



The Music Foundation  
of Southwest Florida

# Notes

Spring 2006

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## **Special Benefit at The Blue Pepper**

Plan to join us for this special event on Sunday, April 30th—more details on back! A treat for the senses with wonderful food, drink & sounds!

## **Double Reed Festival**

On Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> The Music Foundation is pleased to present its 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Double Reed Festival. Once again, we are very grateful for the generous support of our special sponsor Sylvan Learning Center and additional support from The Bireley Family Foundation (Frank & Betty Bireley) and The Iona McGregor Kiwanis Club. Please join us to support the students in a recital at Edison Hall at Cypress Cove Retirement Village at 3:30pm – the students always do a phenomenal job!



## **Summer Music Camps**

We are planning for our 2006 Summer Music Camps. The camps begin on June 12<sup>th</sup> and conclude on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Once again they will take place on the campus of Cypress Lake Middle School in South Fort Myers. Each week will conclude with a special Friday recital at 3:00 pm in the “Cafetorium” featuring the campers of that week - please join us!



We are in need of Camp Sponsors! As our camps have been growing, so have our expenses! Last year we gave out over \$6,500 in scholarships! We desperately need assistance to help those needy students attend our camps. It has always been our policy never to turn a student away because they could not afford to pay for the tuition. It only costs \$100 to sponsor a camp, or \$500 to sponsor a camp program. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please fill out the form below and send it back to us.

## **Stacey Gossman Recital**

Stacey Gossman held a recital at Edison College on March 6, 2006 to benefit The Music Foundation. Stacey has an amazing story of recovery from an aneurysm in 1999 and is back playing bassoon and giving of her time by helping teach at our Double Reed Festivals and Summer Music Camps. Many of her friends and family who attended this recital also helped The Music Foundation – to the tune of \$1,045! Congratulations to Stacey and a big thank you!



## **Benefit Dinner / Recital**

Save the date – Wednesday, November 8, 2006 for our 6th Annual Benefit Dinner at The Helm Club in The Landings. You will have an opportunity to hear some of the Scott Knipe Memorial Scholarship recipients as well as Alexandra Tocco, 2006 Young Artist of the Year. We are also honored to have Reiko Niiya back to entertain with her violin after dinner. Don't miss this program!

## **String Instruments to Spring Creek Elementary**

The Music Foundation is very proud to be able to assist the students at Spring Creek Elementary. This past fall, music teacher Margaret Trunk started a string program and has been in need of string instruments. We were able to donate four violas and three violins that were in need of a new home!

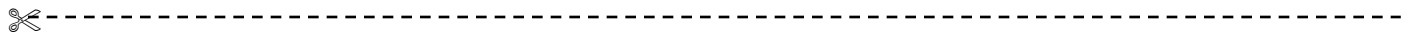


## **Grant Update**

~ \$2,000 was received from the Southwest Florida Community Foundation's Founder's Grant to help make needed repairs to our Fifth Grade Traveling Instrument program

~ \$2,500 was received from The Bireley Family Foundation (Frank & Betty Bireley) to support our many programs

~ \$1,000 was received from the Cape Coral Kiwanis Club



I would like to sponsor a Summer Camp Program (\$500)

Camp Programs – Chorus, Dance & Drama, Guitar, Woodwind, Brass, Band, String, Piano / Keyboard, Jazz Band and Percussion

I would like to sponsor a Summer Camp (\$100)

Summer Camps – Chorus, Guitar (4), Dance, Drama, Steel Drum, Flute, Clarinet, Double Reed, Trumpet, French Horn, Low Brass, Saxophone, Intermediate Band, Intermediate Strings, Piano / Keyboard I, MS Honor Band, HS Honor Band, Advanced Strings, Piano / Keyboard II, Beginner Jazz Band, Int. Jazz Band, Advanced Jazz Band and Percussion

Please choose which camp/program you would like to sponsor. We will try to honor your first request, but in case it is already spoken for, please list your second and third choices. We try to honor everyone's choices, however all requests are granted on a "first come, first serve" basis.

First Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Second Choice \_\_\_\_\_ Third Choice \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be a Summer Camp Donor (\$1—\$99)

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ tickets to attend the Blue Pepper Benefit on April 30th (\$50 each)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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## Summer Music Camps are "right around the corner"

Please consider becoming a  
sponsor this year!



**Chorus Camp 2005**

*The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida is a 501(c)(3)  
non-profit organization, tax id #65-0264107*

*Board of Directors:* Frank Bireley (president),  
Barbara Born, Chuck Flory, John Klaas,  
Christina Parker, Maureen Steger

*Executive Director:* Ruth Christman

The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida is a non-profit organization of volunteers established to encourage and support interest in the musical arts among young people. The foundation sponsors a wide variety of programs and activities intended to foster appreciation for the musical arts and to enable young people to discover or advance their musical talents.

# Come Party at The Pepper!



Sunday, April 30th from 5 - 7 pm

## A wine tasting gala with sumptuous hors d'oeuvres

A musical treat to benefit the scholarship fund of  
The Music Foundation of Southwest Florida



\$50 per person

Deadline for reservations is April 25, 2006

For reservations, send your check to: The Music Foundation

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