

annual REPORT

of the MusicLink Foundation
Summer 2010



MusicLink has enjoyed 18 years of ongoing success in “creating musicians, one student at a time.” We have established a goal of reaching 5,000 students by our 20th anniversary at the end of 2012 and we are well on our way to reach that goal, edging towards 4,000 students at this point. We have started a MusicLink 5000 Challenge, asking each local MusicLink program to add 5 new students this year to reach our goal.

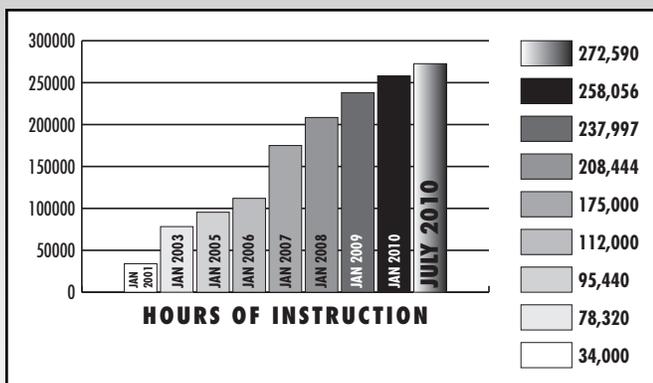
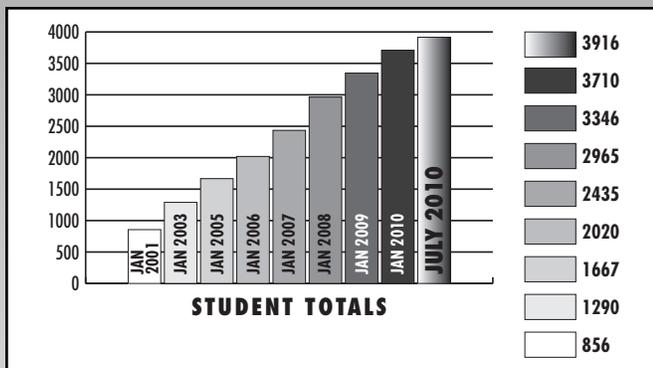
We also are engaged in research to statistically analyze data collected over the years to find the significance of ongoing lessons for promising students in need. We plan to present research findings at national conferences and submit them for publication in professional journals. We truly have reason to celebrate our accomplishments.

However, we face the 2010–11 year with minimal grant support so we are asking our ongoing supporters to make their donations earlier in the year—possibly in response to this Annual Report—rather than in December. Our individual

contributors are the major funding source for instruments, music, and camp opportunities as well as the vital network that links teachers and students. Our mission to bring the joy of music lessons to students is needed, more than ever, during these difficult economic times. Thank you so much for your ongoing support.

We are looking forward to a year of Playathons across the country—combining an enjoyable day of music-making and helping our kids. We hope YOUR organization or community will join us! Check the website homepage for details—or contact Sue Wege (swege71@comcast.net).

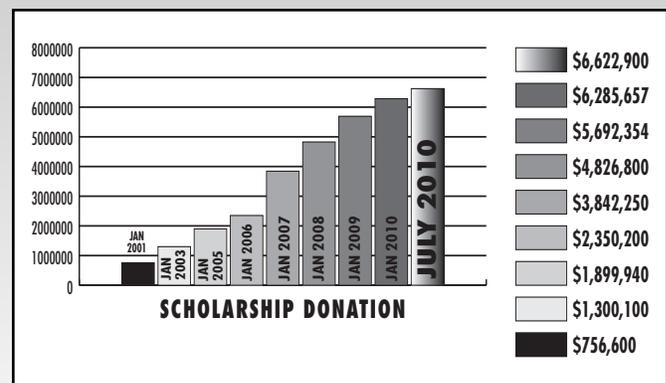
Our bimonthly *eLINK* newsletter provides updates on MusicLink activities and accomplishments. You can subscribe through the website—click on “Read our Newsletter” from the homepage. We encourage our donors to stay informed about MusicLink throughout the year. Many thanks again for your ongoing support!



Our 20th Anniversary Goal: The MusicLink Foundation will reach 5,000 students by the end of 2012. MusicLink teachers will provide 325,000 hours of instruction, equivalent to \$8 million of in-kind scholarship donation.

TOTALS AS OF JULY 2010

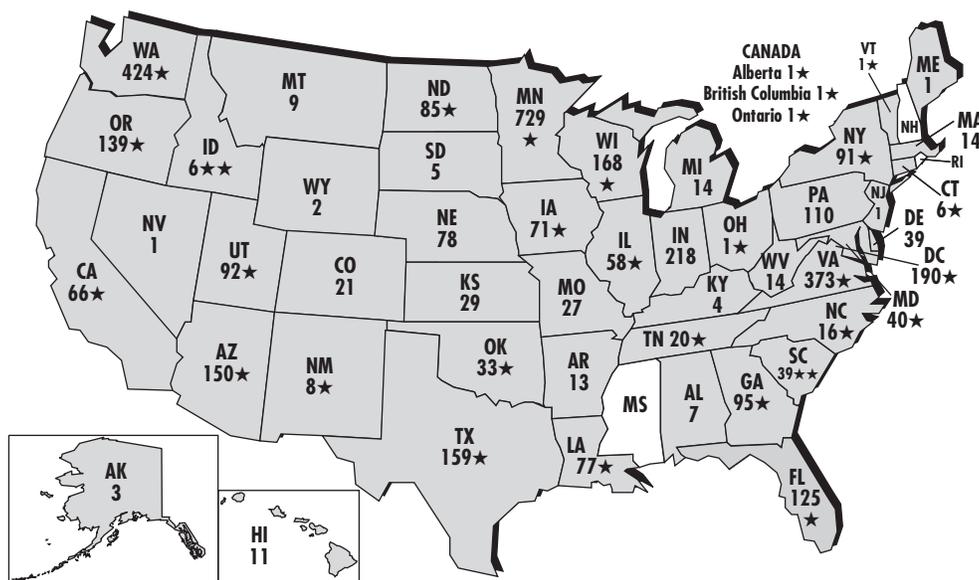
2010 Milestones: almost 4,000 students served; over 270,000 hours of instruction, equivalent to \$6.6 million of in-kind scholarship donation.



MusicLink

national chain of links

The map shows the total of students served by MusicLink over the past 18 years. Stars (★) indicate states adding new students during the 09-10 fiscal year. Double stars (★★) indicate states that added over 20% more students this year.



OUR CURRENT MusicLink TEACHERS

OVERALL TEACHER TOTAL 1,607, *Hall of Fame Teachers* (5 years or more) **Teachers of Distinction** (10 years or more)

Alberta: Leanne Dillman

Arizona: John Denton, *Gail Fischler, Mika Inouye, Nancy Ostromencki, Charmaine Piane Dame*

British Columbia: Kathy Bartel

California: Esther Chan, Laura Chang, Mehry Cohenzad, Deborah How, Cheryl Lewis, Julie Mae,

Noelle Tinturin, Nancy Walthall

Colorado: Eugenia Alikhanova

Connecticut: Sharon Girard, Diane Slone, Kathleen Theisen

District of Columbia: Glen Dailey, Chris Sharp, Candice Thomas

Florida: Tanya Brooks, Ann Carroll, Julie Cleveland, Ashi Day, Tarra Guerra, Wendy Karabensh, Tina Raimondi, Diana Ryan

Georgia: Mary Dekkers, *Andrea Drath, Robin Engleman, Pamela Keyes, Mercy Langford, Nora Martin, Marguerite Munoz, Dana Rice, Debra Shilling, Maryann Wetzler, Martha Yasuda*

Iowa: *Sr. Mary Hauber, Linda Judiesch, Pamela Weest-Carrasco*

Idaho: Tawna Love, Heidi Pikula

Illinois: Lisa Chodorowski, Elsa Harris, *Victoria Ilczyn, Laura Knight, Emily Lau, Beatriz Levi, Deborah Meier, Patti Nyien, Marie Ann Vos, Janice Wilkans*

Indiana: Candace Henkler

Kansas: *Natalie Wickham*

Louisiana: **Hilda Beth Dupaquier, John Dupaquier**

Massachusetts: *Lani Bortfeld*

Maryland: **Carole Gauthier, Jean Lauderdale, Omar Waqar, Christopher Sharp**

Minnesota: Diane Alvshere, Cathy Arnfelt, Carolyn Axt, Karen Becker, *Eric Bell, Brenda Bentley, Shirley Berkner, Patsy Bode, Ruth Borash, Cheryl Bratsch, Laurel Browne, Melody Bruffey, Marianne Bryan, Jaette Carpenter, Kate Cooper, Betty Danielson, Mary Duncan, Solveig Englund, Anna Jeanne Flesner, Lynn Foster, Ellie Fregni, Cheryl Frei, Annie Frohlich, Sr. Dominica Gerszewski, Raeanna Gislason, Barbara Gleason, Maria Grant, Mary Hale, Heidi Hansen, Melanie Hoffman, David Holmes, Lydia Holsten, Camilla Horne, Sr. Virginia Houske, Rebecca Jacobson, Sarah Kang, Barbara Kinnick, Nikolai Kolarov, Paula Krause, John Krebsbach, Sue Krebsbach, Kristin Lamon, Suzanne Lane, Caroline Langfeld, Kris Latcham, Heather LeVesseur, Lily Massova, Lucia May, Rochelle Mazze, Kristi McNellis, La Rae Mills, Karen Rae Mord, Lois Muelich, Sara Nelsen, Cindy Nelson-Quesada, Linda Nuss, Terri O'Brien, Mark Perez, Rennae Petersen, Helen Plourde, Yvonne Rammel, Joy Rolandson, Audrey Savig, Linda Seime, Virginia Shimota, Linda Jean Smith, Marion Soule, Deann Steele, Gene Swanson, Solveig Swanson, Mary Swenson, Rebecca Thoennes, Marcia Vahl, Nancy Van Kampen, Jan Van Oort, Sue Wege, Jeffrey Willkomm, Beth Winterfeldt, Barbara Wocken, Judy Zylstra*

Missouri: Joyce Berg

Montana: Laura Dalbey, *Sherlon Orth*

North Carolina: Anna-Catherine Fowler, Jane Hurlburt, Isabel Samfield

North Dakota: Carole Flatau, Arlene Gray, **Marjorie Johnson**, Priscilla Keogh, Preston Laib, *Anne Morris, Cheryl Rostad, Jan Rudolph, Sandy Weisenberger*

New Mexico: Kristina Lambert

New York: Helen Avakian, Nadine Carey, Beverly Poyerd, Heeja Questad, Renate Rohlfing, **Tamara Slobodkin**, Siobhan Solberg, *Nettie West, Dennis Yerry*

Oklahoma: Katharine Schelp

Ontario: Beth Tadeson

Oregon: Linda Barker, Jodie Bischof, Virginia Hawley Buhn, Deborah Bush, Deborah Cleaver, Matthew Cooper, *Pauline Eidemiller, Arlette Irving, Eileen Knox, Mary Kogen, Min Kong, Helen Libonati, Marti Magnussen, Alma Marianos, Jan Mittelstaedt, Barbara Parker, Ruth Richard, Faye Rounds, Eularee Smith, Elizabeth Stern, Laura Wynter*

Pennsylvania: Suzanne Chaparro, Betty Faett, Anthony Fugate, Kathleen Krouse, Mark Lang, Agnes Maurer, *Kathy Miller*

South Carolina: Stacy Coker, Khaki Cribb, Deborah Ruth, Bonnie Wiley

South Dakota: Brenda Ruedebusch

Tennessee: Susan Hailey

Texas: Pablo Aguilar, Dorla Aparicio, *Diane Delk, Sherry Frush, Charlotte Greeson, Darlene Hanington, Sara Miller*

Utah: Susan Cheney, *Jenean Christensen, Carol Ferney, Tani Griffin, Annette Houston, Cheryl Norman, Janice Kapp Perry, Katherine Rosenvall, Stephanie Talbot, Sarah Thomson, Denise Williams*

Virginia: Denise Adkins, Sheila Barrows, *Anne Beamer, Ricardo Cyncynates, Nancy Davis, Lynne Denig, Teresa Falk, Barbara Gholz, Linda Gutterman, Tatyana Hearne, Rene Johnson, Cora Lee Khambatta, Doortje LeGrand, Jeanne Lowe, Samantha Luck, Rosita Kerr Mang, Jean McEntire, Christina Morton, Peggy Newhall, Patricia Parker, Diane Perett, Andrew Price, Gabriella Ryan, Marilyn Schimfs, Julie Slingerland, Martha Smith, Phyllis Vickers, Ellen Winkler, Leeanna Xanthos-McQueen*

Vermont: Lisa Goodrich

Washington: Genevieve Allen, *Linda Butler, Debbie Christensen, Lorraine Earle, Jeanine Edmonds, Karen Hollenback, Pamela Huang, Peter Mack, Karen Monroe, Brandy Pancoast, Judy Prichard, Diane Quick, Verna Wagner, Jimmi Wilson, Jee Wong, Karen Woolhiser, Diane Worthey*

Wisconsin: Bess Berg, Hee Jung Cho, Asenath Dobratz, Amber Dolphin, *Barbara Erickson, Bonnie Greene, Yoo Ri Hong, Douglas Jurs, Hikari Maekawa, Ka Man Ng, Jane Peckham, Erin Philleo, Sally Ritchie, Paola Savidou*

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Ike Okoro

CAMPS: The MusicLink Foundation provides the opportunity for students to attend the music camp of their choice through our camp scholarship program. This year we sent 15 students to camps that included the Tanglewood MA Young Artist Composition Program as well as string and Suzuki camps in MN, chamber music camps in IA and PA, and an all state camp in SD. One student had the opportunity to travel abroad through a Student Ambassador Program. **Ike Okoro**, a percussion student of **Chris Sharp** (MD) sent this photo, saying this “was the best experience of my life.” He is bringing back a rare set of drumsticks only available at the Hard Rock Café in Rome. Good for him!

TEACHER & GRASS ROOTS GRANTS: The Foundation provides reimbursement to teachers for student music and event fees. This year 17 teachers asked for help, totaling \$1,234 in reimbursement grants. Our Grass Roots grant programs assist new MusicLink programs or projects. The Minnesota Music Teachers Association received a special \$500 grant to offset MusicLink student event fees in recognition of their support of the Mall of America’s MusicLink Playathon.

BUSINESS PARTNERS: We welcome the following new business partners to our roster this year: **Musikgarten, Music Together, Animusic, Faber Piano Adventures, Ponier Music (GA), Alexandria Music Store (MN), Stamell Stringed Instruments (NY), Keys 4/4 Kids (MN, IL).**

INSTRUMENTS/IN KIND DONATIONS: We received over \$40,215 in-kind donations of instruments and music this year, not including the discounted and free music distributed directly to MusicLink teachers through our Business Partner discount program. We thank the many people who donated instruments to local programs and special thanks to the Frederick Harris Co. for their generous contribution of over \$24,000 of theory books for MusicLink students and teachers.

STUDENT AWARDS

SENIOR AWARD OF EXCELLENCE: **Yuri Boguinia** of Longmont Co is this year’s recipient of the MusicLink Senior Award of Excellence. The award of \$1,000 is made possible through the Arline and Russell Bridge Endowment Fund, recognizing a graduating high school senior who has attained an advanced level of performance, shows commitment to lessons and has a personal goal of continuing musical training in college. Yuri, immigrated to the US from Russia in 2000 with aspirations to develop his skills as a composer, pianist, and violinist. Yuri recently graduated from the Interlochen Arts Academy and will be entering the Juilliard School in the fall, studying composition with Samuel Adler. A MusicLink composition student of Daniel Kellogg, Yuri also took lessons in violin, viola and piano with Barbara Barber and Shirley Gendreizig through MusicLink, receiving a viola from the MusicLink Foundation for his studies. Yuri also enjoyed summer opportunities at Tanglewood for several summers thanks to MusicLink camp scholarships. He received the ASCAP Morton Gould Young Composer Award in 2008 and 2009. He is first violinist of the Amadeus Novus String Quartet, which he and his younger brother, pianist Valdislav, established in 2005.



Yuri Boguinia

Yuri describes his goal as a composer: “to find new and unique musical means of expressing my ideas and vision of the world. Composers are both mirrors of their era and at the same time visionaries who insist that society look forward. I want my music to not only reflect our time but to do it in a way that will ask people to revisit the aesthetics of our changing time.”



Ruth Stenson

RUTH STENSON AWARD: **Melissa Just** of Willmar MN is the recipient of the Ruth Stenson Award of \$1,000, which was established this year in memory of a devoted MusicLink teacher who supported the philosophy of having opportunities available to all students, regardless of their economic circumstances. This was shown in Ruth’s last years, when she had to limit her private students to half a dozen—with 2 of them being MusicLink students. Ruth’s husband, Robert, thanks the foundation for having the generosity to award this scholarship to a deserving young person to promote the love of music to the next generation.

Melissa has taken MusicLink lessons in piano with **Raeanna Gislason** for eight years, receiving eight consecutive superiors in the MFMC Junior Festival. Her multiple musical talents include piano, voice and flute, as well as being the drum major for her award-winning high school marching band. She has been the lead in high school musicals, performs in choir and solo competitions, as well as playing the piano in a small church in Murdock MN. Her career goal is to pursue a career in the medical field with a minor in music. She will be attending the University of Minnesota—Duluth in the fall. She would love to teach piano, and possibly volunteer to reach out to those who would not have the opportunity to learn the gift of music. “There are so many talented children out there waiting to be given the chance. I feel I can impact them with the gift of music.”



Sue Wege, MusicLink Midwest Regional Coordinator, Melissa Just, Raeanna Gislason.

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We thank all of our donors – foundations, corporate sponsors, and individuals who share our passion to bring music to children in need. Italicized individuals and business partners provided in-kind donations of instruments and music that totaled \$40,215 this year—many thanks!

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Western IL Un. MTNA Student Chapter

Samuel Music – IL

Pam Keys Studio – GA

