kerri Stearns, a Pakachoag volunteer and Music Together parent, joined the Pakachoag staff this Fall. Kerri is joining the school in a unique blended job, providing both office support at the desk in the afternoons and also working behind the scenes as the School's Manager of Development.

Kerri comes to Pakachoag with marketing experience in an educational setting and extensive office experience. Kerri notes: "As a parent of a small child enrolled in one of the school's early childhood classes, I have experienced first hand how the school helps to shape musical appreciation and understanding. I am looking forward to connecting other community members to this experience."

Faculty Appointments & Transitions

Angel Hernandez, Violin - Pakachoag welcomes Angel Hernandez to the string department. Angel is an accomplished violinist having won several competitions while a student in his native Cuba and later in Mexico. Angel completed additional training at Longy School of Music and is also a maker of fine quality violins—here in Worcester. Angel is married to Cello teacher Caroline Reiner-Williams.

Susan Kirchhausen, Young Peoples Orchestra (aka YoPO) - Susan is the Director of this new ensemble for young musicians. Susan holds degrees from Florida State University (Music Performance - Viola) and UMass/Amherst. Susan enjoys performing and teaching many genres of music including classical, latin, pops, and jazz. She has experience conducting orchestras for children and adults, as well as coaching chamber groups of all ages.

Amy Matherly (Violin) takes over the Unison of Violins from Maxim Korn this fall. Look for Amy out and about when the Unison performs for First Night Worcester and at other venues during the year.

Maxim Korn (Violin) retires this year after 10 years of service. Maxim will be acknowledged at the January 29th Faculty Recital—an event he has spearheaded for the past four years.

Peter Hughes (Violin) takes a leave of absence this year as he finds a moment for rest and rejuvenation with his family during his otherwise full teaching and performing schedule. Many thanks to Peter for 8 years of service.

Linnea Lyerly joins the Music Together team this fall teaching on Wednesday mornings here in Auburn. Linnea holds a B.A. in Vocal Performance/Arts Administration from University of Maryland, College Park. Linnea has been a Music Together parent at Pakachoag since 2004 and was so excited about the program and its benefits, that in 2005 she completed the Music Together teacher training.

Mark LeBlanc Peterson takes on the Musical Theatre program this fall. Mark performs locally; he was an actor and singer in New York City as a member of the Actors Equity Guild, and studied under Tony Award winner Victoria Clark. In NYC, Mark performed his own one man cabaret show *First You Dream*; and his two man show *Duets!* His performance was selected as a 'Critic's Pick' in Time Out New York magazine.

Mark holds a BA in Communications with a concentration in Theatre from Worcester State College.

Christine Taylor takes time off this year from her role as Music Together teacher and Musical Theatre director. Christine continues to visit us weekly, however, as a Private Instruction mom.

Philanthropy / Giving ...

2009-2010 Financial Aid and Access

The following grantors, by supporting general operations and the Financial Aid fund for low income families, made it possible for students to learn an instrument, develop basic music competency as a toddler, or participate in the fall and spring drama productions.

On behalf of both the recipient families and the entire Pakachoag Community, thank you for changing lives through music.

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The Annual Fund: Music Connects Us All!

Dear Friends,

Pakachoag Music School has officially launched its 2010-2011 Annual Fund Campaign. I am happy to report that we are already a third of the way to our goal!

Whether as student musicians, parents, teachers, volunteers or just aficionados, we see the connection music weaves throughout everyday life. Music is a conduit of thought, language, and emotion. Through teaching and

performance, Pakachoag keeps this connection alive in ourselves, our students, and our community. But, we cannot do it without your support!

If you have not donated to the fund already, then please take a moment to do so. Your gift will ensure that music will continue to connect us all!

Sincerely,
Kerri Stearns, Manager of Development

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2009-2010 Annual Fund

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Hear students like Vera and Annecca performing this fall at Pakachoag and around Worcester:

November and December:
Student Recitals
Nov. 13
Dec. 11 & 12

Pakachoag Students at
Tower Hill Holly Days.
Wed. Dec. 8th, 6:30

Musical Theatre:
The Big Chill (Grades 1-5)
Friday, Dec. 10th 7:00 p.m.

Studio **Guitar Performance** -
Wed., Dec. 15, 4:00 p.m.

Worcester Youth Orchestra
Sunday, Dec. 19 4:00 p.m.
Messiah Sing at First Baptist
Church of Worcester. Singers of
all ages invited.

First Night Worcester
Friday, Dec. 31st -
Pakachoag & WYO in Worcester

Student Highlights:

*Birthplace of Beethoven,
Bonn, Germany:*

Trumpet student Vera Grek (bottom right; of Auburn) toured Europe this summer as a member of the national John Philip Sousa Band. Vera was selected for the band based on her prior success as a member of the Mass. Central District Band. Participating students represented 20 different states and performed in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Belgium & France. Vera is now enrolled as a Freshman at Holy Cross College. Read about Annecca Smith's year in Germany on Pages 1 & 2.

