

# MUSIC FOR MINORS II

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For Every Child a Time to Sing!

## October Highlights

**Back to MFMI Night**

October 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

Niles Elementary School, Fremont

**Macy's Shop for a Cause**

October 16

## November Highlights

**Docent Training Graduation**

11:00 am ohlone

8:30 pm Castro Valley

I had the privilege of helping to represent Music for Minors II in our booth at **Summerfest** in Newark in July and the **Castro Valley Fall Festival** this past weekend. At both events it was so inspiring to talk with interested parents, grandparents and community members about our wonderful program and to see the enthusiasm of the children who stopped by to try out the instruments.

In Castro Valley I shared the booth for a short time with **Shalita Murdock** who was a **docent** two years ago. During the year her job took her to a location that was beyond what would be considered a reasonable commute, and it seemed she would have to discontinue her work with the students. But she didn't quit. Instead, she worked it out with her employer to take an extra long lunch hour and extend her day on Music for Minors II day, so she was able to complete the year with her class. It was *that* important to her! She shared some pictures of the first graders she worked with, and from the smiles on their faces, I know it was worth it to this wonderful, dedicated **docent**. Her smile was broad and her eyes sparkled as she told me she is coming back to **docent** this year! Great news!

This is one story, and I know there are many more, of the dedication and love of music and children in the hearts of our **docents**. To each and every **docent** – THANK YOU for the gift you are giving. I'm excited for the beginning of a new year of Music for Minors II! **Welcome back!**

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## President's Message

Virginia Williamson, Board President

**Welcome back!** Music for Minors II welcomes the beginning of another exciting year of bringing the gift of music to children! We welcome the involvement of the many new docents who are joining us this fall, and we look forward to seeing the familiar faces of returning docents and the many supporters who help to make this program successful!

# Calendar of Events

September 8 to November 17	Docent Training Classes	Mon.& Wed.	9:30 - 11:45 am	Ohlone College, Bldg.2, Rm.2125 (new Location)
		Mon.& Wed.	7:00 - 9:00pm	Proctor School Art Center, Redwood Rd., Castro Valley Adult School
October 5	<b>BACK TO MFMII NIGHT</b>		7:00 pm	Niles Elementary School, Fremont
October 16	<b>Macy's Shop for a Cause</b>			Newpark Mall. Prizes, Raffle MFMII Receives 100% from each \$5 coupon sold
October 21	<b>MFMII Board Meeting</b>		7:00 pm	Carol Zilli's home in Fremont
November 17	<b>Docent Training Graduations</b>		11:00 am	Ohlone
December	<b>HOLIDAY LUNCHEON</b>		8:30 pm	Castro Valley
			11:30 - 1:30 pm	TBA
January 13	<b>Charlotte Diamond Workshop</b>		7:00 - 9:00 pm	TBA

More exciting events to come include a Charlotte Diamond Concert in March of 2011!

## Yahoo Group for MFMII docents

Are you a member of our Yahoo group ("music4minors2")? If not, you're missing out! Stay in touch with other MFMII docents - share ideas and be inspired! Keep up-to-date with current MFMII events! And so much more!

Membership is by invitation only. If you would like to join, please email [lynette\\_pang@yahoo.com](mailto:lynette_pang@yahoo.com) with your Yahoo ID. To register for a Yahoo ID, simply go to <http://www.yahoo.com/> and then click on "Sign Up".

**YAHOO! GROUPS**



# Executive Director's Notes

Carol Zilli, Executive Director

WELCOME BACK, wonderful volunteers and MFMII staff! As MFMII begins its 23<sup>rd</sup> year of service to children in the East Bay, we continue to face challenges given the severe cutbacks in arts education in our schools. To think that children will not have music in their classrooms is contrary to all that is healthy and nurturing for children as they develop into our future leaders of tomorrow.



Brain research confirms how music promotes learning and activates our left and right sides of the brain simultaneously resulting in an

increase in the brain's capacity to gain knowledge and retain information. Statistics prove time and again that students who have music background have higher grade point averages and score higher on standardized tests not to mention their increased capacity to cooperate, and concentrate. For more information on this topic see:  
<http://www.songsforteaching.com/makingthe case for music in the classroom/research.php>.

Therefore, MFMII is committed more than ever to continue our mission of nurturing the love and literacy of music in children's classrooms and lives so that they develop into caring, creative, and bright human beings who will help to make this a better world. MUSIC MAKES COMMUNITY and uplifts the spirit especially in difficult times. Schools simply cannot afford to not have music.

Thanks to our new docent trainees who have begun their musical journey in our fall training classes, many more children will experience the joy of making music in their classrooms. Moms and dads, professional musicians, seniors, college students, retired teachers, and friends of the arts make up our two training classes that began on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Look for more on these enthusiastic volunteers joining our wonderful returning docents in future newsletters and come and meet them at our BACK TO MFMII NIGHT on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. at Niles School in Fremont.

Congratulations to our new Board of Directors members, **Stephanie Budde**, Publicity, **Terri Minnis**, Liaison Coordinator, and **Jaya Murthy**, Secretary who have joined the hard-working and dedicated returning Board who have met over the summer and planned an exciting year for MFMII. MFMII thanks President **Virginia Williamson** for her capable leadership and professionalism that continue to set the highest standards of volunteerism in our organization.



Hats off to our wonderful part-time staff members: **Sandy Shimkuss**

(Docent Manager and Training Coordinator) along with **Rose Godfrey** (veteran docent of 13 years) and **Lynette Pang** (former MFMII Board Member); **Sharon Filippi** (Administrative Assistant and former MFMII Board Member and Docent); and **Susan Lesh** (Program Coordinator and current Board Treasurer).

MFMII is establishing an Advisory Council of wonderful community members who share our mission and with whom we will consult throughout the year on matters of interest and need. Current members include: **Leo Hinkel**, retired school administrator and former MFMII Board President; **Brian Hughes**, Fremont Bank, **Ted Bresler**, retired attorney and former MFMII Board Treasurer; **Steve Cho**, former City Councilman, **Ray Rodriguez**, current Newark Unified School District Board Member, **Margaret Thornberry**, President Fremont Cultural Arts Council, and **Charlotte Diamond**. MFMII

thanks them for their support and they will be highlighted in a future In Harmony newsletter.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!  
To Mojo Lounge on Peralta Blvd. in Fremont for their sponsorship of a successful benefit event for MFMI in July. A special thank you to manager **Rael Briggs** and owner **Dennis Briggs** whose vision, hard work and creativity made this event possible. Local bands rocked and a successful raffle and exciting dunking booth added to the entertainment and fun that brought out music fans to support music in our schools. MFMI is grateful to this local business whose offer to help our mission was inspirational and most generous.



**CHARLOTTE  
DIAMOND TO  
RETURN FOR A  
MFMI CONCERT  
ON MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>!**  
For the first time  
MFMI will bring  
Charlotte to the

Castro Valley area at the beautiful Center for the Arts theater on Redwood Road for a Friday evening 7 pm. performance.

CV docents are getting very excited to have Charlotte in town and we are planning for a sell-out performance. Don't miss this exciting professional whose music touches the heart of children and adults everywhere. Look for Charlotte's new CDs on her website:

Charlottediamond.com but better yet, come see her live to fully experience the magic of her performances. More ticket information to come.

Just a few quotes from our Vannoy School docents in Castro Valley after leading their children in a wonderful showcase performance in June for your inspiration and motivation as you continue the MFMI journey this school year:

"I am enthused and energized by the kids and excited to see their musical growth. You

should see their faces! Getting to share my love of music with children has been one of the most gratifying experiences in my life!"

**Rose Godfrey**, 13 year docent.

"Music is my passion as well as my profession. I play trumpet in Oakland East Bay Symphony as well as most other orchestras in the Bay Area and teach trumpet at University of the Pacific. My daughters are constantly singing the songs from my MFMI classes. I encourage all parents who are interested to consider becoming a docent and experience the joy and fulfillment of bringing music into your child's class." **Lenny Ott**, 2<sup>nd</sup> year docent.

"At first I thought, 'I'm way too busy.' My oldest son was starting kindergarten and I had three more boys at home. I guess all the 'Save the Music' signs in my neighbor's yards pushed me to visit the docent training class and I just stuck with it. I enjoy being a docent and though we have just had our fifth boy in July, I plan to docent for my second son's K class this year as well." **Josie Warneke**, 1<sup>st</sup> yr. docent.

"I have always loved music and have wonderful memories of my childhood filled with music. In Japan, where I grew up, public schools taught all students to read music and play an instrument. I never knew what a blessing this was until I realized my daughter would not have a scheduled music class if I didn't volunteer. I went to the training and was encouraged and very inspired. I'm thankful for the opportunity to teach kids music and be able to see their faces glow learning music!" **Kaori Schneider**, 1<sup>st</sup> yr. docent.

May we all continue to be inspired and touched by the joy of making the musical difference in children's lives.



*For Every Child a  
time to sing!*

# Docent Manager / Docent Training Coordinator

Sandy Shimkus – Gomes Docent

The new school year is starting and I am excited about all of the changes we have made in the training class and in the program in general. Over the summer, some wonderful high school student volunteers scanned all of our song sheets and made soft files. These will be accessible online to all of our amazing docents. In the next few months we will be adding many new documents to our Yahoo groups and our Website that will make our jobs as docents much easier.



**Lelia Ng**, an amazing docent at Gomes, has been busy adding new items to our Website that include posters, **youtube videos** and related documents that will help you as a docent.

**Our goal this year is to provide more of the tools that docents will need to be successful.**

Our **new trainees** are off to a great start. We have many talented and exciting people this year that will be a welcome addition to our program. Please feel free to join us at any of the training sessions. *Training has been greatly enhanced this year by the addition of 30 minute lessons that model what a docent would present in a classroom. These are done at each session and focus on 1-2 musical elements to reinforce learning theory. Included with this is a completed lesson plan for the trainees to take home with them.* This year we will be asking all docents to submit their lesson plans online to be shared with new and current docents. We will be using a standard form that you can type your plans in and these will be set up so you can cut and paste the songs you want for your lesson plan.



As Docent Manager, from October to December, I will be visiting our current docents in the classroom to give everyone a chance to let me know how you are doing and what, if any, needs you have that either myself or the MFMII organization can help you with. I am really looking forward to this venture. I learn so much from all of our amazing volunteers that I hope to be able to share with all of the other docents.

**HAVE AN AMAZING YEAR!!!**



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# Music for Minors II Docent Training

## 2010 Curriculum and Schedule of Classes - Fremont/Castro Valley

<b>#1: September 8, Wednesday – ORIENTATION SESSION</b> (Joint class with Castro Valley trainees) Resource Center Overview and tour - <b>Niles Elementary School Resource Center from 7:00pm – 9:00pm</b>	
<b>#2: September 13, Monday – INTRODUCTION &amp; CLASS OVERVIEW</b> MFMII Mission, Docent role, class objectives, procedures, Daily Plan, CMD method of music organization and lesson planning (Introduction songs) Yahoogroups songs. Song search game. – Overview of a typical 30 minute Lesson Plan	
<b>#3: September 15, Wednesday – MFMII ORGANIZATION &amp; CMD DETAIL, FRAMEWORK AND GUIDE – BEAT AND RHYTHM</b> Docent Handbook, Docent commitment, concert information, DIP & TIP, liaisons; discussion & demonstration of CMD-docent agreement form, Introduction to Framework and Guide (Beat and Rhythm songs)	
<b>#4: September 20, Monday – <u>RONI NIEDERBRACH: KODALY FOR THE YOUNG method</u></b> Beat and Rhythm	
<b>#5: September 22, Wednesday – <u>BEAT AND RHYTHM CONTINUED</u></b>	
<b>#6: September 27, Monday –<u>GRACE JOHNSTON: KODALY - Part 1</u></b> Beat & rhythm	
<b>#7: September 29, Wednesday – <u>CMD DETAIL &amp; SONG APPLICATION, PITCH AND MELODY</u></b> Focus on CMD aspects of songs, distinguishing main characteristics to emphasize (Pitch and Melody songs) Overview of Mini Presentation Format, Mini Voice Lesson- Theory (scales and chords)	
<b>#8: October 4, Monday– <u>HARMONY, PART SINGING, ROUNDS</u></b> Quiz #1 Review. <b>**Turn in Mini-Presentation plan #1**</b> (Harmony, part singing, rounds songs) Theory (scales & chords)	
<b>#9: October 5, Tuesday – <u>BACK TO MFMII</u></b> – Niles Elementary School, Fremont, 7:00- 9:15pm –Instruments	
<b>#10: October 6, Wednesday – <u>GRACE JOHNSTON: KODALY – PART 2</u></b> Pitch & Melody <b>*Docent forms due*</b>	
<b>#11: October 11, Monday - <u>**MINI-PRESENTATIONS #1**</u></b> Docent Observations start	
<b>#12: October 13, Wednesday – <u>MCGRAW HILL</u></b> Other lesson plans, state musical standards application, curriculum integration <b>**Quiz #1**</b>	
<b>#13: October 18, Monday - <u>GENERAL TEACHING GUIDELINES</u></b> Class management situations, teaching tips and positive behavior songs (class Management songs)	
<b>#14: October 20, Wednesday – <u>LESSON PLANNING - GROUP PROJECT, <b>**DOCENT OBSERVATION #1 due**</b></u></b> <b>**Turn in full Lesson plan for each group**</b> Prepare to present one song each in class on Wednesday- turn in Mini Presentation Plan 2	
<b>#15: October 25, Monday- <u>ELEMENTS REVIEW</u></b> Dynamics, Meter, Tempo, Mood, Self Esteem, Citizenship	
<b>#16: October 27, Wednesday – <u>MINI PRESENTATION #2</u></b> Prepare to present songs in a classroom.	
<b>#17: November 1, Monday– <u>MADDIE HOGAN: ORFF METHODS</u></b> Instruments, games and improvisation, <b>**Quiz #2**</b>	
<b>#18: November 3, Wednesday – <u>ORCHESTRAL LISTENING</u></b> Instruments of the orchestra, musical form and listening activities <b>**Turn in Final-Presentation plan**</b> , Quiz #3 - Take-home,	
<b>#19: November 8, Monday – <u>SEQUENCING, FUN, SILLY SONGS</u></b> <b>DOCENT OBSERVATION #2 DUE, Docent agreement forms turn in.</b>	
<b>#20: November 10, Wednesday – <u>OVERVIEW</u></b> – Overview of Lesson Plans, CMD Method, Teaching Guidelines and Docent Requirements <b>**Class Evaluations** Quiz #3 due</b>	
<b>#21: November 15, Monday <b>**FINAL PRESENTATIONS (Begin)**</b></b>	
<b>#22: November 17, Wednesday - <b>**FINAL PRESENTATIONS (Finish)** Graduation!!!</b></b>	
<b>Fremont:</b> Ohlone College, Bldg 2. Room 2125. 9:30am -11:45 am.	<b>Castro Valley:</b> Proctor Elementary School 17520 Redwood Rd. 7:00pm - 9:15 pm
<b>Attendance is critical! PLEASE CALL:</b> Sandy-918-7659 (F), Rose-886-5177 (CV), Lynette-552-1312 (CV), Carol-673-5495	

# Resource Center Update

Veera Kazak (Resource Center Coordinator)

We are in need of Resource Center Assistants for the Nilas, Glenmoor, and Castro Valley @Proctor School Resource Centers. If you can help or if you know anyone that could do this role, please contact me Veera Kazak on 510 793 3801 or email [vrkazak@yahoo.com](mailto:vrkazak@yahoo.com)



## RC Assistant Brief Job Description



- Oversee the use of items, maintain the RC in an organized way.
- Help conduct yearly inventory of the RC.
- Label Music K8 magazines/CD with MFMII and its code. Place in folder - every 2 months
- Make sure there are enough sign-out/quick check/reserved list sheets in the binder.
- Check signout sheets for tardy returns.
- Ensure latest copy of inventory list is available - print from MFMII yahoo



- groups.
- Check for poor condition of any items on the inventory sheet. Keep records.
- Take broken instruments out of circulation.

Repair/replace when possible.

- Reorganize the area as needed, to keep space used efficiently.
- Gather and file "wish lists" from docents suggestions of items that the RC should have and send it to Veera Kazak, so that when money is available these lists can be consulted.

Remember you don't have to be musical or take a training class for this important position that enables our docents to easily find their materials for the children. MFMII welcomes you to attend our social events as you would definitely become a member of the MFMII family.

A big thank you to Betty Mollat and Tricia Schoner who have been the RC assistants at Nilas and Glenmoor for many years.



Music for Minors II is grateful to the **Candle Lighters** for their grant last year that enabled us to purchase much needed equipment and musical instruments and docent resources. As a continued thank you, we are publicizing their volunteer needs for their upcoming Ghost House at the Fremont Hub which raised the funds for our grant and many other local nonprofits in need. If anyone can help them in this fun event that draws thousands of people and has enabled the Candle Lighters to donate over a million dollars to nonprofits over the years, please contact the respective people listed below.

Helpers needed:

Work parties to set up game booths and Ghost House: Sat. Sept. 25, Oct. 2, starting at 8 am.  
Contact Brigette Wilkerson 510-793-2459 [brigwilkerson@comcast.net](mailto:brigwilkerson@comcast.net)

Game booths at the Ghost House Contact Terri Schinkel 510-793-2459

**“For Every Child a Time to Sing”**

**YOU ARE INVITED**

**TO THE REVISED, NEWLY FORMATTED**

# **BACK TO MUSIC FOR MINORS II NIGHT**

**MUSIC FOR MINORS II STRIKES THE BEAT  
ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH FROM 7 PM. – 9:15 PM.  
AT NILES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 37141 2<sup>nd</sup> STREET, FREMONT**

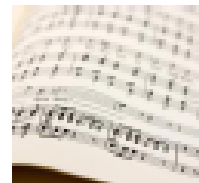
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**FREE TAIKO DRUMMING** Lesson  
from the Master, Terry Eustice of Wakaiko Newark!



15 min.

**SONGWRITING LESSON**  
from a new docent trainee: Shane Sharkey



Refresh your teaching of instruments with:  
Boom whackers, choir chimes, recorders, xylophones and more...

Meet the new docent trainees, Board of Directors, new MFMII Advisory  
Council members, and reconnect with old friends.

Find out what exciting events MFMII will be sponsoring this year,  
including an opportunity for your children to perform on a professional stage in March.

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS BACK TO MFMII NIGHT 2010!**  
RSVP TO [sharon.filippi@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sharon.filippi@sbcglobal.net) by October 2nd so we have  
a drum for you to use.  
**THERE WILL BE DOOR PRIZES**