

January 2018

Rotary Club of Wakefield
Attention: Pam Ancheta, President
P.O. Box 382
Wakefield, RI 02880

Dear Ms. Ancheta:

On behalf of the *Kingston Chamber Music Festival* I would like to thank the Rotary Club for your past support of our outreach programs and ask that you continue this role for the coming 2018 season. Next year our festival will reach a major milestone as it will be our 30th season, and we will be offering many special events.

This past year Artistic Director Natalie Zhu put together a very delightful series of seven concerts during the last two weeks in July. An exceptional collection of 20 world-class musicians delivered brilliant performances. Earlier in 2017 we had another outstanding schools outreach program that you helped to support. This outreach featured dynamic artists Noah Geller on violin and Mari Yoshinaga on various percussion instruments. The duo offered a fascinating program featuring works of rhythmically vibrant Jewish and Japanese ethnic music that captivated the schoolchildren (see photo). Additional details and photos on festival activities can be found on our web site www.kingstonchambermusic.org.



Musicians Noah Geller and Mari Yoshinaga - Schools Outreach March 2017

Our 30th concert season (July 25 – August 5) promises to be spectacular. Festival founder David Kim is joining us for the entire first week. In addition, Natalie has commissioned three original compositions, and has programmed a full chamber orchestra for the final concert of the season. There are other

surprises as well, that will be listed in our Newsletters and on our website. For this coming year we are also planning special and expanded schools outreach that will extend over two full weeks, from April 23 to May 4. Also KCMF musicians will now present programs to South County students at all 3 levels--elementary, middle, and high school. The goal is to introduce and enhance students' understanding and appreciation for classical music and how it relates to their lives. Musicians include Ben Griffin, trombone, Jasmine Lin, violin, and Deborah Pae, cello. Mr. Griffin has played trombone with a variety of bands, orchestras, and jazz ensembles on the East coast, and currently teaches music at URI and Emerson College. Ms. Lin and Ms. Pae are award-winning performers and members of orchestras and ensembles worldwide. The outreach will conclude with a special spring concert at URI on May 4 which will include music for brass quintet, violin, cello, and piano. Performers will include our outreach musicians, the URI Faculty Brass Quintet, and Natalie Zhu on piano. School children that we did outreach with will be offered complimentary tickets to this concert.

Following our outreach mission, we strive to bring these exceptional schools programs to our community, and your support has been a very helpful ingredient in meeting this mission. Because of the additional (doubling) outreach activities this year, we are hoping you will agree to increase your prior contribution level to \$2000 to support expansion of our outreach program. We would be most grateful for your higher level of support in our 30th anniversary year.

Thanks again for your past support, and I look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: 742-4431 or msadd@cox.net. Following our usual tradition, this year we again plan to send some of our musicians to play at your monthly meeting, which I believe is tentatively scheduled for August 2, 2018. Best wishes for a successful year.

Sincerely,



Martin Sadd
KCMF Board and Fundraising Committee Chair