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## Helping kids to learn about beautiful music

On behalf of Music for Minors II, the nonprofit music enrichment program keeping music in children's classrooms and lives since 1988, I would like to thank the community for its tremendous support of our sellout Charlotte Diamond Concert on Feb. 11 at Harbor Light in Fremont.

Thanks to the generosity of the Fremont Bank Foundation, our "Diamond" sponsor, and the Washington Hospital Healthcare System along with countless local businesses and individual donors, MFM II was able to provide this family and community event locally. More than 1,000 tickets were sold, resulting in the largest audience ever at one of our annual community concerts.

Voices resounded from the audience and onstage as children, led by their MFM II docents from Gomes and Parkmont schools in Fremont, performed alongside this renowned children's recording artist, whose creative rhythms and beautiful melodies captivated and fully engaged young and older alike. MFM II has been sponsoring Charlotte in concerts locally for more than 20 years, and MFM II will celebrate its 25th anniversary of service to children with a gala in 2013. Children need music to be healthy and succeed academically and socially.

MFM II nurtures the love and literacy of music in children's classrooms and lives so that the world will be a better place for us all.

> Carol Zilli Executive director/founder, Music for Minors II Fremont