

# QUARTER NOTES

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Youth Music Project board members and guests having a rockin' time at the Annual benefit in April

## Greetings,

Spring Term just wrapped up and we are busy here at Youth Music Project getting ready for our summer programs and all the activity and creativity that our students bring to the building. We have come a long way from starting in a travel trailer, to now serving roughly 1,500 students per year. Did you know that 2019 marks our seventh year of providing excellent music education, and the many benefits that comes with it, to the youth of our community? And more than ever we are still committed to providing access to all children, regardless of their ability to pay, through our tuition assistance fund.

In April, we celebrated yet another wildly successful benefit auction. Student performances knocked the socks off our guests and Dave Dahl, co-founder of Dave's Killer Bread, gave a heartfelt and inspiring keynote, followed by an original song about the power of music. This annual event raised more than \$200,000 for our tuition assistance fund and we couldn't have done it without the support of our amazing community of friends. Thank you!

One of the perks of my job is getting to see first-hand how music has the power to transform a child. My own two daughters discovered the joy of music at Youth Music Project and I have watched them grow into the confident, inspiring young women they are today because of it. Thank you again for your support and commitment to Youth Music Project. We are so very grateful to have you as part of our musical family!



**Development Director** 



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## STUDENT STORIES: KEALANI PETITO

Here at Youth Music Project we have students of all ages and are fortunate enough to not only see these students grow musically but into young adults. Kealani Petito is one of the many students we have had the pleasure to see grow into the young artist she is today. Since Kealani moved to Oregon in 2016, she has been a vocal and piano student at Youth Music Project. Over the years her passion for music has grown so much that she applied and was accepted to New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. She will be pursuing a Bachelor's of Fine Arts (BFA) degree focusing on Musical Theater. We sat down with Kealani to ask her a few questions and this is what we learned:

## What inspired you to pursue a degree in music/ music related degree?

"What inspired me was the sheer passion I hold for performing arts and singing. I also was lucky to be introduced to it from a very young age. I also connected with performance, whether it was goofing around with friends or singing in a musical—I truly love it. I was also fortunate to be absolutely astonished and inspired by my mentors along the way. The teachers I've had in the arts, directors, performers, and peers have all been able to help me recognize the importance of fine arts. They have all inspired me to pursue what I really love. I am so grateful for this next opportunity and am excited to do this not only for personal passion, but with a purpose to tell a story—and hopefully inspire others as I have been."

## How do you feel Youth Music Project has helped you as a musician?

"Youth Music Project has helped me stay connected with what I love to do on a close and personal level. The one-on-one and group support I've received is immeasurable and really helped me develop new skills within myself. Youth Music Project has aided me in growing vocally and I believe this is mainly due to the genuine support I have received."

## Any advice you would give current Youth Music Project students?

"Stick with what you love, truly! Don't follow through with something that doesn't feel right and go where your heart leads you! It may sound cheesy, but it's really true. If you are truly passionate about something, follow it. Be open and ready to grow. The instrument curiosity and knowingness to keep searching for the light is what has always helped me! Lead with your truth and find the joy in it. Thank you, Youth Music Project, for being with me through high school, I am grateful!"



Kealani Petito



## **EVENTS: OPEN HOUSE ON SEPT 14**



#### YOUTH MUSIC PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

Come join us September 14, 2019 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.!

The doors are open for the community to come have fun listening to some music in the outdoor bowl, enjoy some refreshments, and visit the musical instrument test-drive to try something new. There will also be a scratch and dent sale to tempt you to take home a new instrument. Of course our beloved instructors and staff will be on hand to welcome you in to our state of the art facility. We hope you will join in the fun!



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: INTERN CAPSTONE

Our YMP interns recently took on a new and exciting project, their very own concert event! This year we wanted to introduce a capstone project to our program to give interns an opportunity to obtain important skills beneficial to their professional development. Interns were tasked with planning an event that would raise awareness for an issue of their choice. The

group decided on teen mental health awareness and the ways that music can be used as a healthy creative outlet.

The interns planned and executed every aspect of this 90's theme concert called "A Night in the 90's". Responsibilities included collaborating with one another and community partners, booking bands and guest speakers, creating marketing materials, and putting together refreshments and decorations to make the night a success. "I learned a lot about communicating and collaborating with peers in a work environment," said intern Isabel. During this project the interns received guidance from different departments especially from their supervisor, Program Coordinator, Jesus Licciardello. When asked about his overall experience he said, "It was inspiring to see their commitment to this project



Sydney Steinberg and Morgan Cullumbine-Robertson

and their overall passion for music. As a mentor, I also learned a lot from this opportunity on how to better support them in a future project".

The success of this capstone project goes beyond the concert itself. Interns will be able to carry the skills they developed into their adult lives as intern Sydney mentioned, "Since I'm planning on going into a career in music, having been part of organizing a concert will be really helpful." And because there were so many elements of planning and collaborating, this experience could be beneficial to them in areas far beyond music. Jeydon shared some broader insights gained from the project: "Be proactive. Do work outside of work. It may be a pain, but it can be really helpful."



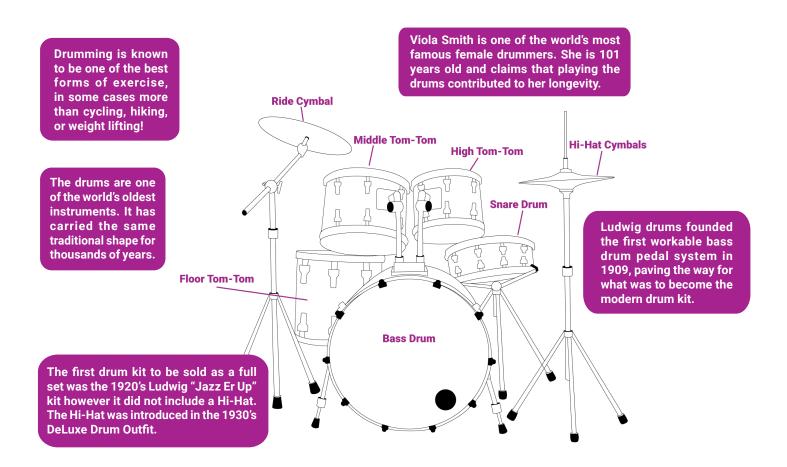


Performances from "A Night in the 90's" Concert

It seems clear that our interns will take away valuable lessons and great memories from this capstone project experience. Youth Music Project is proud of their accomplishments and we are very excited to see what they put together next year.



# TUN AND SAMES: THE DRUM SET



#### MUSICAL WORD SEARCH

Search up, down, forward, backward, and on the diagonal to find the hidden words.

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