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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.



Stepping Stones

Board Chair—Cheryl Drewes

Jump Into Music has clearly been blessed from the beginning. In 2012, a few of us set out to develop a program which provides private music lessons on a sliding scale to children in need. We were driven by the conviction that *all* children deserve the opportunity to discover the joy of music as a lifelong pursuit.

Who knew back then where we would be ten years later? But we simply had to try, in joy and gratitude, to bring Jump Into Music from dream to reality, one step at a time. It has been quite a journey, and looking back on this ten year anniversary, we are deeply grateful to each of you for your financial support and words of encouragement, especially during the pandemic with its myriad challenges. You have provided us with the stepping stones to reach children like Alina, an eighth grader who, having learned piano basics with a computer app, wants to go further under the guidance of a teacher.

On December 12th, we had our first in-person student recital since the pandemic began. What a joy to hear our students perform in front of a live audience of their proud parents and families! After almost two years of pandemic challenges, it appeared that each child had discovered some stepping stones of their own. Guided along those stepping stones by their teachers and parents, the young performers found poise and artistry. At the lesson following each student recital, I always ask my students how they thought it went. Did they feel confident, nervous, excited? What did they do to keep themselves in the moment with the music?

In considering all of those questions, one fourth-grade student, Rachele, told me that when it is time to perform, she lets go of all her worries, so she can simply focus on the music. If music is metaphor for a life well lived, Rachele has discovered a significant stepping stone to guide her in an increasingly complicated world. **We are deeply grateful to you for helping her and others along the way.** Thank you for supporting Jump Into Music!

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Sharing Joy

I am not a musician. I can tinker around on a piano, and I sing (sort of) in my church choir, but make no mistake, I am not the performer that the world has been waiting for. And that's okay. Because I enjoy music anyway. In the car, I turn up the stereo and sing along with some of my favorite tunes, and that is "performance" enough for me.

I was so disappointed that I could not attend our December Student Recital. Seeing and hearing the next generation of musicians perform always gives me joy. But we have a joy-filled spring coming up: In May we will be participating in Washington GiveBIG for the first time, and in June, we will have our Spring Student Recital.

AND after a two year delay . . . Our Annual Benefit Concert will return! When the pandemic happened, we were weeks away from our "From Barcelona to Buenos Aires" concert. Rehearsals were underway, posters and invitations had been printed, and everyone was anticipating a great afternoon of Spanish influenced music. Then, everything changed.

Now, two years later (better late than never, right?) we are inviting you to join us, Sunday, May 22, at Spanaway Lutheran Church for an afternoon of great music. Get your calendar out now, and circle that date, because we want to see you there. And we hope you bring your friends. Because our musician/instructors are ready to show off a little bit. And I promise—I won't be singing along.

In the meantime, check out our website www.jumpintomusic.org and if you don't already, follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/JumpIntoMusic/. There you will find updates and photos, and the occasional video from a student's lesson, as we continue to share the joy music can provide us all.



Save these Dates!

GiveBIG WA: May 3-4

From Barcelona to Buenos Aires: May 22

Student Recital: June 12

Treasurer: Kevin Petersen
Thank You!

Thank you and congratulations to all of our students on a wonderful recital! On December 12th we were all able to gather at Spanaway Lutheran Church for our first in-person recital since this same time two years ago. The fall student recital featured performances by two percussionists and five pianists, all of whom played beautifully, and several even played some Christmas music! We also featured percussion teacher Matthew and pianist and board treasurer Kevin on a duet of "Mary, Did You Know," and the recital was capped off with organist, piano teacher, and board president Cheryl playing her own playing her own organ composition, "Toccata on A Mighty Fortress." While we did not feel it was safe to mix and mingle for a reception afterwards, each student went home with a goodie bag of chocolate, cookies, and fudge. Bravo to all of our student musicians! We look forward to hearing you all again at our spring recital on June 12th.



As we come out of this season of giving all of us at Jump Into Music wish to express our deep, heartfelt gratitude to each of you for supporting our students and their desire to make music part of their lives. Each gift you gave supported music lessons for our students and will help us grow back to our pre-pandemic student load and beyond. With your generous support we raised just shy of \$1,000 this holiday season from individual donations alone, which is enough to offset the costs of weekly music lessons for two students for an entire school year!

Jump Into Music is also very excited to announce that we are once again a recipient of the ArtsWA grant from the State of Washington. The Washington State Arts Commission's incredible gift of \$1,400 will provide us the support we need as we grow Jump Into Music. We anticipate offering music lessons on several more instruments over the next year and growing the program to include many more student musicians; we are also considering some summer programming as well.

As always, we are so grateful to each and every one of you for your continued support of Jump Into Music and our incredible musicians. Your gift directly impacts the lives of our children and nurtures their innate musical gifts. **Thank you for making a difference in their lives and making the joy of music accessible to all.**

