Making Music for Life!
Investing in Students, Today and Tomorrow

Annual Report 2016-2017
Dear Donor,
Thank you very much for your support at Pakachoag music School. This is my 1 year playing piano."

Dahlia, age 6
Dear Friends,

Thank you for making Pakachoag Music School and *Music for Life (Year 2)*, our campaign designed to infuse the school with the means to do more, so successful. This past school year, 2016-2017, you have strengthened the School and, collectively, positioned us for change going forward.

Your generosity this past year:

- Provided unique learning opportunities for students, through both programs and community engagement.
- Supported our expert faculty inside and outside the classroom.
- Brought investments in technology and capabilities to fruition.
- Allowed community partnerships to grow.

Because of your support, private lesson enrollment creeps ever forward, with wait-lists continuing for a number of programs. We were able to complete a three month feasibility study to inform our decision-making surrounding space needs for the future. We brought students and faculty throughout Central Massachusetts to share music with elders and with those with limited access, building community through the arts for Greater Worcester.

*Continued...*
Your gifts continue to make it possible for young people (and adult learners, too) to learn skills for success. Your support provides a school culture where students move outside their comfort zone, and where faculty teach students how to pick themselves up when not all goes as expected. Personal and musical growth multiplies exponentially when you, our donors, make it possible for the ingredients to come together in the right way at the right time.

Where do we go from here? This coming year of 2017-2018 Pakachoag turns 35! Thirty-five years have come to fruition only because of the long-standing generosity of you, our donors. We need your on-going support to continue our quest to make Music for Life and to transition the School into a new future. Please stay tuned... because the best is yet to come! More is needed and possible, with your support.

Sincerely,
Melodie Hanks, President, Sarah Smongeski, Executive Director

Dear Donor,
Thank you for donating money. I gladly appreciate it, you are very giving.
I finally can play piano. This is my first year. I’m sure with your support I’ll do great!
Thank you.”

Chloe, Age 10
What We Do: Programs

Music Together, *Birth to 7 years old*
- Auburn, Sterling, Sturbridge, West Boylston, Worcester
- Mixed-Age classes for children, ages birth through 5 Years
- Music Together Big Kids, ages 5, 6 and 7 years
- Rhythm Kids, ages 5 to 8 years
- Music Together for Special Learners, ages 5 to 10 years

Suzuki Violin Program, *ages 4.5 and up*
Amy Matherly, Program Coordinator

Musical Theatre Program, *Grades 1 to 5*

Ensembles
- Fiddle Band, Chamber Ensembles & Small Groups, Orchestra & Choir Partnerships

Summer Session
- Lessons, Suzuki Summer Quick Start, Theater, Special Classes

Private Lessons, *School-aged to Adult*
- Piano
- Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass
- Guitar (Electric, Acoustic, All Styles)
- Voice
- Flute, Piccolo, Recorder
- Trumpet
- Pipe Organ
- Clarinet, Saxophone
- Traditional/Classical, Folk & Jazz
- Musicianship/ Theory Classes
- Piano Examinations (Royal Conservatory Syllabus)
- Summer Lessons & Special Programs

NEW: Sitar

Performance Program,
Dr. Leah Zelnick, Program Coordinator
- Performance Classes
- Recitals
- Outreach Concerts
Who We Serve

In FY 17, Pakachoag served 464 students, representing 40 communities stretching from Cape Cod to Northern Connecticut to Leominster.

Approximately 1500 community members enjoyed 50 different performances on- and off-site, presented by students and faculty.
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**SYMPHONY CIRCLE $20,000+**
Board of Directors, Pakachoag Music School
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The Music for Life! capacity campaign has rapidly re-shaped Pakachoag for students and community by:

- Enhancing program delivery, community outreach and local partnerships;
- Increasing opportunities for financial aid; and
- Aligning our improved resources and capabilities to better deliver on our core promise, while positioning ourselves for sustainability.
Faculty: Spanning The Years

Our faculty are the pulse of the school. We span not only instruments, but generations and cultures.

“I have been at Pakachoag almost since its inception in 1982 and my passion for teaching remains the same. The excitement of creating, studying and learning in this art form is always stimulating!

Accompanying the students at the school, I love doing this and having the opportunity to know and follow these students through their studies. This is memorable! I am excited to look forward to our future.”

Janeen Baker, Piano; School Accompanist (1987—present)

“Pakachoag Music School’s outstanding support of the surrounding communities is truly inspiring. Though we are not a huge school, the underlying system of donors, board members, faculty and leadership has strengthened my own resolve and made me a better teacher and communicator. Sarah also makes each one of us feel important - and sometimes at a school, it’s easy for faculty to feel lost. Pakachoag is very special in that regard.”

Dr. Leah Zelnick, Violin; Student Performance Program Coordinator (2011—present)

Did You Know...

- 81% of Pakachoag teachers have master’s degrees.
- 22% of Pakachoag teachers either hold or are currently pursuing a DMA (Doctor of Musical Arts) or other doctoral degree.
- Seven faculty members have trained abroad.
A Side Note

At Pakachoag, families have the opportunity to engage in school programs throughout life, and we, as staff and teachers, have the opportunity to bond through music, for life.

We have watched Olivia grow from toddler to young adult. Her tenure with the school spans 14 years and counting.

Thank you for being part of Olivia’s musical and personal development, through your support.

Student Spotlight

Olivia Curnen, Violin, Age 17

10 Year Private Lesson Student
Fiddle Band
Former Music Together Student
Suzuki Program

As a child, there were few things that I could not get my hands into. For those who have small children and have experienced this insatiable curiosity first hand, I encourage you to nurture it. The “Music Together” CDs that created the soundtrack for every car ride of my young life were truly paramount to my lifelong love for music.

At age six, I begged for Violin lessons. From there, Pakachoag Music School became a part of me, as well as part of my family. It is no small task to teach music to children.

I am forever grateful for the years of wisdom and patience that have been imparted upon me. Not every day is easy. I will be the first to vouch for the difficulty that comes with practicing. However, the rewards are immeasurable. The joy is euphoric. The extension of being through music is truly one of a kind. “
Special Events

October 2016
Making Music for life
Guest Alumnus Concert with Martin Palacios, Violin

December 2016
First Night Worcester
Student Outreach Concert with the Worcester Children’s Chorus

February 2017
Organ Pipe Oligarchy
Featuring Pakachoag Church’s Dobson Pipe Organ
With William Ness, Faculty
Offered in collaboration with Pakachoag Church

Event Sponsors & Special Support
Pakachoag Church
Madaleine Ahlquist
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Other Music for Life Campaign Support
Anonymous
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Kim Long
Gail Morgan & Bernie Lempicki

Right: Alumna Martin Palacios, teacher and orchestral musician in Tennessee, returned to perform for current students and community with teacher, Maxim Korn. Insert: Martin, upon high school graduation.

A Record 50 Events!

What makes a special event “Special”? In addition to our performers, YOU, our event sponsors and donors! In 2016-2017, Pakachoag hosted a record 50 events, including performance classes and recitals, outreach concerts, and Special Events. Each event requires planning time, marketing, space, tuned pianos, and volunteers to assist with guests and logistics. Event sponsors, alongside donors, play a critical role in bringing events to fruition. Thank you!
April 2017

*Of Intellect & Heart:*
Teacher, Student, Artist

Inna Muravnik, Piano Faculty

Joined by Senior Students
Andrew Lefferts & Leah Cammuso

June 2017

*The Art of Sight Reading*

A Masterclass with
Vladimir Odinokikh, Piano Faculty

Family Day

*Refreshments, Student Music, Petting Zoo, Music Games*

Volunteer Organizers:

Crystal Jiang, Parent and Board Member
Michael Bachelor, Parent
Nathan Reich, Adult Student
Julie Holston & Laurie Knorr, Faculty
Maestros ($5,000+)
Greater Worcester Community Foundation
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Martha Pappas, In Memory of Dr. Arthur M. Pappas ♪☼

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Abdiel, Age 12
Music for Life!

Special Project Support FY17

Planning for the Future: Feasibility Study

✦ How do we accommodate all seeking the Pakachoag experience?
✦ What are realistic goals?
✦ What are our stretch goals?

Funding provided by:

• Greater Worcester Community Foundation
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Thank You for Helping Secure The Future.

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We’ve made our best effort to
include all of our donors. If we
missed you, please let us know.
* Deceased
Financials FY2017 *

During the past two years, as part of *Music for Life*, the annual budget has grown by 29%.

**FY17 Income**

- Programs (Tuition and Fees): $330,742
- Grants and Gifts: $27,680
- Individual Gifts: Harmony Fund & MFL: $61,874
- In-Kind Space: Pakachoag Church: $12,840
- Sponsorships & Misc.: $5,702
- Total Income: $438,838

**Prior FY16 Income:** $407,197

**FY17 Expense**

- Music Programs: $301,605
- Management & General: $40,843
- Financial Aid: $33,381
- Fundraising Activity: $49,080
- Total Expense: $424,909

**Prior FY16 Expense:** $382,754

* Pre external accountant’s review.
Our Faculty

Janeen Baker, Piano (School Accompanist)
Victoria Bartolomeo, Voice
Betsy Bronstein, Cello
Jannatha Coffin, Voice/Theater
Madalyne Cross, Violin, Viola/Suzuki Violin
Alice Daugherty, Flute
Scott Daugherty, Trumpet
Jeff Dostal, Guitar
Joshua Goldman, Guitar
Katie Hollenbach, Musicianship/Theory
Julie Holston, Music Together
Peter Hughes, Violin/Viola
Silvia Irving, Voice
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Amy Matherly, Suzuki Violin
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Vladimir Odinokikh, Piano
Sam Politz, Jazz Piano/Accordion
Sheila Reid, Violin, Viola/Suzuki Violin
Debby Sedgwick, Piano
David Siegel, Violin
Sarah Smongeski, Flute
Usha Verma, Sitar
Leah Zelnick, Suzuki Violin; Piano

Outreach Programs

Afternoon Tunes: Nike Beaudry, Music Education Coach & Consultant
Boys and Girls Club: Josh Goldman, Pak@TheClub Guitar Classes
Who We Serve

Adult Students are a growing population at Pakachoag, representing 12% of private lesson students in 2016-2017. Here retired CFO/banker Brian Perry is learning to play fiddle music with Betsy Bronstein. Brian joined the School’s board in 2016 as Treasurer.

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Kallin Johnson
Perry Kingman
Brian Perry
Karen Way
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2016-2017
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Adrien Finlay
Meg Gallo
Barbara Granger
Paul Jourcin
Gail Morgan
Troy Siebels
Alison Snyder
Student Voices

“Besides teaching, we also have time to sit down with the students and get to know them better. The kids are all friendly and eager to learn music. Both the teachers and students get along very well together and I really enjoy teaching there.”

Shannen Lin, Age 16
Afternoon Tunes Student Volunteer
8 Year Pakachoag violin student

Program Highlight

Afternoon Tunes

Pakachoag is pleased to serve as a lead partner in the All Saints Church Afternoon Tunes program which provides free music lessons, instruments and music to young people living in the All Saints / Main South neighborhoods of Worcester.

Meeting on Friday afternoons throughout the school year, high school Pakachoag students, along with other young musicians from the community, volunteer their time to provide instruction to Afternoon Tunes students.

The program was founded in 2009 by Pakachoag alumna and Rhodes Scholar Elizabeth Butterworth.

Shannen Lin, Pakachoag violin student (center photo), was one of over 10 high school volunteer teachers in 2016-2017.
Community: We’re More than Pakachoag

When our students bring music into the community, making Music for Life feels complete.

Not only do we feed off each other musically—and that is true for our teachers, not just our students—we inspire each other, challenge each other, discover new ways of looking at the world and new ways of learning within the context of community.

Make Music Day Worcester was one of many such opportunities in 2016-2017. Faculty member Julie Holston sang, played guitar and engaged little ones in singing and playing the rhythm instruments; Laurie Knorr led one of our Suzuki Violin groups in playing favorites for passers-by and those relaxing in Worcester’s Elm Park.

Wouldn’t it be truly wonderful if everyone around the world could pause and participate for Make Music Day? Even better, wouldn’t it be wonderful if more, locally, can experience the unique opportunities available through Pakachoag that you, our donors, are making possible?

Watch for updates as Pakachoag celebrates 35 years of making music in 2018, and as we move into the future.