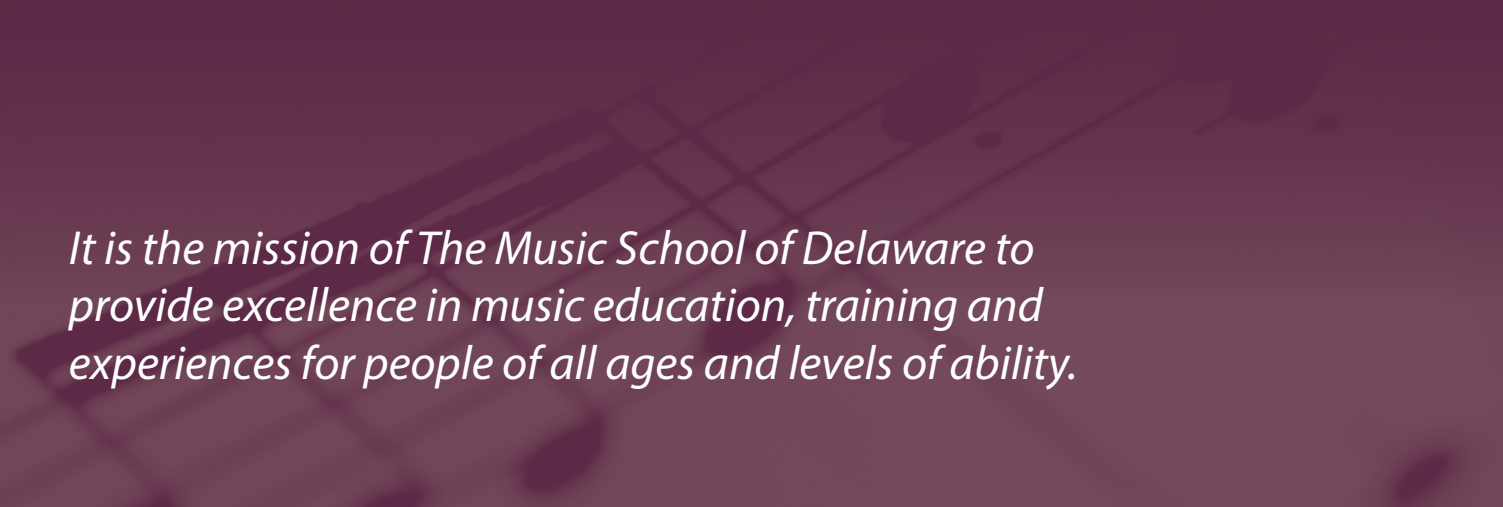




FALL 2012 • SPECIAL REPORT



It is the mission of The Music School of Delaware to provide excellence in music education, training and experiences for people of all ages and levels of ability.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & THE BOARD CHAIR

Friends!

At The Music School of Delaware, we continue our 88-year legacy of “Music Excellence for Everyone.” Our goal is to provide “more music to more people in more places.” This report shares with you our progress over the past year.

The school logged 14,504 hours of private instruction in 30 instruments and voice, in both classical and non-classical traditions.

Students from 199 public and private schools were enrolled, along with 44 homeschoolers, and 276 adults. Early Childhood Outreach partnerships reached 626 children under the age of 6, including inner city children and other under-served populations. Total enrollment was 2,495 (up from 2,100 the year before); Milford Branch enrollment increased by 25%. Ten percent (10%) of our families received direct financial aid last year. But each and every lesson, class and ensemble was subsidized by contributed income.

As a statewide institution, the school served students from all three counties: Kent (10%), Sussex (10%), and New Castle (60%). The neighboring states of Pennsylvania (15%) and New Jersey and Maryland combined (5%) were also represented.

In March of 2012, the school’s national accreditation was renewed for a ten-year period.

The Studio: Rock, Jazz and Folk, was met with great enthusiasm in its first year. And instructional programs were also provided for those with Alzheimer’s, those with a wide range of physical, mental and developmental disabilities, and those on the autism spectrum.

As one of the state’s leading music presenters, nearly 100 public performances (most free or at nominal charge) were offered at the school’s Concert Hall, the Grand Opera House, and at various locations throughout the state, and in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

We are proud to be your leading resource for music experiences for all. Our focus is on excellence in serving you and your children, and on employing outstanding professional musicians.

We can deliver this only because of the generosity of our contributors, to whom we are exceedingly grateful!



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MORE MUSIC...

preserving the great classical music traditions • keeping pace with contemporary currents • hosting harmonica bands in the 1930's • furthering Wilmington's rich Jazz heritage in the 1960's and 70's • now offering The Studio: Rock, Jazz and Folk • instruction in 30+ different instruments • providing 14,500 hours of private instruction • presenting nearly 100 performances and workshops in 4 states!



▲ **March 10, 2012 • Beethoven in Blue Jeans** "Beethoven" (Dr. Michael Larkin!) and school president, Kate Ransom enjoy music at Beethoven in Bluejeans. The event included faculty members performing rock, jazz, celtic, bluegrass and classical music.

◀ Brandywine Fiddlers (pictured), Matson Run Pickers and Bluegrass Band delight audiences and preserve the rich tradition of American Bluegrass in Delaware.



▲ **November 2, 2011 • Piano Festival**

The Festival spotlighted one of more than 30 instruments through works for solo & duo piano, with noted faculty. Pictured here, Holly Roadfeldt-O'Riordan and Danny Coldren.

▶ **December 12, 2011 • Holiday Stroll**

Layne Thompson-Payne at the piano last December, for the Holiday Stroll in Milford, DE—which gives our students and faculty the opportunity to perform seasonal favorites and interact with the Milford community.





▲ **May 12, 2012 • Cultural Crossroads: Rock My World**

A decade-by-decade tour of rock & roll history presented by faculty & student ensembles.

< **July 27, 2012 • Delaware Orchestral and Chamber Music Institute**

Newly appointed to lead the Music School's Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra, Maestro Simeone Tartaglione headed this week-long summer intensive camp.

▼ **October 19, 2011 • HEY, MR. DJ: A Workshop with DJ Amaze**

Music lovers of all ages enjoyed a behind-the-scenes look at the history, equipment, techniques and lifestyle of a DJ.



MORE PEOPLE...

age-appropriate music experiences for all • serving infants, young children, teens & adults • growing the audiences of the future • nurturing music lovers of today • preparing future professional musicians • promoting appreciation of music • laying the foundation for a community that supports the arts for all • 90+ faculty • lessons, classes, ensembles & summer camps • enrollment of ~2,500 • serving those with a variety of physical, mental and developmental disabilities



◀ **January 13, 2012 • Cultural Crossroads: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Tribute Concert**

As part of our Cultural Crossroads Series, the Music School's Martin Luther King Jr. and Black History Month Concert brought together community and professional musicians to celebrate, including the DuPont Diversity Choir (pictured here), directed by C. Lawler Rogers, Sr.

▼ **October 16, 2011 • Cultural Crossroads: Music & Culture of the Andes**

Andes Manta performed at the Music School in October 2011. The four-brother ensemble introduced these young participants, and the audience, to the beauty and breadth of music of the Andes. They performed on more than 35 traditional instruments, including Andean Flutes and six-foot-long panpipes!





◀ **May 14, 2012 • The Patricia Layton Annual Scholarship Fund Dedication**

Past Board Chair, Tom Cover (with Robert and Clair Field and the Field children – a family of music school students and supporters) announced the Patricia Layton Annual Scholarship Fund, named in memory of longtime Music School front desk supervisor, “Miss Pat”. This fund helps provide direct financial aid to more than 10% of the school’s students in locations statewide. Every lesson, class and ensemble is subsidized by contributions to the school.



◀ **January 16, 2012 • Taste of Little Strings**

Young musicians in Kent and Sussex Counties gain valuable experience as string players through our Little Strings program, pictured here.

▼ **May 14, 2012 • Wilmington Community Orchestra: Viva Italia, featuring Delaware Concerto Competition Winners**

Music-making is not just for young musicians! The Music School of Delaware reaches over 275 adults in lessons and ensembles. Pictured here is an adult chamber group from the school’s Community Orchestra, performing at the Grand.



▲ **January 15, 2012 • A Magical Musical Journey**

Age-appropriate music learning activities provide much more than just play. The joy of music-making during the Early Childhood Department’s free monthly “drop-in” events benefits young children and their caregivers.



MORE PLACES...

regional impact • enrolling Delaware residents from New Castle (60%), Kent (10%) & Sussex Counties (10%) • drawing people from Pennsylvania (15%), New Jersey & Maryland (5%) • presenting performances in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey & Maryland • channeling students to All-State orchestras, bands, choruses & All-Eastern ensembles • generating alumni who contribute to countless communities across the nation & overseas



▲ January 23, 2012 • First State Youth Orchestra

Music lovers in Dover were treated to a performance by the First State Youth Orchestra in January 2012. This ensemble of young musicians, led by faculty member Eliezer Gutman, is one of the most popular at our Milford branch.



▲ December 18, 2011 • Winter Choral Concert

The Music School of Delaware partners with many local organizations to bring music to our community. In December 2011, the Winter Choral Concert was held at Beth Emeth Congregation, and featured the Beth Emeth choir as well as Music School ensembles: The Delaware Women's Chorus, Delaware Children's Chorus and the Select Choral Ensemble.

▼ March 12, 2012 • Master Class: Dr. Anna Skrupky, Horn

Faculty member, Dr. Anna Skrupky traveled to Milford in March 2012 to present a horn master class for young musicians in the Kent and Sussex area. Master classes by noted artists at both branches expand musical excellence for everyone, in more places!





▲ May 14, 2012 • Wilmington Community Orchestra: “Viva Italia”, featuring Delaware Concerto Competition for Young Musicians Winners

“More Places” also means truly “grand” experiences for artists of all ages. In May 2012, the Music School presented “Viva Italia” on the majestic mainstage of The Grand Opera House, featuring the Wilmington Community Orchestra and winners of the Delaware Concerto Competition for Young Musicians. Pictured here, Dover violin student soloist, Marius Sander, and the WCO.



▲ April 29, 2012 • Wine, Women & Song

The Delaware Women’s Chorus took their repertoire over the border to Pilesgrove, NJ to perform at Auburn Road Winery for a fun evening. The event was a sellout success!

◀ January 15, 2012 • Suzuki Academy Concert in Baltimore

The Suzuki Academy, led by Shelley Beard Schleigh, traveled to Baltimore to perform at the Peabody Conservatory—just one example of the exceptional experiences that a Music School education can provide!

Founded in 1924, The Music School of Delaware is the oldest, largest, and only nationally-accredited community music school in Delaware. It provides music training and education to a multi-cultural, economically diverse enrollment of 2,500 through two main branches, four satellites and over 20 outreach sites.

The school is home to the region's only Suzuki Academy, as well as the Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra, Wilmington Community Orchestra, Wilmington Youth Chorale, Delaware Children's Chorus, Select Choral Ensemble and Delaware Women's Chorus.

The Music School received the 2010 Governor's Award for the Arts.

Open to all, the school administers a financial assistance program to ensure music excellence is available for everyone.



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Celebrated Brazilian classical guitarist Paulo Martelli performed works from recent appearances at Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall and the Kennedy Center.

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▲ June 13, 2012 • Golf Outing

Golfers enjoyed a perfect day on the links and were treated to smooth jazz at the dinner hour. Faculty members performing in this photo: Chris Braddock, Bob Colligan, Skip Rohrich, Vince Lardear and Dennis Fortune.

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Every once in a while someone comes into our lives who brings out the very best in us. Patricia Layton, "Miss Pat" as some called her, was just such a person. She touched countless lives in her 14 years as the front desk receptionist of the Music School.

"Miss Pat" displayed a boundless passion for the school and its students. She was not only a receptionist, but an event planner, confidante, cheerleader and friend.

The school remembers her laughter and her generosity. The Music School is not the same without "Miss Pat." She was a beloved figure at the Music School and we are pleased to honor her memory in a meaningful way.

In May 2012, the Music School established the Patricia Layton Annual Scholarship Fund to provide financial aid for dedicated students who face financial hardship.

Financial aid will be awarded every year in memory of the school's dear friend, "Miss Pat."

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▲ September 25, 2011 • RACE TO THE MUSIC: 5K Run/Walk

Cellist, Larry Stromberg with his three "Music School" children were among the many who turned out for the Run/Walk chaired by Annie Coons. A faculty brass quintet provided music at the finish line.

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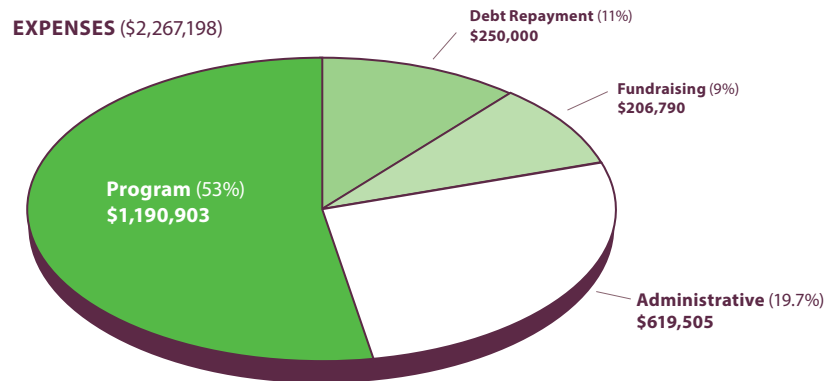
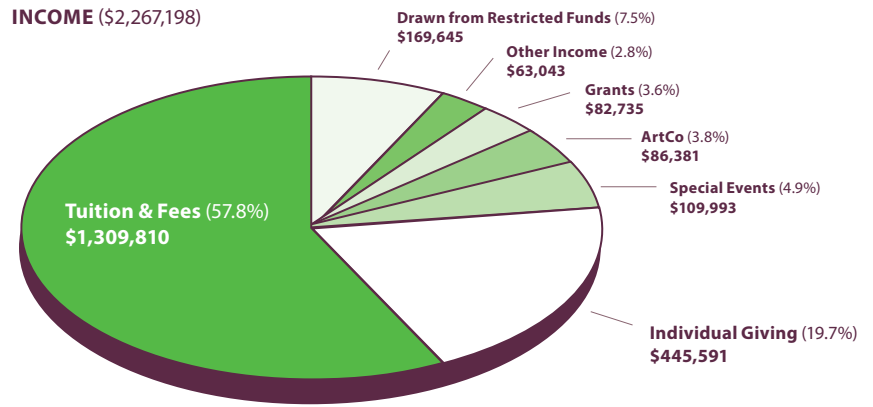


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