

November 2022



Change is EVERYWHERE—Kevin Peterson

After two years of no recitals, online lessons, and covid restrictions, the last few months have seen some amazing developments for us. .

This spring we held our first fundraising concert in three years; this summer, we held our first ever music camp. And this fall, five years after we became an official non-profit, we made another change: having now celebrated over five years at Spanaway Lutheran Church, Jump Into Music is beyond excited to grow by add second location!

Starting in January 2023, we will offer lessons at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Northeast Tacoma, near Federal Way. Pastor Karen Olson of Resurrection Lutheran, along with their whole church council, is elated to partner with us to reach even more kids and youth to make sure that everyone can benefit from the joy of music. If you know anyone in northeast Tacoma who would make a great music teacher, please let us know! We hope to start accepting students in December to begin music lessons in January.



This expansion will enable students in the Northeast Tacoma area will have access the same quality music lessons as our students in Spanaway.

We will start taking student applications in December via our web-site. If you know a music teacher that is interested in teaching in that area, have them contact us at via email at: info@jumpintomusic.org.

We look forward to meeting our new students and faculty!

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2022 Annual Report—Kevin Peterson, Treasurer

Jump Into Music closed its 2022 fiscal year at the end of August in a fantastic position, thanks in large part to the incredible generosity of donors like you! We received a whopping \$9,440 in donations from individual donors, far and away a record year for us. THANK YOU for your amazing contributions! This included over \$1,000 in donations from our spring fundraiser recital with performances by staff and board members, our first such recital in three years due to pandemic restrictions.

We are also very grateful to the Washington State Arts Commission and the Pierce County Arts Commission, both of whom gave us generous grants this year to use towards both our private lessons and our first-ever Percussion Day Camp this summer. Thanks to all of you and our amazing partners, Jump Into Music was able to finish this fiscal year with over \$2,000 in the black, which we will use to help us expand to offer lessons at a new location in northeast Tacoma. As the pandemic has taught us, life is too short to not live our lives to the fullest, and we are grateful as always for all the ways in which you contribute to Jump Into Music's viability and mission, allowing every child and youth the opportunity to experience the joy of music.

Spring Student Recital:

Congratulations to all of our students! We celebrated the end of the school year in June with a student recital featuring all of our percussion and piano students and the hard work and dedication they've put in to practicing their instruments this year. Well done and bravo!



Save the Dates:



**Hold the applause
(but give us a hand)
on Giving Tuesday,
November 29th, 2022.**



**Student Winter Recital
Sunday, December 11th
3:00 pm
Spanaway Lutheran Church**

Percussion Camp A Hit!—Cheryl Drewes

Thirteen children, 5th through 11th grade, participated in our first ever summer camp, a three-day program held on August 11-13, from 9:00-3:00. It was wonderful to watch the kids grow in musicianship and confidence as they did a deep dive into the world of percussion.

Guided by our amazing teachers, Storm Benjamin, Matthew Kusche, and Rebekah Ko, the campers broadened their knowledge of complex rhythm and melody, developed their technique, and had opportunity to practice and perform on orchestral, jazz, and ethnic instruments including marimba, xylophone, drum set, djembe, and numerous auxiliary instruments.

Collaboration was an important part of the experience, and the kids worked in small groups to create and prepare original compositions. As well, the whole group, as a percussion ensemble, worked diligently on “Rolling in the Deep,” by the singer-songwriter, Adele, which was especially arranged for the camp by Benjamin Storm. The children performed these works for their families in the closing concert. It was truly an amazing three days for all the reasons we hoped it would be. We are deeply grateful for your support, for it is with your generous donations that we were able to offer such a meaningful program. The children came as campers, and after three days of enthusiastic music mentoring in community, they left as friends.

Thank you to the kids who signed up for our first ever Summer Percussion Camp. Thank you Recreate Percussion for partnering with us this summer. And thank you to the Pierce County Arts Commission, Arts Washington, and our generous donors for helping us make our first summer music camp happen!





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To give every child the opportunity to nurture their innate musical abilities, guided by enthusiastic and compassionate teachers, without regard to financial circumstance or demographics, empowering each child to be a positive influence in the world.