



Past and Future Events:

11/19 - Docent Training Graduation
11am - Fremont
8pm - Castro Valley

11/20 - MFMII Board Meeting
6:30pm - Law Offices of Elise Balgley

12/ 5 - MFMII Holiday Get-Together 6pm -
Home of Sandy Shimkus

1/ 31 - Charlotte Diamond Concert 2pm -
Harbor Light, Fremont

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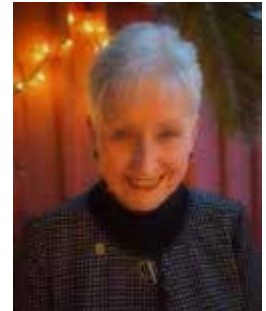
Working... In Harmony

... to keep music in children's classrooms and lives.

From the Executive Director:

SHARING THE JOY OF MUSIC!

What better way to describe Music for Minors II than pure **JOY!** That's what happens the second a MFMII Docent walks into a classroom or a child steps onto the stage with Charlotte Diamond to perform for an audience of almost 1000 people!



Carol Zilli, Executive Director

As we embark upon our 27th year of service to children and the community, MFMII realizes more and more how important our work is given we are touching the very future when we see those precious faces of children. Nothing is more fulfilling than sharing a song with a child whose face lights up with a smile conveying pure **JOY!**

And who are these JOY-MAKERS? Our Wonderful fun-loving and hardworking **DOCENTS, LIAISONS, BOARD MEMBERS, and STAFF!** **JOY** to all of you for what you do for children! The MFMII family is grateful for all of you!

What a great kick-off to an exciting year of music – **Back to MFMII Night** – Ukulele Jam! Our thanks to Bronco Billy's Pizza Palace – Irvington for the use of their meeting room which was packed with 40 people on their ukes. MFMII is seeking grants to purchase class sets of ukuleles. What a great performance for our students to be strummin' and singin' together! Our thanks to Allegro Music too for their generous discount on the sale of their great ukuleles.

And how about our fantastic new training binders created by **Sensational Sandy Shimkus**, Docent Training Coordinator par excellence, who has been working for months and months to produce this updated, user friendly, professional and beautiful training resource. Filled with lesson plans galore for every training song shared, these binders will be available to all of our docents as well as the trainees. Sandy's countless hours definitely equal pure **JOY** beyond measure!

And of course, the **JOY** continues with our sponsorship of the **Charlotte Diamond Workshop on Thursday, Nov. 6th** at Niles School 7-9:15pm, and then the **Charlotte Diamond Concert on Sat. Jan. 31st** at 2pm, at Harbor Light in Fremont. *Concert flyer in this newsletter is for your distribution.*

We definitely felt the **JOY** IN 2012 when we last sponsored Charlotte in Concert as we sold 1000 tickets! What an experience to be singing Charlotte's fun-loving songs with that many people! We look forward to doing that again in January with Charlotte. Help spread the **JOY!**

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SHARING THE JOY OF MUSIC!

(Continued from Page 1 by Carol Zilli)....

MFMI continues its expansion efforts to Share the JOY of Music to more and more children in Fremont Unified, Newark Unified and Castro Valley Unified School Districts as well as Extended Day Care Centers in Pleasanton and Dublin, Fountainhead Montessori, and Nature's Gift Preschool. To help us serve all kindergarten classes this year in Newark Unified, (which total about 400 more children in all, and 8 elementary schools), and to increase our coverage of all primary grades in that district in the next couple of years, MFMI hired Lucir Schlickman as our Project Manager for the Newark Expansion Project. She has done a wonderful job. MFMI thanks the Newark Betterment Corporation and the Newark Education Foundation for their support of the MFMI Newark Expansion Project!

Carol Zilli leading the Fremont Trainees in a dance

TRAINING TEAM



A new Training Team was set up this year to assist in the coordination and organization of the Docent Training Program. Representatives from different schools and different parts of the MFMI family worked together to organize supplies, posters and props, sort through documents, purchase new instruments and brainstorm on new and innovative ways to do things smarter and more efficiently. A big thanks goes out to everyone on the team for their hard work and enthusiasm for the program.

Sandy Shimkus, Training Coordinator

A huge thank you to Docent, Liaison, Training Team member, and Board Resource Center Director Veera Kazak who has taken the helm of MFMI Event Coordinator and is doing a fantastic job! It's always so gratifying to see the hidden talents of people. MFMI provides the opportunity for ongoing creativity and talent to shine through. We are always grateful when someone steps up and offers to help.

"Music is a more potent instrument than any other for education....I would teach children music for the patterns in music are the keys to learning." Plato

Team Members

Jamunarani Ramaraj	Balaraman	Niles Liaison
Sharon	Filippi	Administrative Assistant
Michelle	Hertel	Gomes Docent/Liaison
Veera	Kazak	Parkmont Docent/Liaison, Events Coordinator, Resource Center Director and Training Videographer
Ed	Mateo	Funding Director
Jaya	Murthy	Brier Docent
Jenna	Tavare	Vannoy Docent/Liaison and Castro Valley Docent Training Assistant



DOCENT CORNER

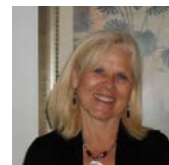
This year started with some important changes in our Training Program. An updated Training Binder with new content that reflects the format that our Docents follow in their own teaching has proven to be very effective. The addition of lesson plans for every song that is taught in training (210 of them) will help our trainees, as well as our docents, be better equipped to follow the State Standards for teaching music in the elementary school classroom. The new trainees, and our veteran docents, will also be receiving 30 minute lesson plans that will assist them in their weekly teaching of music to the children. These 30 minute plans will guide the docents in how to teach music theory following recognized teaching methods such as Kodaly, Orff and Music for Minor II's CMD method. The docents will continue to teach fun songs using our many resources like Music K8, Music Express, McGraw Hill, and songs by renowned children's recording artists such as Red Grammer, Linda Arnold, Cathy Fink and of course Charlotte Diamond.

Carol Zilli, the MFMII Training teacher, who is teaching in Fremont this year, is now featured in youtube videos that our trainees, and soon our veteran docents, have access to. These videos are from our training classes and follow the new training format that has been established this year. Sandy Shimkus was the Training teacher in Castro Valley and assisted Carol in Fremont.



The Training class of 2014 is made up of multi-talented individuals that are wonderful to work with and will be a welcome addition to our amazing, talented veteran docents. Thanks to the generosity of our many volunteers, MFMII docents will give over 5000 students the opportunity to experience “the love and literacy of music through instruction, participation and performances”.

Sandy Shimkus, Docent Manager



Sandy Shimkus leading the Castro Valley Trainees in The Cup Game



Fremont Docent Trainees get it down!



CHARLOTTE DIAMOND WORKSHOP



What a great turnout we had for the Charlotte Diamond workshop this month with over 120 attendees! Charlotte made magic happen once again as she inspired us how to teach music to children using her PRIZE method, and welcomed docents and teachers to join her in singing *and signing* songs such as: "I Am A Pizza," "Octopus," "One Dream," and "Four Hugs A Day." Her tribute to MFMII was "Leave The World Just A Little Bit Better". Charlotte left us glowing, with a song in our hearts, and looking forward to her concert on 31 January.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the workshop:

- ♪ **Sandy Shimkus** for organizing the high school volunteers, projecting the lyrics for everyone and overseeing the merchandise table.
- ♪ **Sharon Filippi** for handling all the tickets sales, follow up phone calls, certificates, printing the handouts and posters.
- ♪ **Dawn Sawyer** for making thank you gifts for Charlotte and Jon from Allegro, and for promoting MFMII.
- ♪ **Melinda Mawson** for a lovely spread of refreshments.
- ♪ **Ed Mateo** for helping wherever needed.
- ♪ **Carol Zilli**, who welcomed everyone at the workshop so warmly and promoted MFMII and the concert with such enthusiasm.
- ♪ **Ken Smith** for taking photos.
- ♪ **Michele Morhous** for organizing the venue.

Our special thanks to **Jon from Allegro Music** for setting up the tech equipment for Charlotte.

Veera Kazak





Ukulele
Ladies



Thank you Newark Betterment Corporation!

Music for Minors II thanks the Newark Betterment Corporation for its generous grant covering two years to ensure that all kindergarteners in Newark Unified School District receive our program. Over 400 children will be enriched this year and we plan to serve all first graders as well as kindergarteners the following year as we continually expand our program in NUSD. Hats off to Lucir Schlickman, MFM II's Expansion Project Manager for NUSD, who successfully led the project to achieve our goal in Newark schools. THANK YOU Veteran Bunker Docents Kathy Garfinkle and Aretha Cromwell and New Docents Kelly Donovan and Kellie Spielman who have made this project possible volunteering as docents in several schools and serving above and beyond the call. MFMII will continue its expansion project in FUSD, CVUSD and other areas as well because there are still so many children in need of music.

Music For Minors II Board of Directors

- ♪ Carol Villi, Executive Director
- ♪ Elise Balgley, President
- ♪ Melinda Mawson, Vice President
- ♪ Veera Kazak, Resource Center
- ♪ Michele Morhous, Treasurer
- ♪ Carolyn Zeljak, Secretary
- ♪ Edward Mateo, Funding
- ♪ Dawn Sawyer, Publicity
- ♪ Ken Smith, Historian

Music for Minors II Staff

- ♪ Sharon Filippi, Administrative Assistant/Liaison Coordinatoor
- ♪ Sandy Shimkus, Docent Manager / Fremont Docent Training Coordinator/Training Assistant
- ♪ Rose Godfrey, Castro Valley Liaison Coordinator
- ♪ Jennifer Tavare, Castro Valley Training Assistant

Music for Minors II Support

- ♪ Rohinton Kazak (Roy), Webmaster/Yahoo Moderator
- ♪ Margaret Hall, Resource Center Assistant (Niles)
- ♪ Melinda Mawson, Resource Center Assistant (Glenmoor)
- ♪ Dimple Sanghavi, Resource Center Assistant (Leitch)
- ♪ Kristina Seyer Smith, Newsletter Editor

Wanted:
Resource Center Assistant
Proctor/CV

RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE



Veera Kazak

Welcome to another musical year with MFMII.

Following docents' wishes I recently bought lots of new sets of **boomwhackers** (C major diatonic scale) so that we have a class set at the Niles, Glenmoor and Castro Valley Resource Centers (RCs). I also purchased a class set of **stick flags** for each RC, that you can use for patriotic songs and performances. The missing **butterfly/caterpillar puppet** has also been replaced and will be at the Niles RC, after training. We also have some new **Wee Sing CDs** at all the RCs. Thank you to MFMII administrative assistant, **Sharon Filippi**, for obtaining many tambourines, recorders, and cymbals for MFMII.

The new Music K8 magazine and CDs have been ordered for all RCs. Remember that Music K8 offers **free powerpoint song lyric pages and free choreography videos**. For each new issue, lyrics to virtually all songs recorded in the magazine will be on PowerPoints for you to use with projectors, and any form of interactive teaching boards. With each new issue, there will be at least one movement suggestion video too.



All the data from the RC inventories back in June has been entered into the RC inventory spreadsheet. The latest list can be found on the yahoo group and will also be available on the website, in the docent login area. All the items are sorted by resource center, and you can do a search for a particular item. Hopefully you can find what you are looking for. If there is anything that you are looking for that you cannot find or wish to see in an RC, please let me know.

I am excited about the \$200 that MFMII is giving each school for instruments/ materials this year. Please let Sharon Fillippi know what musical materials you would like to buy for your school and we will order

them for you. Your school liaison should have shared this information with you already. Suggestions include: Music K8 magazine, Music Express magazine, instruments, multicultural rhythm set, CDs, Charlotte Diamond songbooks/CD, parachute, props. *Please let us know your wishes by the end of January*, otherwise we will allocate the funds to something else.



Left: Music For Minors II Displays



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MFMII is looking for a new RC director. I have been doing this role for many years but cannot commit to it fully with my new role as Events Coordinator for MFMII, as well as being a docent, liaison and part of the training team. This is a board position and the role involves supervising the RCs with the help of the RC assistants, ordering new materials, helping with RC orientations, supervising the recording of all acquisitions and writing a newsletter article. If you know of anyone who would be interested in this position, please let me know.

A big thank you to **Margaret Hall** for continuing to be the RC assistant at Niles School. My sincere thanks to Mattos docent, **Melinda Mawson** for stepping up this year to be the RC assistant at Glenmoor School, and new docent trainee, **Dimple Sanghavi**, for volunteering to be the RC assistant at Leitch School. We still need an assistant at Proctor School. Please let me know if you know anyone that can help.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Let's continue to share the joy of music!

Kind regards

Veera Kazak, Resource Center Director



Scarf Dance - Fremont Docent Training Class

Available MFMII Instruments

We will be highlighting Instruments available at different Resource Centers in upcoming newsletters. Here are the MFMII Instruments stored at Niles! Volunteers – consider checking them out and using them if you aren't already.

Instruments

rhythm - e.g. bells, boomwhackers, castanets, cymbals, drums, handbells, maracas, rainsticks, recorders, rhythm sticks, tambourines, tonebells, triangles, wooden blocks

string - e.g. ukulele, autoharp

Orff – e.g. glockenspiel, xylophone (bass, alto, soprano)

other - e.g. keyboard

Other items: books, CDs, felt props, games, puppets, handheld signs, Music K8 magazines/CDs, Music Express magazine, McGraw Hill Share the Music series, Melody Midget charts, poster board lyrics, props and costumes.



WANTED!

Resource Center Assistant for Proctor School (Castro Valley)

Brief Job Description

- Oversee the use of items.
- Maintain the RC in an organized way.
- Help conduct yearly inventory of the RC (June).
- 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 sign-out 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 of suggestions of items that the RC should have, so that when money is available these lists can be consulted.

The time commitment for each RC assistant is about 1 hour per month. If you can help or know of anyone who can, please do not hesitate to contact me at vrkazak@yahoo.com.

Take a "Vocal" Role in Children's Musical Education!

Don't let recent arts cutbacks deprive children of musical experiences. There are many ways to give of your time and ensure that.. *for every child, there is a time to sing!* Click on the following headings for more information.

[Become a MFMI Music Docent!](#) The heart of the MFMI program is our docent volunteers. Docents love what they do and always receive much more than they give. Sharing their love of music with children in their caring, dedicated, and enthusiastic way, captivates children and fully engages them in making music. Learn how you can make that musical difference in a child's life and your own, by becoming a docent. Find out Who Can Become a Docent, what is involved in Docent Training and more at:

http://www.musicforminors2.org/01_programs_01_docents.html

[Be a Liaison:](#) Contact persons are needed at our school sites called liaisons. They provide the communication link between MFMI and the schools we serve. They attend only 2 meetings a year (fall and spring) and help promote the MFMI program at the school sites. No musical ability required but just a commitment to the MFMI mission.

For a liaison application, email sharon.filippi@sbcglobal.net

[Be a Resource Center Helper.](#) Volunteers are needed to help maintain and inventory our resource centers. This is a great way to help Out "Behind the Scenes." You don't have to be musical or take a training class for this important position.

[Be an Event Volunteer:](#) Another opportunity for supporting MFMI is to join us in our event planning and/or implementation. Volunteers are needed on committees or at the actual events such as ushering, setting up decorations, ticket taking, attending our booths, etc.

[Join our Board of Directors:](#) The MFMI Board of Directors consists of community volunteers who support the MFMI mission and oversee the program and determine policy that enables the organization to fulfill its mission as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Board members are committed to keeping a song in children's hearts and in the schools.

See the Application on our website:

http://www.musicforminors2.org/02_volunteer.html

Staff/Board Highlight



Sandy Shimkus

Docent Manager/Mentor, Docent Training Coordinator, Docent Training Assistant Fremont, Docent Training Teacher Castro Valley, Liaison Vallejo Mill, Docent at Gomes and Vallejo Mill

Miss Sandy, as the kids call her, has been a docent for 12+ years at Gomes Elementary School in Fremont and for over a year at Vallejo Mill in Fremont. Sandy was in the choir and the Drama club in High School and always loved music. She has a BS in Physics and a MS in Environmental Management. She worked as a Process and Development Engineer and later as an Environmental and Safety Engineer for 25+ years. She and her husband have two children. Her daughter is in college studying to be a teacher and her son recently graduated and is working as an Engineer in Silicon Valley. Both of her children volunteered with MFMI for many years and love that their mom is part of a wonderful organization. It was at the request of her daughter who in 3rd grade said: "Mom, mine is the only 3rd grade class that doesn't have a music teacher, could you please do it?" that made her heart break and prompted her to join the organization in the first place and she has been loving it ever since.





Music for Minors II Proudly Presents ...



Charlotte Diamond

*World renowned children's
recording artist*

In a Family Concert

Join us at **Harbor Light**

4760 Thornton Avenue, Fremont, CA 94536

Saturday January 31, 2015 at 2pm

Tickets ages 3 & up: \$ 12 per person in advance, \$ 14 at the door

Group Rate (20 or more, advance purchase only): \$ 10 per person

*Proceeds benefit MFMI, a 501 (c)(3) non-profit providing music education in classrooms through trained
docents who nurture the love of music in children* 🎵 www.musicforminors2.org 🎵

Advanced purchase recommended:

- *By MAIL (MFMI, 37141 2nd St., Fremont, CA 94536) with check by Jan 23*
- *By PHONE (call 510 - 733-1189)*
- *By E-MAIL (sharon.filippi@sbcglobal.net)*
- *By PAYPAL (musicforminors2@gmail.com)*

Please mail this form, or provide the information by phone or e-mail when ordering tickets:

Name _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

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