

# QUARTER NOTES

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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Now that the summer is over and we've refreshed ourselves with vacation fun and, of course, music, it's time to get back to the work of planning out another year. The last three months of the year are traditionally a very busy time for the MRP, which culminates with the Annual Musical Holiday Card fund raiser. Given the prognosis for reductions in state funding for projects next year, a successful fund raiser will be critical for us to continue sponsoring the kinds of programs we have done in the past. Please help us get the word out by mentioning this event to a friend, or purchasing a "card" yourself. It's good fun and a great way to keep the spirit of the season. Also note the Annual Business Meeting coming up October 11 which is open to all MRP supporters. We are always open to new ideas for projects and fund raising and here is your opportunity to be heard.



## RESERVE A HOLIDAY MUSIC CARD NOW!

Looking for that unique gift for the person who has everything? How about a 15 minute live concert on their doorstep. Musical



## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO THINK ABOUT YOUR 2002 TAXES!

Wow, it's already October! Soon the hectic holidays will be upon us. Why not plan now on making a tax deductible donation to the MRP! This gives you the benefit of a tax deduction, and helps the MRP continue its work to provide scholarships to music students, purchase music for schools and organizations that lack the financial resources, and sponsor music events in your community that are both educational and entertaining. Send your donation with the form on the right. It's as easy as that!!!

THANK YOU

Christmas Cards is the MRP's annual fund raiser where a group of volunteer musicians knock on the lucky recipients door and play a medley of seasonal selections. This year we are offering "Cards" on the weekends between Dec 6 and Dec 21. The price is \$25, fully tax deductible, and all proceeds go to the MRP to help fund activities for the coming year. For more information and to reserve a "Card," call Carol Lou Allen at 508 222 3804. In addition, anyone interested in volunteering their time and talent by playing their instruments, should also call Carol.

## ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR OCTOBER 11

The MRP will hold its Annual Meeting on Friday, October 11 at 7:30pm. This event is open to all MRP members and supporters. The Annual Meeting is where we review the accomplishments of the past year and talk about plans for the coming year. It's a fun time and great opportunity for our supporters to learn more about the MRP. Call Dave

Rollince at 508 226 6897 for more information and directions to the event.

SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES	
1998	Patricia Casarough, Attleboro South College
1999	Leanne Porta, Brockton Berklee College of Music
2000	Kevin MacKenzie Jr., Norton Berklee College of Music
2001	Alyson Roberts, Attleboro Bridgewater State College
2002	Amy Hubbard, Seekonk UMass Dartmouth

## MUSIC AND LEARNING

For the past few months there has been quite a bit of controversy over the MCAS tests in this state. Students are worried about passing these tests and graduating from High School. Now they are back in the classroom. We are all interested in how we can help these children compete better in an increasingly complex world. Do we have to target lessons to the MCAS test, or can we find ways to improve the general learning abilities of the students?

There have been a number of studies over the last few decades involving the affects for music education on the general ability of learning in children. A complete discussion of these is quite beyond our space here. Instead, I have taken from just a few for our readership to ponder. Perhaps the best education is still the one that is "well-rounded" and that includes studies in music and the arts.

## TEN-YEAR STUDY SHOWS MUSIC IMPROVES TEST SCORES

Regardless of socio-economic background, music-making students get higher marks in standardized tests. UCLA professor, Dr. James Catterall, led an analysis of a U.S. Department of Education database. Called NELL88, the database was used to track more than 25,000 students over a period of ten years. The study showed that students involved in music generally tested higher than those who had no music involvement. The test scores studied were not only standardized tests, such as the SAT, but also in reading proficiency exams. The study also noted that the musicians scored higher, no



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If you would like to serve on the board or volunteer for a committee, meetings are held the 2nd Friday of every month. Call 508-226-6897 for details. The MRP QUARTER NOTES Newsletter is a quarterly publication. Contributions are welcome by writing to the Music Revitalization Project, Inc., P.O. Box 709, Norton, MA, 02766. All articles included are at the discretion of the editor as space allows.

- 11/2 Metropolitan Wind Symphony - 8pm
- 11/3 Serenon Center, Babson College - 8pm
- 11/3 Tripletay Woodwind Trio - 3pm
- 11/3 Christ Cong. Church - Brockton
- 12/8 MWS Holiday Pops Concert - 3pm
- 12/8 Mark H.S. Cafeteria
- 12/8 SE Mass Wind Symphony - 3 pm
- 12/8 Holiday Concert - Wheaton College

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR:

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