



From the President:

Two months ago, on September 21st, Jump Into Music celebrated our eighth birthday! As we look towards almost a decade of bringing the joy of music to our communities, we could not be more grateful for your on-going support of our mission and for the students whose lives we have transformed. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Our fiscal year closed on August 31st, and we are pleased to report on the success of our new location in Northeast Tacoma. Resurrection Lutheran Church, its members, and especially its pastor, Rev. Karen Olson, have been gracious hosts and partners in opening our first new location, something we've been dreaming of for years. Currently we have two piano teachers, and are hoping to add drums/percussion and guitar teachers in the coming months.

Meanwhile, our Spanaway location is still going strong, and we now offer trumpet and flute lessons in addition to piano, guitar, and percussion. Another incredible accomplishment this last year was our second annual summer percussion day camp, which you can read more about on the following page. We are so grateful for our partnership with Seattle Percussion Works for making this exciting week come together.

November is always a time to give thanks, and while we are so grateful for you, our donors and supporters, we especially want to give thanks for the incredible gift of music in our lives, and even more for the amazing young people we have the privilege of interacting with every week. Seeing the growth, the smiles, the laughter, the grit, the confidence, and the joy music brings to them is why we persist in our mission, all made possible by you.

Jump Into Music Offers:

Piano (Spanaway and NE Tacoma), Guitar (Spanaway), Flute (Spanaway), Percussion (Spanaway) and Trumpet (Spanaway).

Thanks to our great instructors who give so much time and energy to their students.

For information on lessons, email us at info@jumpintomusic.org

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Cheryl Drewes
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Guitar

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Trumpet

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Flute

Browns Point Location:

Yoon Kim
Piano

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Piano

We are currently seeking a Percussion and Guitar Instructors for NE Tacoma. If you know someone who might be interested, please have them contact us at info@jumpintomusic.org.

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Why this season, more than ever we need your support!

I was 10 years old when I first picked up a flute. Like many kids, my parents encouraged me, and even paid for private lessons. I'm so grateful that I was able to take lessons and learn how to play the flute as a child. It taught me the value of practice and commitment—and the music gave me joy. Today, I still play it today in the worship band at my church.

Several years ago, I became a board member of Jump into Music, because I know the difference music makes in my life, and I want to be a part of spreading that joy to others in our community. This organization is so important to me because it gives kids an opportunity to take music lessons who otherwise might not be able to afford it.

Please consider giving to Jump into Music or to any cause that is near and dear to your heart this Giving Tuesday (November 28th). This day of generosity was created to encourage people to do good and support their community. To donate to Jump into Music go to our website: www.jumpintomusic.org/support. Thank you!

*Gratefully,
Joan Koehler, Board Member*

Joan is right. The gift of music lessons means so much to those kids (and their families) who have no way to pay for lessons. And this year we have SO much to be grateful for: we are offering lessons in two locations. We have several new teachers on staff so we can teach more instruments than ever before. And we have **ambitious plans** to expand our Summer Percussion Camp in 2024.

None of what we accomplished or dream of is possible without YOU!

So this year, we hope you will help us continue our mission by making a generous gift. There are several ways to give!

1. Make a **one time on-line gift** via our website by going to www.jumpintomusic.org and clicking on SUPPORT.
2. Use the **enclosed envelope** to mail your gift.
3. Instead of making a ONE TIME gift, **sponsor one lesson a month** for a child with your pledge of \$25 a month. OR, even a gift of \$10 a month, to help us support free lessons for our students!
4. If you are following us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/JumpIntoMusic>), **share our posts** and consider asking your friends to make a gift to Jump Into Music!
5. Help us reach more people by **sharing this newsletter** with a friend!

May you and your family have a beautiful and blessed holiday season! And thank you in advance for your support!



Student Winter Recital
Sunday, December 17th
3:30 pm
Spanaway Lutheran Church



Hold the applause
(but give us a hand)
on Giving Tuesday,
November 28th, 2023.

Percussion Camp a Success!

This last summer we held our second annual summer percussion camp! This year we partnered with Seattle Percussion Works, led by Storm Benjamin and supported by Rose Martin and Jonathan Rodriguez. Camp was again made possible by donors like you, along with a very generous grant from the Pierce County Arts Commissions.

This year we had ten participants in grades 6-12, who had three full days of music-making with our college-educated professional artists and educators at no cost!

We had several returning students who were excited to come back, and all participants this year would like to return to another percussion camp with us again next year. In fact, they had so much fun they would like it to be longer—a full week!

Camp participants learned to play orchestral marimbas, drums, and handheld percussion instruments during group lessons and individual coaching, and even made their own instruments. By the end of camp students were holding their own rehearsals and actively encouraging and uplifting each other, which was wonderful to see.

Vivienne, an eighth grader who participated in camp this year and last year, has this to say: *“This year’s camp had some new leaders, new styles of music, and new kids. My favorite parts of camp were learning new styles and forms of music, getting to play new instruments (marimba and vibraphone), and making music with everyday objects. I like how the forms of music change every year and give people a great way to explore new genres. This camp was so fun and inspiring. I believe that even though the camp is small in size, it just gives the campers and leaders better chances for one-on-one lessons. The camp was creative and such a good way to make friends. I definitely want to go again next year.”*

Many people came together to make this week happen: Our teachers, Storm, Jonathan, and Rose, were hands on every day. Major planning and administrative support was supplied by Cheryl Drewes, piano teacher and founder of Jump Into Music. Funding was graciously covered by the Pierce County Arts Commission, and all of our individual donors. Final thanks, of course, goes to our students and their families for signing up, showing up, and being the inspiration to keep making this happen in the years to come!

The final concert was a great success! You can see more photos and videos posted on our website at www.jumpintomusic.org/videos.





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Our Mission:

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.