The Tenuto
Noteworthy News at Pakachoag Music School of Greater Worcester
A publication of Pakachoag Music School, an independent, not-for-profit community school of the arts, providing news and information on school programs and activities for donors, students & family members, friends, educators, and community organizations.

Announcing....
On The Move ... To Worcester

Donors Pave The Way
As donors observe the School’s 35th year, it’s clear we are ready for a new era. We’re On The Move, setting up a new home in Worcester central, within the expansive and architecturally stunning All Saints Church building at the corner of Irving and Pleasant Streets. Already, donors are investing in our new home ensuring the School can continue its community-based mission for years to come. And, while space is critical to what we do, donor support brings much more than space.

By investing in our new space, donors are positioning the School to link more closely with the city’s evolving theater district. Your support also provides the foundation for future growth and (Continued on page 4)

Regard for the Past
Fueling the Future

In April, lead donors and longtime School friends gathered to toast recent successes of Music for Life! while musical theater students presented Hansel & Gretel. To learn more about the School’s upcoming plans for On The Move, read more inside.
The Need for A New Home:
Linking with Worcester’s Evolving Theater District with Room for Growth, Greater Diversity, Strengthened Partnerships

Announcing

On The Move: Paving The Future

Our new home, with 5,000 sq. feet of dedicated space on the 2nd and 3rd floors of All Saints Church’s expansive facility, provides the School room for growth on multiple levels—through partnerships, enrollment, and staffing.

Parking is available in the Church lot at rear of building with several close-by overflow options.

Our partnership with All Saints, which dates back over a decade through the Afternoon Tunes Program, also brings access to several halls and shared spaces suitable for performances and special activities.

If you would like to learn more about the two year On The Move capital investment campaign, please email Sarah@pakmusic.org.

Music to YOUR Ears

Last August, a school friend called to ask “Do you need a piano?” With a few more questions asked (make? model? age? ownership) we decided this piano was worth a visit. Many thanks to Eric and Vicki Pugh, formerly of Franklin, MA, who donated the instrument. Thanks also to school friend John Verderese who connected us with the Pugh family.

Family Donates Mason & Hamlin Piano For New Home

Did you know that each special event costs between $500 and $1,000 to ‘produce’? Thanks very much to sponsors and donors whose support helps us bring more music to community.

Recent Event Sponsors

Thank you Sponsors 2018 to Date

- Security Engineered Machinery (SEM)
- Millbury Federal Credit Union

Your support helps keep School special events free and open to the public.
May Faculty Special Event

Music for Oboe and English Horn
With New Faculty Member
Colton Ray Cox and Guest
Seoyon MacDonald, Piano

Tuesday, May 29, 2018
7:00 pm
Vinton Hall (2nd floor)
Pakachoag Music School
10 Irving Street
Worcester, MA 01609

Free.
Colton will be playing Schumann, Persichetti and other selections.

Student News & Congratulations

Pakachoag Student Wins Worcester Schubertiad Competition

Congratulations to Andrew Lefferts, piano student of Inna Muravnik, of Oxford, selected for the Worcester Schubertiads 2017-18 Classical Idol Competition. Andrew performed on April 25th as one of six finalists and the only pianist to be offered a performance slot. Andrew was also selected by Pakachoag faculty to receive the 2017 Peggy Kelley Reinburg Award for effort, commitment and attitude awarded May 2017. Andrew has been accepted at The Hartt School of Music and The School of Music at Ithaca College for Piano Performance. Andrew will attend Ithaca starting September.

Maria Gurriere, guitar, will graduate this May from Anna Maria College with a degree in library sciences. Maria is giving a clarinet and guitar recital at Anna Maria on May 6.

Congratulations to Our High School Graduates

Marly Gallo, Holden, guitar student of Josh Goldman, attending Northeastern University. Marly has been accepted into the N.U. In Program and will be studying in Thessaloniki, Greece for her first semester.

Brendan Kelleher, Auburn, piano student of Debby Sedgwick, has been accepted at BU, Northeastern, Holy Cross among others. Brendan also volunteers for Special Olympics.

Matthew McCoy, Shrewsbury, piano student of Inna Muravnik, will attend Boston College. Matt is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, and serves on the leadership team with Afternoon Tunes outreach program.

Caitlyn Myers, Berlin, voice student of Silvia Irving, accepted at American University, George Washington University, Marist College.

Bridget O’Leary, Rochdale, flute student of Sarah Smongeski, attending Johns Hopkins University


Nathan St. Marie, Dudley, guitar student of Josh Goldman, attending Champlain College, VT majoring in Digital Forensics.

Makayla Sotto, Leominster, cello student of Betsy Bronstein, is attending Mount Wachusett Community College studying to be a Lab Technician.

Mai Caslowitz (9th grade) and Matt Morales (11th grade) both were awarded lead roles in their Tantasqua HS musical, with performances in May. Matt has been awarded an early acceptance as a voice major with scholarship offer to attend the Hartt School of Music. He is also looking at other colleges and conservatories.

Sophia Maloney, of Sutton, voice, was cast in a lead role in her middle school musical in an April performance.

All three students study voice with Silvia Irving.

SR Districts

Mai Caslowitz and Matthew Morales, students of Silvia Irving, were selected for Central Mass. District Chorus

JR Districts

Sohani Curtis, student of Jeff Dostal, of Shrewsbury—Bass

Sydney Lyons, guitar student of Jeff Dostal, Auburn—Clarinet

Ksheeraja Ramanujum, student of Sheila Reid—Violin

Enjoy Meeting Our ‘Featured Student’ on the Home Web Page

Great learning happens every day at Pakachoag Music School because of our donors. Visit the home page of our web site, scroll down and you’ll see the “Featured Student” content block. Every month or so, we’ll feature one of our students so you can see how your investment in students today is making a difference, for life!
The Tenuto

expanded impact. The School’s strength during this time of change is thanks to all who have been or continue to be part of our School community since our inception. As both donors and School families pledge renewed support this spring, we — staff, faculty and board — pledge our continued commitment to providing excellence in community music education. While the move is in some ways bittersweet, as we leave our roots in Auburn, at Pakachoag Church, whose generosity over 35 years is both significant and appreciated, it is clearly the right time to be On The Move.

The support of donors during this exciting transition is providing organizational resiliency and ensuring the on-going fulfillment of our mission.

It is my personal commitment to music and the arts — as a life-changing force offering meaning, enlightenment and fulfillment to all persons — which drives me forward. Please join me, and celebrate with us. There is so much more we can and will accomplish with your continued support.

Sincerely,
Sarah Smongeski

Executive Director

We’re On The Move

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Support for On The Move will help provide the foundation for future growth and expanded impact.

Read more about our new faculty at www.pakmusic.org > About > Faculty

New Faculty

Colton Ray Cox, Oboe and English Horn

Myoung Han, Jazz / Gospel / Pop Voice

Ahsley Peck, Cello (Suzuki, Traditional)

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On The Move
A Two Year Capital Investment Campaign, Paving The Future

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Paving the Future
December 2017 to December 2019
As of April 27, 2017

Virtuoso ($30,000+)
The Arthur M. and Martha R. Pappas Foundation
Paul and Patricia Verderese

Concerto Club
($15,000 - $20,000)
The George F. and Sybil H. Fuller Foundation
Alison Snyder and Donald Allison

Overture Circle
($5,000 - $9,999)
The Stoddard Charitable Trust

Sonatina Circle
($2,500 - 4,499)
David and Sherri Elkinson

Duet Circle
($1,000 - $2,499)
Tom and Barbara Ingrassia

Honors Recital 2018:
Congratulations to the students who took the challenge to audition for this year’s Honors Recital. Participating this year: Lauren Engquist, Piano (Worcester); Gabe Johnson (Sutton) and Shannen Lin (Worcester), Violin; Sean Renihan and Henry Wang, (Auburn), Piano.

Above (Row 3):
Paving the Road Forward
Sarah Smongeski, Executive Director (far left), shares plans for programming and space on the 3rd Floor at All Saints. David Okerlund, far right, spoke on behalf of the All Saints community as Vestry Chairperson.

Above (Row 1):
Lead donors and volunteers celebrate the future.
Row 1 L: Tom and Barbara Ingrassia with Paul Verderese
Row 2 L: Kallin Johnson and Lync Spaulding;
Row 2 C: Meghan LaPorte.
Row 3 R: Alison Snyder and Susan Kraft.

Students gather following the March Honors Recital. Selections performed included Beethoven, Kuhlau, Seitz, Corelli, and Chopin.
On April 11th, we toasted, with gratitude, our Music for Life (MFL) donors and other long-time school friends on the third floor at All Saints. The reception acknowledged the generosity and success of our Music For Life capacity initiative, a $200,000 investment. Thanks to the generosity of donors and grantors, Pakachoag was able to ramp up technology with a new web site and online registration. We now accept credit cards for all programs.

The Campaign also invested in access, via new partnerships with the Boys & Girls Club and The Hanover Theatre Conservatory; and increased access with more financial aid for families in need. As part of our MFL campaign goals, we also looked at new ways to cross connect with the All Saints’ Afternoon Tunes program, and, finally, evaluated our space needs.

It was, of course, the evaluation of our space needs, centered around the desire for a long-term lease with affordable rental rates, that has led us forward with the On The Move campaign.

As we embark on a new future, we thank every donor, past and present. Your support is keeping the music playing.

Top Left: Susan Wobst with Bruce Foss, Afternoon Tunes volunteer. Center: Donelle Wright, Past President, Board, with Sarah Smongeski, Executive Director.
Top Right: Barbara & Don Groves, Gary MacConnell.

Special events are one more way donor support transfers to student opportunities. In March, over 40 Suzuki violin students, and faculty gathered for the annual Suzuki Group Class Concert.
2017-2018 Harmony Fund:
Thank you for Helping Secure the Future
(As of 4/20/2018)

Maestros ($5,000+)
Pakachoag Church
MassDevelopment Finance Agency

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Greater Worcester Community Foundation
Massachusetts Cultural Council
In Memory of Georgette C. and Joseph L. Smongeski ☼

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Diane Paradis and David Degon ♪ ☼
Beth and John Paul Verderese ♪ ♪
Crystal Jiang & Yong Wang ♪ ♪

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For more information on giving and membership, please speak with Sarah Smongeski,
Executive Director or e-mail Sarah@pakmusic.org.

How Your Gifts are Making a Difference

I know that my son will sorely miss seeing Josh each week. Music was his therapy following the death of 3 Grandparents and his young Uncle (aged 24). He inherited his uncle’s guitar, and so I started lessons to help him cope. It has done that and much more. We can’t thank Josh enough for helping him blossom musically.

Appreciative Parent,
Dudley, MA
New Ways of Listening: Sitar, Tabla Concert

Faculty member Usha Verma presented a concert of classical Indian music on Sunday, April 22nd in Huntington Hall at All Saints Church / Pakachoag Music School.

Usha was joined by special guest Dr. Nishikant Sonwalkar, Tabla.

We learned about these ancient instruments that stretch back centuries, what it means for tabla playing in “Teen Taal”, the melodic framework of Indian “Raga” and other uniquely Indian music traditions.

We thank Dr. Sonwalkar for joining us and Usha for sharing her music and traditions with the Pakachoag community.

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Sharing Music

Student performance is an ongoing part of the training we provide at Pakachoag. Through informal performance classes, more formal recitals and community outreach, we talk about the importance of preparation and adaptability in the moment, just one more great life skill that can be learned through the arts. We also talk about performance from the perspective of sharing. Its not about “me”; its about respecting the music, the instrument, the composer, and the “we” that happens when we share.

Left: Diana Pickett, from Oxford, student of Silvia Irving, sings a cappella for guests.

Above: Sohani Curtis, from Shrewsbury, student of Marilyn Butler, plays a fiddle selection for guests. Sohani is also a bass player, as student of Jeff Dostal, and was recently selected for Jr. Central District Orchestra.
Theater News

Hansel & Gretel & The Big Woods

At Emanuel Lutheran, Greenwood Street, Worcester

We had a thoroughly entertaining Friday evening on April 6th when our Young People’s Musical Theater presented a comic twist to Hansel & Gretel. The stage at Emmanuel Lutheran provided a wonderful backdrop and the newly hung stage curtain added to the professional feel of the show. Many thanks to all the parents who assisted with costumes, refreshments, and to Terri Both-Desmarais for rehearsal assistance. Thanks to Emanuel Lutheran for hanging the curtain and valance, and to our new theater Director Gretchen D’Andrea-Worden who brought everything together with support and enthusiasm.
Summer with Pakachoag

Summer Programs: Registration Now Open

Options for Birth into Retirement

- Early Childhood Summer Samplers provide a sampling of our school year Music Together program. Offered in Auburn, Worcester, Sterling and W. Boylston

- Musical Theater for the Young meets the week of July 23rd preparing: The Frog Prince & The Princess Brats

- Suzuki Quick Start includes options for Cello & Violin, ages 4 1/2 to 7 years. (Worcester, W. Boylston)

- Private Lessons for school aged and adults. (Worcester; some options in W. Boylston)

- Fiddle Classes (Worcester)

- NEW: Adult Vocal Workshop (Worcester)

For details visit: www.pakmusic.org > Programs > Summer Session

What IS Changing; What is NOT Changing

What IS Changing

- Private Lessons now offered in...
  - Worcester, at All Saints Church: 2nd and 3rd Floors*
  - West Boylston (selected instruments and teachers—continuing).

  *If you have a disability that precludes you from using stairs, please speak with us. We can usually schedule specific times in a first floor space to ensure access.

- Mailing Address: 10 Irving Street
  Worcester, MA 01609

- Offices Located at:
  10 Irving Street, 2nd Floor

- Waiting Areas:
  A spiffy new waiting area is planned in conjunction with our new office space on the 2nd floor, with an overflow waiting area on the 3rd floor.

- Performance Spaces: We’ll be using Vinton Hall, Huntington Hall and the All Saints Sanctuary for faculty special events and student performances.

What’s NOT Changing


- Our commitment to mission, quality, high expectations, making music for life, and ensuring access through financial aid, partnerships and outreach.

- Our phone number, web address, Facebook, YouTube and other online access to information.
In Memory

The Rev. Perry Kingman passed away in December 2017. Rev. Kingman served on the Pakachoag board since 2013. He loved seeing Pakachoag students grow. As an Episcopal minister with strong ties to All Saints Church, Perry furthered, also with great enthusiasm, the initial conversations connected to the School’s need for a new home.

I (Sarah) realized when I visited Perry at home in the fall of 2017, as his health was failing, that his positive spirit—even during that brief visit—had been a true blessing for myself and the School during a time that had brought stress and question marks surrounding best choices. We appreciate Perry’s generosity of spirit, alongside his financial support of the Music for Life Campaign. His support lives on in the life of the School and our students.

Nydia Moser, School friend and wife of former board member Charles Moser, died in July 2017 just a few short weeks after the loss of her husband Charles. I also know that the support of the Mosers for the School—both financial and around strategic planning—lives on through our continued mission. Charles was, like Perry, enthused about the School’s prospective move into Worcester when we had met to talk strategic planning in the Fall of 2016.

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This Issue: We're On The Move

**What's Changing; What's Not**

Save The Dates

**Saturday & Sunday, May 19 & 20**
Student Recitals at 10 Irving Street

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**Saturday, September 29, 2018**

**Celebration Open House**

View our New Home at
10 Irving Street  All Saints Church
Corner of Irving and Pleasant Streets
2nd and 3rd Floors

- Learn about the building's history and architecture.
- View new office and teaching studios.
- Enjoy Special Music!
- View The Church Halls