



A PLACE  
TO *Be*

A PLACE TO  
*Become!*

 **THE Music  
School**  
OF DELAWARE

SPECIAL REPORT 2019





*Our Goal:*  
Bring music excellence to people  
of all ages and abilities.  
*Be in the experience!*





# DEAR FAMILIES, FACULTY, and Friends

There is extraordinary vibrancy in the air at the Music School these days! When we say The Music School of Delaware is “a place to be ... a place to become,” this resounds in all that takes place at the school!

2018-19 was a banner year for enrollment, with increased participation across the board. The summer was bustling with lessons, camps, workshops, and performances, both on- and off-site at Wilmington and Milford Branches. Our two Women’s Choruses enjoyed a spectacular performance tour of the Baltics. And our Open House events early this fall generated great results.

Thanks to so many generous donors, we exceeded all four first-year Longwood Challenge benchmarks—a condition of the Longwood Challenge Grant to secure new/increased contributed support. This challenge, and the generosity it has inspired, is helping the school become all it can be!

The Music School is a destination to enjoy music performances, music-making, and other music explorations of many kinds. The chance to “be” in musical immersion is ever-present here at the Music School. Whether you join Open Mic Night or Jam It! Sessions, attend a faculty or student performance, Cultural Crossroads, Classical Café, Serafin Summer Music concert, or an Alumni event—the opportunity is there for you to be inspired, and to savor in the moment.

“Becoming” is essential to music study. Our faculty provides an excellent music experience for every participant—of every age and at every level—and fosters each individual’s personal growth and development. Becoming better at a musical instrument, deepening your knowledge about music style, history, or the elements of music, fostering your infant or toddler’s early childhood development through music—these are just some of the ways that programs at the Music School help people grow, learn, and expand their universe.

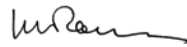
Organizational “becoming” is a commitment to improving every aspect of what we do. Whether that means replacing a leaky roof, renovating the Concert Hall or our Milford Branch, creating a new Strategic Plan and Centennial Plan, or seeking renewal of our national accreditation—the commitment to evaluating and assessing what we do, how well we do it, and what is needed to become even better, is a way of life at the Music School.

Every undertaking to help individuals grow, and to improve as an organization, takes the steadfast commitment of many people to The Music School of Delaware. Our exceptional faculty members help individuals every day of every week. A remarkable staff team supports the instructors in carrying out their work and fulfilling the school’s mission. The Board of Directors applies time and talent to securing the necessary resources and to steering the school in a bold direction. Our generous supporters make it possible for the school to strive and thrive, and to look toward a very bright future.

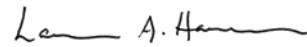
We invite you to enjoy this special report on all that took place over the past year—where we were, where we are now, and where we are heading. Thanks for helping us to be and become a place for more people to discover and explore their talents and to build and strengthen their abilities.

Experience the music with us—at The Music School of Delaware!

Sincerely,



**Kate M. Ransom**  
President & CEO



**Lawrence Hamermesh**  
Board Chair



## Board of DIRECTORS

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# Faculty LEADERS

Top row (L-R): **Melinda Bowman**, early childhood music associate department head; **Christopher Braddock**, guitar and The Studio department head, Cultural Crossroads coordinator; **Jennifer N. Campbell**, musicianship/composition department head; **Lotus Cheng**, chamber music advisor; **Donna DeLaurentis**, keyboard department head; **Melinda Hudson-Oriani**, early childhood music department head.  
 Bottom row (L-R): **Julianne Murphy Ruiz**, assistant Suzuki Academy department head; **Shelley Beard Santore**, Suzuki Academy department head, chamber music coordinator; **Jennifer Crowell Stomberg**, strings department head, M.E.L.O.D.Y. coordinator; **Simeone Tartaglione**, orchestral department head; **Joanne Ward**, vocal/choral department head; **Hiroko Yamazaki**, associate keyboard department head.



Pictured (L-R): **Maria Rusu**, registrar and violin/viola/jazz voice faculty, **Marybeth Miller**, vocal faculty, **Richard Gangwisch**, piano faculty, **Colin Armstrong**, former vocal faculty, **Augustine Mercante**, vocal faculty, **Martin Lassman**, ensemble and The Studio faculty, **Joanne Ward**, vocal/choral department head, and **Melinda Bowman**, flute faculty and Early Childhood Music associate department head, performed together during **An Evening of Sensational Singing**, April 2018.



Piano faculty **Holly Roadfeldt** and cello faculty **Lawrence Stomberg** after their **Music Masters** performance, March 2019.



Piano faculty **Liliya Maslov** and Milford Branch director and violinist **Amos Fayette** (center) performed the world premiere of 'A Cage Without A Key' by guitar faculty **J. Andrew Dickenson** (right) at **Spring Music Magic** in Milford, May 2019.



Staff member and pianist **Yung-Chen Lin** and violin faculty **Lingchin Liao** performed together during **Phenomenal Music from 1842 to 1949**, March 2019.



# SUPERB FACULTY

## Helping People Grow

Expertise, dedication, passion, commitment—superb faculty help students become better and better



**Robin Lamel Allen**, clarinet, woodwinds  
**Daniel Antonelli**, guitar, ukulele  
**Cheri Astolfi**, dean, horn, Early Childhood Music, Suzuki musicianship  
**Donna Mulzet Beech**, piano (M,SD)  
**Paul Boris**, piano, jazz piano  
**Melinda Bowman**, Early Childhood Music associate department head, flute (C,D)  
**Christopher Braddock**, guitar & The Studio: Rock, Jazz & Folk department head; Cultural Crossroads coordinator; bass, guitar, mandolin; Guitar, Mandolin & Ukulele Ensembles; Jazz Combo; Matson Run Ensemble; Rock On! (C,M,SD)  
**David Brown**, piano, composition (SD,A-SA)  
**Miles Brown**, bass (M)  
**Jennifer Nicole Campbell**, musicianship/composition department head, piano  
**Kevin B. Chamberlain**, piano  
**Natalie Chang**, piano (D)  
**Lotus Cheng**, chamber music advisor, piano (C,A,SD)  
**Darlene Colavecchi-Smith**, piano  
**Jacob Colby**, violin, Suzuki violin, Suzuki musicianship (C)  
**Katelin Davis**, Early Childhood Music  
**Donna DeLaurentis**, keyboard department head, piano (M,D)  
**Eva DelGallo**, violin, viola, cello  
**J. Andrew Dickenson**, guitar  
**Merideth Hite Estevez**, oboe (M)  
**Joan Fasullo**, piano (D)  
**Jacqueline Beach Faulcon**, piano, voice (SD)  
**Amos Fayette**, Milford Branch director, violin  
**Banu Akgün Fields**, cello  
**Richard Gangwisch**, piano (SD)  
**Sarah Gober**, Suzuki Academy accompanist

**Rowena Gutana**, cello, Suzuki cello  
**Eliezer Gutman**, violin, Viva Violin Ensemble (M)  
**Audrey Hausig**, music therapy  
**Patrick Hoffman**, trumpet (M)  
**Sara Hoffman**, horn  
**Melinda Hudson-Oriani**, Early Childhood Music department head (C,D)  
**Georgiana Ibach**, CWC accompanist  
**Vince Lardear**, saxophone  
**Martin Lassman**, Small Wonder Jazz Singers, #Hashtag Jazz Choir  
**Pamela Letts**, DYSO lead winds and brass coach/cover conductor  
**Lingchin Liao**, violin, Suzuki violin (D)  
**Eric Liu**, Suzuki Academy accompanist  
**Margaret Love**, Celtic harp (SD)  
**Tiffany Lu**, WCO music director, violin (C)  
**Genia Maslov**, violin  
**Liliya Maslov**, piano (C,M,SD)  
**Malcolm McDuffee**, trumpet (M)  
**Kathryn Mehrtens**, horn (M)  
**Augustine Mercante**, voice  
**Marybeth Miller**, voice, musicianship  
**Constance Moore**, piano (M)  
**Richard Myers**, Jam It! director  
**Paula Nelson**, flute, Flute Choir, musicianship, (M,D)  
**Eric Neumann**, piano  
**Dana Newcomb**, oboe, flute  
**Carol Nile**, DWC accompanist  
**Ethel Olsen**, piano (D)  
**Elayne Soltz Penn**, piano, voice, musicianship (SD)  
**Michelle Peters**, violin, Milford String Ensemble (D)  
**Kate Ransom**, president & CEO, violin  
**Joseph Reilly**, music therapy  
**Thom Remington**, tuba  
**Tracy Richardson**, piano, harpsichord (M,SD)  
**Marjorie Ripsom**, Early Childhood Music  
**Holly Roadfeldt**, piano (A,D)  
**Walter (Skip) Rohrich**, percussion (D)  
**Julianne Murphy Ruiz**, Suzuki Academy assistant department head, Suzuki violin/viola, Suzuki orchestras (C)  
**Maria Rusu**, registrar, viola, violin, jazz voice, DYSO assistant conductor

**Shelley Beard Santore**, Suzuki Academy department head, chamber music coordinator, Suzuki violin/viola, First State Fiddlers, Brandywine Fiddlers (C,M,SD)  
**David Schelat**, organ  
**Lloyd Shorter**, oboe (M)  
**Jay L. Snyder**, trumpet  
**Dawn Stevens**, piano (M)  
**Carol Stinson**, clarinet  
**Jennifer Crowell Stomberg**, strings department head, MELODY coordinator, cello, Suzuki cello, Cello Choir (C,M,D)  
**Lawrence Stomberg**, cello (A)  
**Simeone Tartaglione**, orchestral department head, Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra (C,D)  
**Michelle Taylor**, Early Childhood Music, piano  
**Lionel Thomas**, Suzuki violin/viola (C)  
**Stephen Tipping**, percussion, DYSO percussion coach  
**Mark Unruh**, guitar, bass guitar, mandolin, banjo, ukulele  
**Christina von Duyke**, violin  
**Clarence "Honey" Voshell**, drums  
**Jennifer Wagner**, Early Childhood Music  
**Joanne Ward**, vocal/choral department head, voice, Delaware Women's Chorus, Cantabile Women's Chorus (M,D)  
**Stefan Xhori**, violin (M)  
**Hiroko Yamazaki**, keyboard associate department head, piano (M,SD)  
**Don Zabitka**, sound engineer

(list current as of publication date)

CWC - Cantabile Women's Chorus  
DWC - Delaware Women's Chorus  
DYSO - Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra  
WCO - Wilmington Community Orchestra

(M) Master faculty, (A) Artist faculty  
(A-SA) Artist by Special Arrangement faculty  
(C) Core faculty, (D) faculty with distinction  
(SD) faculty with special distinction







The **Honor Awards** were held in May 2019. Pictured are (L-R) **Kate Ransom** (president and CEO), **Xiaohan Zeng**, **Lawrence Hamermesh** (board chair), **Joseph Kang**, **Daniel Qi** (front), **David Chai** (back), **Anagha Kapsi**, **Charlie Chian** (back), **Gabriela Salvador-Riera**, **Maxine Chou**, **Tristan Price** (front), **Jane Godfrey** (back), **Julia Li** (back), **Payton Smith-Holzbour**, **Rachel Wang**, **Annabelle Wei** (front), **Caleb Cavazos**, **Colette Cavazos**, **Emily Ratliff**, and **Cheri Astolfi** (dean). **Congratulations!**



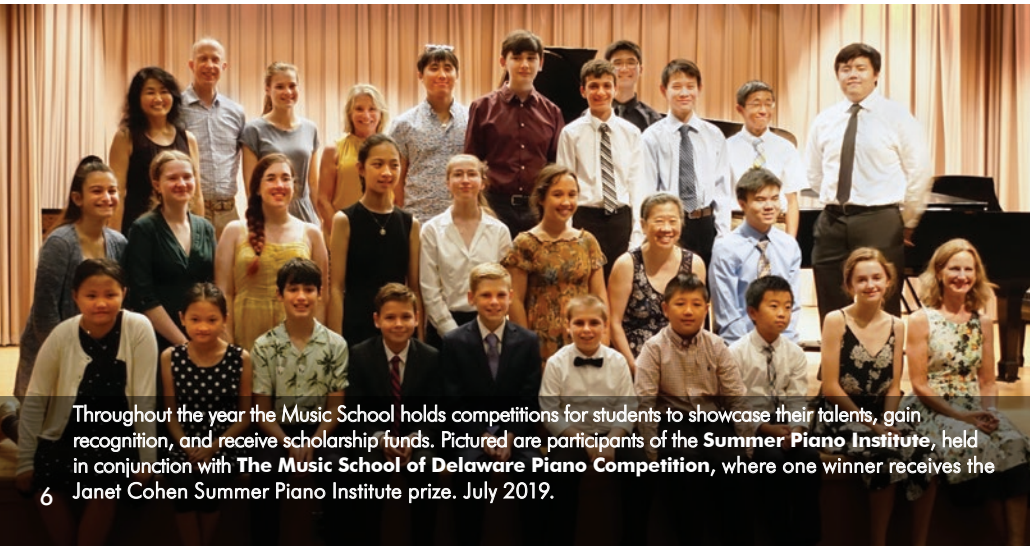
Delaware Concerto Competition for Young Musicians winners (L-R) **Maxine Chou**, **Anagha Kapsi**, and **Daniel Qi** with Wilmington Community Orchestra music director **Tiffany Lu** after performing with the ensemble, May 2019.

*Striving to Become  
all that you can be*

- 17 merit awards given in May 2019 recognized outstanding achievement
- financial aid, supported by contributions, brought music excellence to 74 students last year
- over 400 completed Achievement Week performances in April 2019



**Payton Smith-Holzbour** (left) and **Gabriela Salvador-Riera** (right) met with **Jacqueline Beach Faulcon** after receiving the Jacqueline Beach Faulcon Honor Award, May 2019.



Throughout the year the Music School holds competitions for students to showcase their talents, gain recognition, and receive scholarship funds. Pictured are participants of the **Summer Piano Institute**, held in conjunction with **The Music School of Delaware Piano Competition**, where one winner receives the **Janet Cohen Summer Piano Institute** prize. July 2019.



We celebrated 24 years of piano study by **Kristen O'Brien** (center) with **Tracy Richardson** (striped shirt), keyboard faculty. Kristen began her studies at 14 and has rarely missed a lesson. Because she is blind, she brings a recorder and listens again at home to the music and instruction. She plays entirely by ear and remembers every piece she has learned. Attending were other students, Kristen's family and friends, keyboard department head **Donna DeLaurentis** (right), keyboard faculty **Liliya Maslov** (left), and **Cheri Astolfi**, dean (not pictured). **Congratulations Kristen!** November 2018.



# SCHOLARS & COMPETITION WINNERS

Advancing,  
Achieving,  
...Becoming!

## MUSIC SCHOOL HONOR AWARDS

**David Chai, piano**  
(Lotus Cheng) Alberta Elizabeth Edge Fund

**Charlie Chian, violin**  
(Shelley Beard Santore)  
Brandywiners Scholarship Fund

**Maxine Chou, cello**  
(Jennifer Crowell Stomberg) Anthony  
"Tony" G. Simmons Scholarship Fund

**Jane Godfrey, piano**  
(Lotus Cheng) Alberta Elizabeth Edge Fund

**Joseph Kang, piano**  
(David Brown) Maria deVries Music  
Scholarship Fund

**Anagha Kapsi, violin**  
(Julianne Murphy Ruiz)  
Alberta Elizabeth Edge Fund

**Julia Li, piano**  
(Lotus Cheng)  
Janet Cohen Piano Scholarships

**Tristan Price, cello**  
(Jennifer Crowell Stomberg) Anthony  
"Tony" G. Simmons Scholarship Fund

**Rachel Wang, piano**  
(Lotus Cheng)  
Maria deVries Music Scholarship Fund

**Annabelle Wei, violin**  
(Lionel Thomas) Peter H. Flint Fund

**Andrew Yao, piano**  
(Holly Roadfeldt)  
Alberta Elizabeth Edge Fund

**Xiaohan Zeng, piano**  
(Holly Roadfeldt)  
Maria deVries Music Scholarship Fund

**Violet Zhang, piano**  
(Holly Roadfeldt) Peter H. Flint Fund

**Honor Award Honorable Mentions**  
Caleb Cavazos, viola (S. Beard Santore)  
Colette Cavazos, violin (S. Beard Santore)  
Kate Dunkle, piano (Donna Beech)  
Ian Gaadt, violin (Julianne Murphy Ruiz)  
Caroline Ho, viola (S. Beard Santore)  
Emily Ratliff, piano (Donna Beech)  
Caleb Reed, violin (S. Beard Santore)

## JACQUELINE BEACH FAULCON HONOR AWARD

FIRST: **Gabriela Salvador-Riera, violin**  
(Julianne Murphy Ruiz)

SECOND: **Payton Smith-Holzbaaur, viola**  
(Shelley Beard Santore)

## ESTELLA HILLERSOHN FRANKEL VIOLIN SCHOLARSHIPS

FIRST: **Daniel Qi, violin**  
(Charles Parker, Jr.)

SECOND: **Annabelle Wei, violin**  
(Lionel Thomas)

THIRD: **Anagha Kapsi, violin**  
(Julianne Murphy Ruiz)

## 2019 DELAWARE CONCERTO COMPETITION FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

### 12 & UNDER CATEGORY WINNER

**Daniel Qi, violin**  
(Charles Parker Jr.)

RUNNER-UP: Annabelle Wei, violin  
(Lionel Thomas)

### 13-15 CATEGORY WINNER

**Anagha Kapsi, violin**  
(Julianne Murphy Ruiz)

RUNNER-UP: Zachary Carter, violin  
(Lee Snyder)

### 16-18 CATEGORY WINNER

**Maxine Chou, cello**  
(Jennifer Crowell Stomberg)

RUNNER-UP: Daniel Park, cello  
(Lawrence Stomberg)

### HONORABLE MENTIONS

12 & UNDER CATEGORY  
Tristan Price, cello  
(Jennifer Crowell Stomberg)

13-15 CATEGORY  
Caleb Cavazos, viola  
(Shelley Beard Santore)  
Helen Qi, violin  
(Charles Parker, Jr.)

16-18 CATEGORY  
Caleb Reed, violin  
(Shelley Beard Santore)

## 2018 PIANO INSTITUTE COMPETITION

### CATEGORY 1 (AGES 10-12)

FIRST: **Joyce Li**  
SECOND: **Cynthia Zhang**  
THIRD: **Elena Yoon**

### CATEGORY 2 (AGES 13-15)

FIRST: **Lucas Zheng**  
Janet Cohen  
Summer Piano Institute Winner

SECOND (TIED): **Thomas Kinservik**  
**Luke Carter**

## 2019 DELAWARE YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERTO COMPETITION

**Gabrielle Ryu, cello**  
(Lawrence Stomberg)

## 2019 GALA STRINGS CONCERTO COMPETITION

**Aila McCaskill, cello**  
(Jennifer Crowell Stomberg)

**Alex Norikane, violin**  
(Julianne Murphy Ruiz)

**Gabriela Salvador-Riera, violin**  
(Julianne Murphy Ruiz)





# EARLY CHILDHOOD GRADUATES

Developing, Learning,  
... Growing!

## Keyboard Department HONORS TRACK STUDENTS

### LEVEL I

Abigail Adeyanju (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Andrea Hoang (*Hiroko Yamazaki*)  
Rosa Howze (*Ethel Olsen*)  
Noyonika Janes (*Holly Roadfeldt*)  
Sophie Lavoie-Boone (*Hiroko Yamazaki*)  
Bennett Selden (*Lotus Cheng*)

### LEVEL II

Ivy Anderson (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Saul Fennimore (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Elena Heifetz (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Alexis Hsu (*Hiroko Yamazaki*)  
Andrew Janes (*Holly Roadfeldt*)  
Michael Ratliff\* (*Donna Beech*)  
Nicole Tran (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Sophia Yao (*Holly Roadfeldt*)

### MUSICAL EXPLORERS

Kylie Bell  
Lia V. Bostick  
Julian T. Detlefsen  
Parker C. Grosh  
Iris Kenny  
Kennedy Kirkland  
Michael Kopchick  
Rishith R. Nair  
Mikal Payne Jr.  
George Thomas  
Shopa  
Frances  
Whittenburg

### MUSIC MAKERS I

Iman Ashanti  
Julian Bassett  
Julian G. Bostick  
Lucas Francis  
Corotan  
Jacob Dzielak  
Anvi Goyal  
Joseph Greecher  
William Gruswitz  
Naomi Grace  
Kerrick  
Lysannia Lawrence  
Jack Mitchell  
Aarya Uttam  
Naikwadi  
Isaac Vincent

### MUSIC MAKERS II

Aiden Bui  
Neve Cheung  
Aleigha Green  
Zoe Hutchful  
Chloe Quek

### KEYBOARD FOR KIDS I

Sean Fickling  
Meredith  
Goodrick  
Luke Nowaczyk

### KEYBOARD FOR KIDS II

George Buchta  
Taliyah Fawcett  
Gabrielle Jones  
Isla Kerrick

### LEVEL III A

Jeremiah Fung (*Hiroko Yamazaki*)  
Zoe Heifetz (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Tyler Selden (*Lotus Cheng*)

### LEVEL III B

Charlie Buchta (*Hiroko Yamazaki*)  
Sam Caplan (*Tracy Richardson*)  
Ben Martin (*Hiroko Yamazaki*)  
Sage Miller (*Hiroko Yamazaki*)  
Sophia Sirotinin-Rommel (*Liliya Maslov*)  
Michael Zhao (*Lotus Cheng*)

### LEVEL IV A

Zoe Cox (*Hiroko Yamazaki*)  
Madeline Dayrit (*Donna Beech*)  
Kate Dunkle\* (*Donna Beech*)

### LEVEL IV B

Joyce Li (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Grace Liu (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Emily Ratliff\* (*Donna Beech*)  
Cynthia Zhang (*Lotus Cheng*)

### LEVEL V A

David Chai (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Maxwell Fennimore (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Jane Godfrey (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Thomas Kinservik (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Katya Linton (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Andrew Yao (*Holly Roadfeldt*)  
Violet Zhang (*Holly Roadfeldt*)

### LEVEL V B

Olivia Fennimore (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Grant Harmon (*Tracy Richardson*)  
Julia Li (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Sarah Reisler (*Liliya Maslov*)

### LEVEL VI A

Rachel Wang (*Lotus Cheng*)  
Lucas Zheng (*Lotus Cheng*)

### LEVEL VI B

Jessica Zhang\* (*Liliya Maslov*)

\*Milford and associated satellites





Suzuki students (L-R) **Grace Opong**, violin, **Maxine Chou**, cello, and **Caleb Cavazos**, viola, coached by Suzuki Academy department head **Shelley Beard Santore**, performed Beethoven's *Serenade in D Major, Op. 8* during the **Chamber Music Concert** in Wilmington, December 2018.



Suzuki student **Anagha Kapsi**, violin, performed Charles-Auguste de Bériot's *Violin Concerto No. 9, Op. 104* with piano faculty **Lotus Cheng** at the **Awards & Alumni Recital**, May 2019.



Suzuki violin/viola faculty **Lionel Thomas** (far left) led the viola group at the Suzuki Academy Harvest Concert. Visible (L-R): **Payton Smith-Holzbour**, **Marcos Salvador-Riera**, **Lindsay Dunham**, **Lucas Lauprasert**, **Sage Duarte**, **Ani McCaskill**. Not visible: **Maria Oakley**, **David Park**, and **Anna Schwichow**. November 2018.

# SUZUKI ACADEMY GRADUATES

*Striving and experiencing!*

## VIOLIN TWINKLE

Abigail Altizer  
Celine Castle  
Casey Dunham  
Kaden Gong  
Brenna Knox  
Jonah Lo  
Lucy Madron  
Marka Silverman

## LEVEL 1

Genevieve Castle  
Maya Doraiswamy  
Casey Dunham  
Ryan Gong  
Lucy Madron  
Kevin Miao  
Laurel Salvin  
Sandhya  
Viswanathan

## LEVEL 2

Parvathi  
Balakrishnan  
Genevieve Castle  
Avkaash Chevli  
Casey Dunham  
Alyssa Li  
Juliana Maceda  
Lucy Madron  
Freya Price  
Laurel Salvin  
Arthur Straus  
Annabelle Wei  
Keira Wynn

## LEVEL 3

Avila Blessing  
Alex Chen  
Sigrid Evers  
Aria Gill  
Charlotte Hoerter  
McKayla Hwang  
Richard Kim  
Daniel Maceda  
Juliana Maceda  
Tessa Mullins  
Annabelle Wei  
Alex Xu  
Brendon Yu

## LEVEL 4

Alex Chen  
Jens Hoffman  
Richard Kim  
Daniel Maceda  
Jasmine Sabol  
Elaine Zuo

## LEVEL 5

Max Brown  
Alex Chen  
Kieran Fake  
Jasmine Sabol  
Gabriela  
Salvador-Riera  
Cindy Tran  
Jonas Wahl

## LEVEL 6

Max Brown  
Alex Chen  
Kieran Fake  
Alex Norikane  
Gabriela  
Salvador-Riera

## LEVEL 7

Perryng Chang  
Noah Fake  
Eliza Heintzelman

Alex Norikane  
Gabriela  
Salvador-Riera

## LEVEL 8

Gil Hoffman  
Anagha Kapsi\*  
David Opong\*  
Grace Opong\*

## LEVEL 9

Ian Gaadt\*  
Anagha Kapsi\*

## LEVEL 10

Colette Cavazos\*  
Charlie Chian\*

## VIOLA TWINKLE

Sage Duarte  
Lindsay Dunham

## LEVEL 1

Sage Duarte  
Lindsay Dunham

## LEVEL 2

Sage Duarte  
Lindsay Dunham

Marcos  
Salvador-Riera  
Anna Schwichow  
Payton  
Smith-Holzbour

## LEVEL 3

Ani-Linh McCaskill  
Marcos  
Salvador-Riera  
Anna Schwichow

## LEVEL 4

Lucas Lauprasert  
Maria Oakley  
Shinnyom  
David Park

## LEVEL 5

Lucas Lauprasert  
Shinnyom  
David Park

## LEVEL 8

Caroline Ho\*  
Justin Xu\*

## LEVEL 9

Caleb Cavazos\*  
Caroline Ho\*

## LEVEL 12

Juliana Castillo\*

## LEVEL 13

Juliana Castillo\*  
Chris Dahlke\*

## CELO TWINKLE

Amir Abdelsalam  
Pascal Duarte  
Farren Tennant  
Sophia Zhou

## LEVEL 1

Benjamin  
Braddock  
Pascal Duarte

## LEVEL 3

Raphael Lo

## LEVEL 4

Joshua Bunitsky  
Ryan Dam  
Aila McCaskill

## LEVEL 5

Ryan Dam  
Aila McCaskill

## LEVEL 6

Elizabeth  
Cambron  
Curie Cha  
Tristan Price

## LEVEL 8

Maxine Chou

## PIANO TWINKLE

Rhys Dam  
Raphael Lo  
Grace Zhang  
Emily Zhou

## LEVEL 1

Joshua Bunitsky  
Freya Price  
Emily Zhou

## LEVEL 2

Tristan Price  
Caiden Sun  
Emily Zhou

\*Honors



# Spring Graduating SENIORS...

**Ruby Anderson**, piano (Lotus Cheng)  
**Amory Ashby**, voice (Joanne Ward)  
**Toby Bulk**, piano (Hiroko Yamazaki)  
**Tara Cain**, viola (Maria Rusu)  
**Daniel Chai**, piano (Lotus Cheng)  
**Claire Cho**, violin (Shelley Beard Santore)  
**Teresa Cucinotta**, voice (Colin Armstrong)  
**Chris Dahlke**, viola/piano (Shelley Beard Santore/Lotus Cheng)  
**Theresa Edwards**, composition (Christopher Braddock)  
**Maxwell Fennimore**, piano (Lotus Cheng)  
**Luke Foster**, voice (Augustine Mercante)  
**Audrey Fraser**, oboe (DYSO\*)  
**Patrick Hogan**, electric bass (Shane Aaserud)  
**Alexandra Jernakoff**, oboe (DYSO\*)  
**Andrea Kowal**, piano (Lotus Cheng)  
**Preeti Krishnamani**, clarinet (DYSO\*)  
**Sean Leshock**, horn (Kathryn Mehrtens/DYSO\*)  
**Jeffrey Lin**, cello (Eric Coyne/DYSO\*)  
**Katya Linton**, violin/piano (Genia Maslov/Lotus Cheng)  
**Jane Loney**, flute (Melinda Bowman)  
**Hannah Rash**, voice (Marybeth Miller)  
**Samuel Rauch**, bassoon (Amy Sterling)  
**Gwendolyn Ryan**, flute (DYSO\*)  
**Karina Stomberg**, voice/violin (Augustine Mercante/Kate Ransom)  
**Miranda Stomberg**, flute (Melinda Bowman)  
**Sahana Sundar**, violin (Lingchin Liao/DYSO\*)  
**Jessica Zhang**, piano (Liliya Maslov)  
**Lucas Zheng**, piano (Lotus Cheng)

\*DYSO - Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra

## ...become our celebrated ALUMNI



Alum **Conor McAvinue**, viola, performed *Two Pieces for viola and piano* by Frank Bridges with piano faculty **Liliya Maslov** at the *Awards & Alumni Recital* in Wilmington, May 2019.



Alum **Genevieve Hahn**, flute, performed *Fantasia for flute & piano on Themes from "Rigoletto," Op. 106* by Giulio Briccialdi with piano faculty **Lotus Cheng** at the *Awards & Alumni Recital* in Wilmington, May 2019.



Piano faculty members and alums **Lotus Cheng** (far left) and **Jennifer N. Campbell** (far right), performed with guest alums **Vivian Barton** (middle left), cello, and **Diane Pascal** (middle right), violin, at *Alumni All-Stars In Concert!*, November 2018.



# Alumni Events 2019-2020

Former students of the Music School span nearly a century—from those who graduated last spring to those who studied at the school long ago. Their lives are part of the story of our school.

Students who complete at least one full semester at the school are considered our alumni. Early Childhood Music participants, right up through to adults who formerly studied at the school, represent our vast body of former students. The enrichment they received at the Music School has influenced and contributed to their many roads in life.

## Comedy Night!

Friday, November 1, 2019 | 8:30–10:30pm  
Timothy's Riverfront Grill  
930 Justison Street, Wilmington • \$20

We're kicking Alumni Month off with a Comedy Night Fundraiser hosted by the Music School Alumni Association & Reactors Comedy Club! This event is open to the public, so bring your family, friends, and anyone you can think of! 50% of ticket sales will go to the Music School! \$20 per person (cash bar & food available). Doors open at 7:30pm.

## Fusion for a Cause 5K: Music & Brew Fest

Saturday, November 16, 2019 | 9am–1pm  
Bellevue State Park, 800 Carr Road, Wilmington  
Free/\$25

Race for a cause (like us!) or come to enjoy music and a brew! \$25 to race, registration/bib pickup at 9-9:45am, race begins at 10am. Music & Brew Fest from 10:30am to 1pm; open to the public, no cost to attend. Food and brewery tastings available for purchase; free for race participants!

## Alumni Happy Hour!

Thursday, November 21, 2019 | 5:30–7:30pm  
Lucky Strike Philadelphia  
1336 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia  
Free to alumni, faculty

Former Music School students and families are invited to gather with faculty and friends for an evening of reconnecting. Food and drinks provided. Our alumni are part of the story of our school, and we are excited to begin writing the next chapter.

Join our Alumni Association Facebook group for up-to-date alumni info:

[www.facebook.com/groups/musicschooldealum](https://www.facebook.com/groups/musicschooldealum)

Contact **Bradford Rush**, alumni relations officer, to reconnect and share your stories!  
[brush@musicschoolofdelaware.org](mailto:brush@musicschoolofdelaware.org) or (302) 762-1132 x 280



## 2019 All-Alumni Gathering

Friday, November 29, 2019 | 4:30–6:30pm  
Wilmington Brew Works  
3129 Miller Road, Wilmington  
Free to alumni, their families, faculty

Former Music School students and families are invited to gather with faculty and friends for an evening of reconnecting. Food and drinks provided. Our alumni are part of the story of our school, and we are excited to begin writing the next chapter.

## Awards and Alumni Recital —Rising Stars & Shining Stars

Monday, June 1, 2020 | 6:00pm

Presenting the next generations on the Music School stage. Merit scholarship award winners, certificate program recipients, and graduating seniors will be recognized at this special event. Both Merit scholars and Music School alums will perform on this recital. Free!







An Early Childhood Music Makers II graduate plays her piece at the **Early Childhood Graduation** in Wilmington, May 2019.



**Charlie Chian**, violin, and **Julia Marks**, cello, both regular members of the Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra, performed during the chamber music recital **Delaware Orchestral and Chamber Music Institute** summer, 2019.

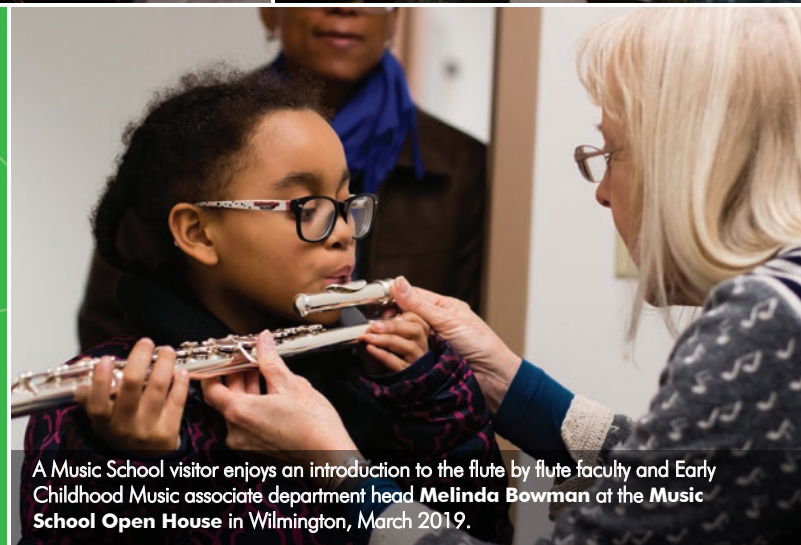


Early Childhood Music (EC) faculty **Marjie Ripsom** (right) demonstrating EC offerings at the **Music School Open House** in Wilmington, March 2019.



Trumpet faculty **Patrick Hoffman** demonstrates the instrument to a visitor at the **Music School Open House** in Milford, March 2019.

A place to  
*Be* a music  
explorer, learner,  
and grow!



A Music School visitor enjoys an introduction to the flute by flute faculty and Early Childhood Music associate department head **Melinda Bowman** at the **Music School Open House** in Wilmington, March 2019.



Adult students explore their musical passions with the support of expert faculty, participating in Achievement Week and recitals to further hone their craft. Flute student **Sandra Borrer** performed Germaine Tailleferre's *Pastorale* during the **Adult Student Recital** in Wilmington, January 2019.



Suzuki cello faculty **Jennifer Crowell Stomberg** gives **Abriannah** her first taste of the cello at **Jump Start Twinkles** in Wilmington, summer 2018.

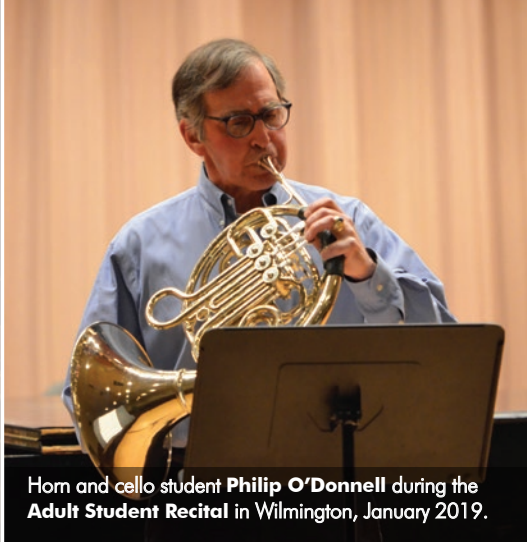


Summer is a great time for students to explore new instruments or deepen their skills. **Anna Schwichow** (left), **Caroline Ho** (front), **Payton Smith-Holzbaur** (back), and **Marcos Salvador-Riera** at **Youth String Camp**, summer 2018.





Musicianship and composition programs enhance a student's grasp of music. This year the first **Young Composer's Workshop** was led in Wilmington by musicianship/composition department head **Jennifer N. Campbell**. (L-R) **Maxwell Brown, Jalen Caesar, and Anagha Kapsi** shared their compositions in the concluding recital. Summer 2019.



Horn and cello student **Philip O'Donnell** during the **Adult Student Recital** in Wilmington, January 2019.



Nationally and internationally recognized artists present master classes at the Music School. Alum **Genna Hahn** received instruction from Yamaha Performing Artist **Leah Arsenault Barrick**, Assistant Principal Flute, National Symphony Orchestra, during **Flutefest!** in Wilmington, summer 2019.



The school's distinguished Suzuki Academy provides unique instruction for string students as young as 2½ years of age. Pictured (L-R): **Amir Abdelsalam, Raphael Lo, Benjamin Braddock, Caleb Kraus** (front), **Joshua Bunitsky, and Ryan Dam** participated in a cello group recital at the **Suzuki Academy Harvest Concert** in Wilmington, November 2019.

Being in the experience of music is a satisfaction anyone can enjoy.



The **Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra**, under the direction of **Simeone Tartaglione**, is an exceptional learning experience for advanced students accepted by audition. Pictured rehearsing in Wilmington, June 2019.



**The Studio: Rock, Jazz & Folk** offers many ways to explore non-classical genres. **Athena Ruhl** of the **Small Wonder Jazz Singers** performed at the **Open House** in Wilmington, March 2019.



**Carolyn Becker** performed with her teacher, cello faculty **Jennifer Crowell Stomberg**, at the **Adult Student Recital** in Wilmington, January 2019.



Oboe student **Gavin Durham** playing with woodwinds faculty **Robin Lamel Allen** on clarinet during the chamber music recital of the **Delaware Orchestral and Chamber Music Institute** in Wilmington, summer 2019.





Delaware Concerto Competition for Young Musicians 12 & under winner **Daniel Qi** is applauded by the **Wilmington Community Orchestra** and **Tiffany Lu**, music director, following his solo performance as part of the orchestra's concert *What Love Tells Me* in Wilmington, May 2019.



**Adult Cello Choir** members (L-R) **Teal Wintsch**, **Beatrice Webb**, **Brian Hanson**, **Philip O'Donnell**, **Patricia Ferich**, and director **Jennifer Stomberg**, cello faculty, performed at the **Adult Student Recital** in Wilmington, January 2019.



The Music School's **Delaware Women's Chorus**, **Cantabile Women's Chorus**, and **Small Wonder Jazz Singers** collaborated with **Nagoya Trio** and **Midnight Clear** at the **Holiday Gala Concert** at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Wilmington, December 2018.

Become musically inspired! Deepen your understanding and experience through performance.



Large and small ensembles provide excellent learning opportunities for developing artists. (L-R) **Charlie Chian**, violin, **Thomas Hsu**, piano, **Jeffrey Lin**, cello, performed *Mendelssohn's Piano Trio No. 2 in C Minor* at the **Chamber Music Concert** in Wilmington, December 2018.



(L-R) **Andrew Baker**, tuba, and **Stuart McCutchen**, trombone, played *Mozart's Jesu, Word of God Incarnate* with (not pictured) **Nikash Long**, trumpet, **Felicia Vitelli**, trumpet, **Erik Shute**, horn, and coach **Jay Snyder**, at the **Delaware Orchestral and Chamber Music Institute**, summer 2019.



Every year the **Opening Night Thank You Concert** showcases the excellence of Music School faculty and guest artists. **Christof Richter**, then string department head, and **Merideth Hite Estevez**, oboe faculty, performed *Bach's Concerto for oboe and violin in C Minor*, October 2018.





Music School violin/viola faculty **Lionel Thomas**, violin, (left) performed Stravinsky's *L'histoire du soldat* for violin, clarinet and piano with guest artists **Christopher Kraus**, piano, and **Samuel Schreiber**, clarinet, at **Spring Music Magic**, held in the Milford Branch Recital Hall, May 2019.



Pictured (L-R): guitar/The Studio: Rock, Jazz & Folk department head **Christopher Braddock**, electric bass guitar, **Mark Unruh**, guitar faculty, and **Gerard Theiler**, guest mandolin, performing at the annual **The Studio: Rock, Jazz, & Folk Faculty Concert** in Wilmington, February 2019.



**Delaware Concerto Competition for Young Musicians 16–18** winner **Maxine Chou**, cello, soloed with the **Wilmington Community Orchestra** during **What Love Tells Me**, May 2019.

A place for accomplished musicians and teachers to *Be* at home.



Directed by **Simeone Tartaglione** (pictured), the annual **Delaware Orchestral and Chamber Music Institute (DOCMI)** provides intermediate to advanced students exceptional instruction in performance as part of a large orchestra and small chamber group. Summer 2019.



**Wes Morton**, vibraphone, performed Piazzolla's *Oblivion* with cello faculty **Rowena Gutana** (not pictured) during **Magic in the Winds**, January 2019.



Early Childhood Music associate department head and flute faculty **Melinda Bowman** was honored during **Magic in the Winds** for her 25 years on faculty and for continued service to our community. She performed Beethoven's *Trio in G Major, WoO 37* for flute, cello, and piano at the event. January 2019.



Music School registrar and violin, viola, and jazz voice faculty **Maria Rusu** scatted through Clifford Brown's *Sandu* with piano accompaniment by jazz vocal ensembles director **Martin Lassman** during **An Evening of Sensational Singing** in Wilmington, April 2019.





Alums (L-R) **Lotus Cheng** (piano faculty), **Vivian Barton**, cello, **Jennifer N. Campbell** (musicianship/composition department head and piano faculty), and **Diane Pascal**, violin, came together for a special Alumni recital at the Wilmington Branch, November 2018.



Pictured (L-R): **Sarah Reisler**, piano, **Claire Cho**, violin, and **Zoe Yost**, viola & piano, perform together as a chamber music group coached by piano faculty **Constance Moore**. They played works by Chopin, Liszt, Gershwin, Bach, and Lachner at Penny's Garden lounge in Kendal-Crosslands Communities in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. May 2019.



Centennial council member **Dr. Clarence Faulcon** and piano faculty **Jacqueline Beach Faulcon** performed Louis Moreau Gottschalk's *The Banjo* among works by Schubert and Chopin during the **Martin Luther King, Jr. & Black History Month Tribute**, January 2019.

*Be involved,  
Be a listener,  
Be a performer!*

Student recitals  
Ensemble performances  
Open Mic Night  
Jam It! Acoustic Sessions  
Sing, play, or attend!



At the school's first **Open Mic Night Showcase Concert**, performers from previous open mics were highlighted. **String Theory**, a band based in Delaware and Pennsylvania who specialize in World folk music, performed. Member **Ken Sharp** (pictured) played both the accordion and the hammered dulcimer. December 2018.



At the **Holiday Gala Concert**, held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Wilmington, the **Small Wonder Jazz Singers** (pictured: (L-R) **Josh Cox**, **Sarah Welde**, **Keyzia DelCollo**, **Megan Horstead** (front), **Helen Subbio** (back), **Pamela Nichols**, **Martin Lassman** (director), **Caren Laiosa**, and (not pictured) **Laura Baltrusaitis**, **Jane Bordzol**, **John Fowler**, **Jane W. Luke**, **Noel Olson**, **Samuel Park**, **Peggy Sacher**, **Jay Williams**, **Sarah Winters**) performed with the **Delaware/Cantabile Women's Choruses**, **Nagoya Trio**, and **Midnight Clear**, December 2018.





Brandi Chavis sings *It's Only a Paper Moon* by Harold Arlen with Gerald Chavis and the Fast Lane Big Band (directed by Gerald Chavis) as part of the Cultural Crossroads concert *Sights, Sounds, and Flavors of the 1930s* in Wilmington, November 2018.



Cantabile Women's Chorus, directed by vocal department head Joanne Ward (bottom left) at the *Finding Our Voice: A Women's History Month Concert*. Pictured (top, L-R) Tiffany Walter, Marcia Windley, Angela Hazzard, Beverly Peltz, Judy Newton, Kathleen Shelly, Barbara Passikoff (middle, L-R) Christina Marcais, Carol Conroy, Lois Powell, Barbara Alushin, Linda Bell, Peg Naylor, SaraKate Hammer, Barbara DeIMastro (front, L-R) Eleanor Hodges, Ronnie Smith, Kay McFadden, Mary Makowski, Anita Gossett, Margaret Legates, Kathy Mirsky-Mennella. The concert was held to benefit People's Place in Milford, for women and young girls at risk. March 2019.



The Serafin String Quartet (pictured L-R: Lisa Vaupel, violin, Timothy Schwartz, viola, Lawrence Stomberg, cello, and Kate Ransom, violin) held their last performance at *Serafin String Quartet & Friends*, to benefit the Anthony G. Simmons Scholarship Fund and Annual Scholarships. May 2019.

Enrolled students come from 185 public and private schools, or are homeschoolers, or adults. Two main branches, five satellites, and over 20 outreach sites reach statewide, with regional impact. Nearly 90 expert artists and educators make up our faculty.



The Music School marked the 50th anniversary of Woodstock at the Cultural Crossroads event *Woodstock at 50*, featuring faculty performers, guest artists and groups, with beading and tie-dye workshops. Pictured are The Fuzaholics performing music by Sly and the Family Stone. April 2019.



Pictured (L-R): vocal faculty Augustine Mercante, countertenor, keyboard faculty Tracy Richardson, organ, and oboe faculty Lloyd Shorter, performed Bach's *Weinen, Klagen, Sorgen, Zagen, BWV 12* during *Baroque and Beyond*, held at First & Central Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, February 2019.



The Music School was honored to be invited to play at Nemours Mansion as part of the Night at Nemours Gala for cardiac research. A number of student chamber music groups participated. Pictured (L-R): David Opong, violin, Gil Hoffman, violin, Justin Xu, viola, and Elizabeth Cambron, cello, coached by Jennifer Crowell Stomberg, cello faculty. June 2019.





This year was the inaugural year of **Serafin Summer Music**—a new chamber music festival hosted by the Music School and **The University of Delaware Department of Music**. The event highlighted a range of works over 8 themed evenings, performed by 19 national artists. Pictured (L-R): **Hal Grossman**, violin; **Kate Ransom**, violin and president & CEO; **Mary Harris**, viola; **Amadi Azikiwe**, viola; **Guang Wang**, cello; and **Lawrence Stomberg**, cello and faculty. Summer 2019.



Every year the **Suzuki Flute Choir** (pictured) and the **Flute Choir** (directed by **Paula Nelson**, not pictured) perform at **Nemours Mansion** for the holiday season. (L-R): **Melinda Bowman**, conductor, **Ryan Langrehr**, **Addie Laster**, **Isabella Maceda**, **Andrea Field**, and **Phoebe Huffman**. December 2018.



Suzuki groups and the Cello Choir from the Music School participated in an outreach event at **Concord Mall** in **Wilmington**. Pictured (L-R): **Collin Quirk**, **Carolyn Becker**, **Jennifer Crowell Stomberg**, cello faculty and ensemble director, and **Brian Hanson** entertain a mall visitor. December 2018.

*Become* connected  
in the community

Collaborations, partnerships,  
and outreach extend the impact  
of the Music School to communities  
and neighborhoods throughout  
the region.



Pictured (L-R): **Claire Cho**, violin, **Sarah Reisler**, piano, and **Zoe Yost**, viola, perform **Ignaz Lachner's Trio for Violin, Viola and Piano in Eb Major** for residents at **Kendal-Crosslands Communities** in **Kennett Square**. May 2019.



**David Schelat**, organ faculty, performed his composition **Four Chapters in D for Organ** on the spectacular **Gabriel Kney organ** at **First & Central Presbyterian Church**, during **Baroque and Beyond**, February 2019.



In partnership with the **Delaware Art Museum**, The Music School of Delaware hosted a **jazz piano workshop** by **Danny Green**, March 2019.



# COLLABORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS & Outreach

*Adept and experienced at partnerships and collaboration, the Music School embraces diversity and fosters cooperative efforts with other arts organizations, performing artists, businesses, public and private schools, and daycare centers.*

11th Annual Spiritual Festival  
Aldersgate Preschool  
Appoquinimink Community Library  
Arden Gild Hall  
Artisans' Bank  
Artspace Lansdowne  
Avenue Preschool  
Avenue United Methodist Church  
Baltz Elementary  
Bayhealth Medical Center  
Beach Time Distillery  
Bellefonte Arts Festival  
Biggs Museum of American Art  
Brandywine Brass  
Brandywine Hundred Library  
Brandywine School District  
Bridgeville Library  
Buccini/Pollin Group  
Bug & Bud Festival, Milford  
Cab Calloway  
Capital School District, Dover  
Carroll Violins  
Chicky's Pizza Pub  
Children First Preschool  
Chinese American CC  
Chris Fiore, cello  
Christ Episcopal Church  
Chung Park, violin/viola  
Coastal Concerts  
Community Living Center,

Wilmington VAMC  
Cool Springs Park  
M & M and Friends Concert  
Crosslands  
CSC  
Danny Green and the Danny Green Trio  
David Amado, DSO director  
Days in Old New Castle  
DE State Music Teachers Association  
Delaware American Choral Directors Association  
Delaware Art Museum  
Delaware Arts Conference  
Delaware Children's Museum  
Delaware Division of the Arts  
Delaware History Society  
Delaware Hospice  
Delaware Jazz Alliance  
Delaware Libraries Performers Showcase & Expo  
Delaware Music Educators Association  
Delaware Symphony Orchestra  
Delaware Vocal Jazz Honors Choir  
Diane Pascal, violin  
Dolce Bakery  
Domenic Salerni, violin  
Downtown Milford, Inc.

Early Years Program – Red Clay  
Ebenezer United Methodist Church  
Eileen Grycky, flute  
Emlyn Ngai, violin  
First Alliance Church  
Fuzaholics  
Gerald Chavis and the Fast Lane Big Band  
Groome United Methodist Church  
Hana Morford, violin/viola  
Hannah Doucette, violin  
Harrington Heritage Day  
Harrington Library  
Highmark Delaware  
In Wilmington  
JacksonImmuno Research Laboratories  
Jacob Ertl, piano  
Jacobs Music Company  
Jennifer Koh, violin  
Jessica Meyer, violin  
Joan Kryzwicki, piano  
Jose Cueto, violin  
Kent County Fund for the Arts  
Kind Mind Kids  
Leah Arsenault Barrick, flute  
Luigi Mazzocchi, violin  
M&T Bank  
Madhu Nanduri, sitar, and Ratnakar Nawathe, tabla  
Maris Grove  
Mark Detwiler, visual artist  
Martin Beech, violin  
Mary Campbell Center  
Matthew Brower, piano  
Milford Chamber of Commerce  
Milford Farmers Market  
Milford Holiday Stroll  
Milford Light Up The River  
Milford Parks & Recreation  
Milford Riverwalk Freedom Festival  
Milford Super Senator Day  
Milton Downing, visual artist  
Milton Library  
Montessori Learning Center  
Nemours Mansion

Our Early Childhood outreach, alone, delivers weekly music instruction to over 1,000 children.

New Castle County Council  
Newark Symphony Chamber Orchestra  
Pacem In Terris, visual exhibition  
PAM Rehab Hospital  
People's Place  
Philanthropic Educational Organization  
Rafael Videira, violin/viola  
Raye Avery Jones, voice  
Robert Durso, piano  
Rockwood Museum  
Ross Beauchamp, cello  
Salesianum School  
Sarah F. Gallagher, visual artist  
Serafin Ensemble  
Southern Delaware Chorale  
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St. David's Episcopal Day School  
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St. Mary's Preschool  
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
Summer in the Parks  
Sunset Woods Music  
Tal Schifer, violin  
The Brandywiners, Ltd.  
The DaySchool for Children

The Kenny Family Foundation  
The Laffey-McHugh Foundation  
The Presser Foundation  
The Sallie Mae Fund  
Timothy Deighton, violin/viola  
Tom Kraines, cello  
Union Park Gardens  
Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek  
Unitarian Universalists of Southern DE  
Victor Asuncion, piano  
Vivian Barton, cello  
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Board members (L-R) **Stephen Mazur**, **Kate M. Ransom** (non-voting, president & CEO), **Lawrence Hamermesh**, **John du Pont**, **Veronica Eid**, and **Mary Jo Anderson** at the Opening Night: A Thank You Concert, October 2018.

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*Supporting faculty and families*

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# CENTENNIAL & STRATEGIC Planning



The Music School of Delaware has embarked on an ambitious Vision 2025 to celebrate the school's 100th anniversary as a well-respected regional force. This "Centennial Campaign" incorporates six central initiatives: Programs & Quality, Facilities & Equipment, Technology & Communications, Leadership Development, and Fiscal Health. The 2019-2021 Strategic Plan, approved by the Board of Directors in March 2019, charts our path forward.

Recognizing that accomplishing these goals requires strategic thinking and execution, the Board engaged The Detwiler Group to facilitate crafting the new plan. It reflects insights, perspectives, and input from the board, staff, faculty, and families of the school.

Continuing visioning sessions with board, faculty, staff, and community members providing ongoing input. A Centennial Planning Task Force helped select interview participants with key constituents. Additional input was obtained via email and telephone. Music School supporters, alumni, students, families, and employees were asked to complete a survey, to which 470 individuals responded.

The 2019-2021 plans include substantial work, led by staff and board, that builds on the successes of the prior plan.

In November 2019, the next Board of Directors retreat will further strategize regarding the priorities and goals, both immediate and long-term.

## GRANT SUPPORT for all initiatives

Time-honored funders endorse the work of the Music School through their generous support for general operations and capital and program initiatives.

**ArtCo, Inc.:**

*General operating*

**Brandywiners:**

*General operating*

**ChiChester duPont:**

*M.E.L.O.D.Y. program*

**City of Wilmington:**

*Early Childhood Music programs*

**Crystal Trust:**

*Capital Improvements*

**Delaware**

**Community Foundation:**

*Roof/Capital improvements*

**Delaware Division of the Arts:**

*General operating*

**Kenny Family Foundation:**

*Delaware Orchestral & Chamber Music Institute (DOCMI)*

**Kent County Fund for the Arts:**

*Capital School District programs*

**Laffey-McHugh Foundation:**

*Financial Aid*

**Longwood Foundation, Inc.:**

*General operating/Capacity building*

**Marmot Foundation:**

*Capital improvements*

**M&T Bank:**

*M.E.L.O.D.Y. program*

**The Presser Foundation:**

*General operating*

**The Sallie Mae Fund:**

*Financial Aid*

**Wegmans Food Markets:**

*DOCMI*

**WSFS:**

*Early Childhood Music programs*



# CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN GOALS 2025

Preparing for the Next 100 years

## OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIPS GOALS

Annual Fund and Scholarships Goal by 2025 (\$450,000 by 2019; \$500,000 by 2020)	\$750,000 Annually
Operations Cash Reserve Fund Goal by 2025 (4 months of operating cash)	\$750,000 Annually

## CAPITAL PROJECT GOALS

Renovate Concert Hall and Lobby	\$5 million by 2021
Instruments and Equipment (stands, chairs, pianos, etc.)	\$300,000 by 2020
Music Library (in process)	\$175,000 by 2022
Downstate Facilities (10-year lease; renovation complete) for Increased Programs / Enrollment	Completed October 2017
Complete funding for new wing	Completed May 2015

## ENDOWMENTS AND RESTRICTED FUND GOALS

Endowed Faculty Chairs (Named Funds)	\$4 million by 2025
Financial Aid and Scholarship Endowments (Named Funds)	\$4 million by 2025
Board Restricted Endowment for General Operations	\$2 million by 2025
Instrument Maintenance Fund	\$500,000 by 2025
Ensembles	\$500,000 by 2025
Performance Series and Outreach Performance Fund	\$1 million by 2025
Technology Fund	\$500,000 by 2025

## PLANNED GIVING GOALS

100 letters of intent by 2025 (20 commitments by 2020)	12 confirmed in 2019
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**TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECTS/ENDOWMENTS** **\$15 MILLION BY 2025**  
**STRETCH GOAL** **\$20 MILLION BY 2025**

Approved by the Board of Directors, March 26, 2019



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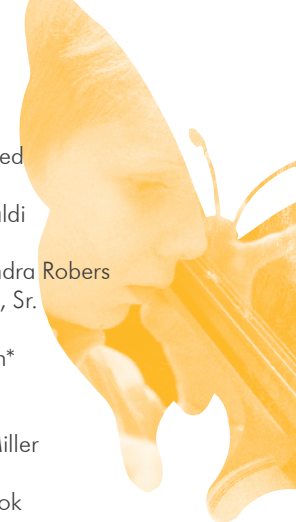
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Board member, Centennial Council member, and Legacy for Music Society member Dr. Bruce Dittmar with wife Barbara Dittmar at the Music School Open House in Wilmington, Fall 2019. Both participate in school programs.



Centennial Council member and current piano student Dr. Diana Metzger participated in the Art Deco workshop during the Cultural Crossroads event *Sights, Sounds, and Flavors of the 1930s* in Wilmington, November 2018.





# LONGWOOD CHALLENGE 2018-2019

*Current & former families, pacesetters: a growing support base*

As a condition of a very generous grant from the Longwood Foundation, we have been tasked with achieving specific financial benchmarks over a two-year span, as set forth in the Longwood Foundation Challenge.

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2018-19 BENCHMARK	GOAL	RAISED/SECURED
Current students/families	\$25,000	\$30,312
Former students/families (Alumni)	\$10,000	\$39,284
Pacesetters (\$5k and up)	\$15,000	\$58,281
“Legacy” commitments (bequest intent)	10	12

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This is year 2 of the Longwood Challenge. We need your help to meet it!

**New** and/or **increased** gifts made by June 30, 2020, qualify in these categories:

2019-20 BENCHMARK	GOAL
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Pacesetters (\$5k and up)	\$15,000
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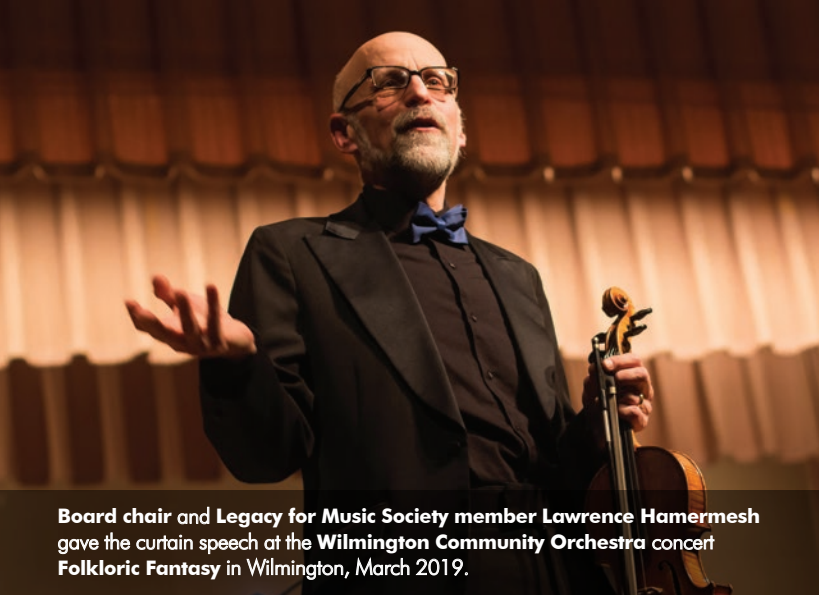
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To join the Legacy for Music Society, please contact Troy Nuss, Development Officer, at (302) 762-1132 ext. 110, or email [tnuss@musicsofdelaware.org](mailto:tnuss@musicsofdelaware.org).*

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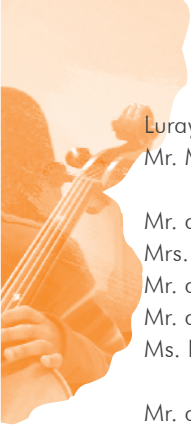
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Pictured (L-R): Early Childhood department head **Melinda Oriani** and Early Childhood faculty **Jennifer Wagner** and **Marjie Ripsom**, reunited with **Patricia Reed**, former EC faculty, at the **Early Childhood Reunion & Ice Cream Social, May 2019.**





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Enduring organizations inevitably outlast their greatest friends and supporters. Each year, the Music School bids farewell to those who have passed, and we recognize their absence and the loss to our community. Family, friends, and associates often choose to pay tribute with a donation that honors the memory of the deceased. We offer our condolences and sympathies to those closest to these individuals, with gratitude for the loving tribute gifts, in memoriam.

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## WILLIAM J. STEGEMAN

Jan. 26, 1942 – Oct. 13, 2019

Sometimes, an individual impacts an organization so profoundly that it is hard to find words to pay adequate tribute. Such a person was Dr. William Jackson Stegeman, who died on October 13, 2019.

A modest man of grace and humility, Bill was deeply devoted to his family (often bringing his grandson, Andrew, to concerts with him), to advancing his company (Jackson ImmunoResearch Laboratory, which he built from the ground up to become a multinational leader), and to community (giving generously to many initiatives, especially for health, wellness, and the arts). His adventuresome spirit and love of the outdoors led him to bike, tour, and scuba dive in locations around the world, often with his son. He had an indomitable spirit and a loving heart—appreciating people from all walks of life for “who they are.”

Bill was a Music School grandparent, adult student, and volunteer. In his early sixties, he took up the violin (studying with Kate Ransom) and continued until only recently when he was no longer able to play. He also dabbled with voice, viola, double bass, and mandolin. He loved, equally, the music of J. S. Bach and Irish tunes, and frequented chamber music and orchestra performances.

Bill’s philanthropy to the Music School has been unmatched—he is the single most generous donor to the school in its history. He had the financial ability to make sizeable donations, thanks to his business success, but also a desire to “share back” what he perceived as his “good fortune.”

In his heart of hearts, Bill wished that everyone, especially every young child, could discover and experience the many benefits and the sheer joy of music-making. He served actively for six years on the school’s Board of Directors and recently re-joined for a new term. He is a member of the school’s Centennial Council.

As a visionary leader whose donations to the school have been transformative, Bill’s mentorship, kindness, gentleness, and generosity inspired all who knew him.

Bill Stegeman will be remembered for his legacy of service, leadership, and philanthropy, which continue to inspire us as we look to the future.



## DR. CLARENCE FAULCON

Early this fall the Music School and the community at large lost a dear and devoted friend, Dr. Clarence Faulcon. He was the husband and life-partner of our esteemed and long-time faculty member Jacqueline Beach Faulcon (piano and voice). Clarence was a frequent presence on the Music School stage – virtually every year he performed with Jacqueline in the Martin Luther King, Jr. & Black History Month Tribute concert, as well as in other concerts at the school. He was a proponent of “the arts for all” and contributed to the causes of unity, peace, and community-building in countless ways over his long and productive life. Clarence will be remembered at the Music School always with love and respect.

## CATHERINE F. HANKE

Our dear friend and long-time supporter Catherine F. Hanke (“Cappy”) passed away on September 14, 2019, at the age of 102. Music was central to Cappy’s life. She studied piano as a child and became a professional concert pianist. Although she did not continue professional playing after marriage and children, she continued to play for her church in Wilmington and other organizations. Cappy was an avid supporter of the Music School and served on the Board of Directors from 1963 to 1992, continuing as an honorary board member into her nineties. Her love of music motivated all of her children to study music and one of them to pursue a career as a clinical music therapist. Cappy will be remembered at our May faculty concert, which features members of the school’s piano faculty.



## PHILIP B. WEYMOUTH

Philip was a quiet, behind-the-scenes volunteer and philanthropist. He was also a principal partner at the school’s longtime insurance provider, Weymouth, Swayze & Corroon. Philip and Peggy Weymouth gave very generously to the school both personally and through the Ederic Foundation. Philip loved music and was always available to provide his input, guidance, and supportive perspective. Philip Weymouth was memorialized at the school’s choral concert An Evening of Sensational Singing, Spring 2018.



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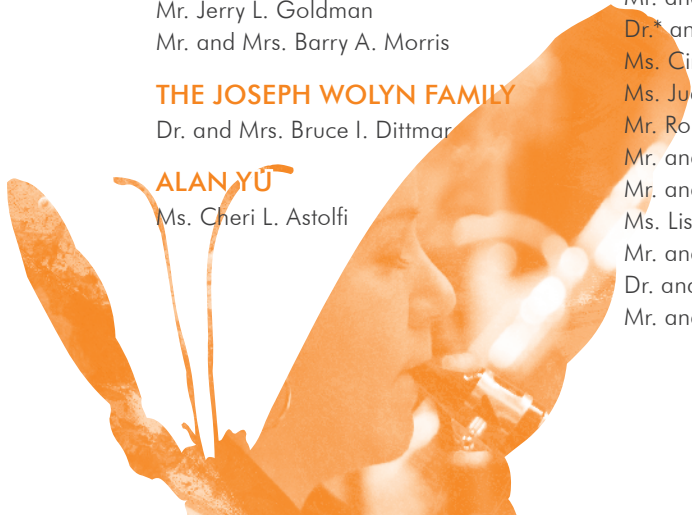
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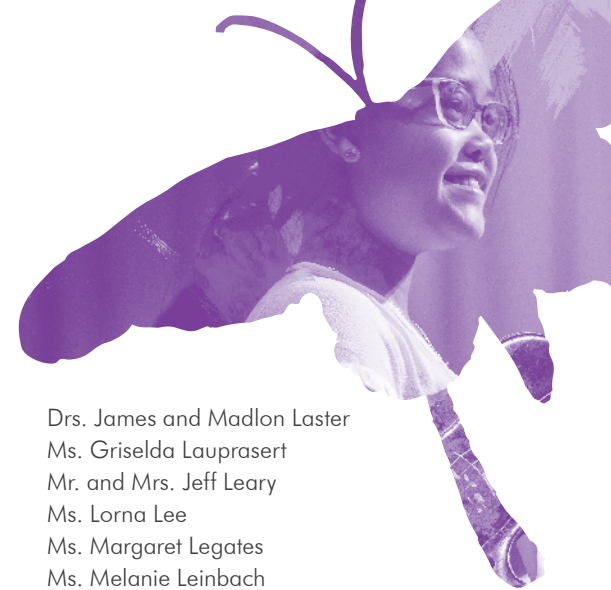
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