



*Marin Music Chest*

Welcome to our Winter 2021 newsletter!

We're looking forward to a fresh year with music, scholarships, and concerts.

We invite you to read about two of our scholarship winners; to learn about Cadenza, our new Legacy Society, and more.

## Supporting Young Musical Talent Since 1933



2019 Scholarship Winners, Jim Block Photography

### We hope you had a safe and healthy 2020

We regret being unable to award our 2020 Senior scholarships and missed seeing our young musicians perform in our spring concerts. We anticipate our new year will soon allow for auditions, scholarships and concerts once again. With a positive outlook, we have scheduled the following:

**Application** deadlines: Feb 13 for Juniors; Feb 27 for Seniors

**Auditions:** May 8 for Seniors and May 22 for Juniors

**Photoshoot:** May – TBD

**Concert:** Scholarship Winners Concert – TBD

Please view our [online calendar](#) for more details.

## Our Mission Statement

The Marin Music Chest provides financial support and performance opportunities to talented, promising, young Marin County students of classical music and, when possible, assists other non-profit organizations with similar goals.

## How to Apply for a Scholarship

Applicants for Marin Music Chest Scholarships must be a resident of Marin County for a minimum of two years prior to the audition and have studied for two years prior to audition.

[Click here](#) for more details and an application.

## Meet two of our scholarship winners

### Allegra Chapman, 2003 Scholarship Winner



*"With the help of my awards from Marin Music Chest, I was able to apply to music schools out of state. I went on to receive my BA and BM from Bard College Conservatory of Music and my masters from The Juilliard School. Thank you for supporting me in my early years, and for all that you do for young musicians!"* [Read more about Allegra.](#)

### Isabella O'Brien, 2020 Scholarship Winner



Isabella, currently 13 years old, was one of our 2020 Junior scholarship winners. She also received the coveted \$500 *Robert Greenwood Award*.

[Click here](#) for Isabella playing Syrinx, pour flûte "Pièce pour Psyché" (1913) by Claude Debussy

*"I attend White Hill Middle School, (8th grade) and have recently found how much more I enjoy school in-person than online. Playing flute has been my favorite way to*

**Mychal Nishimura  
2019 Scholarship  
Winner**



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**Cy Stock, 2019  
Scholarship Winner**

*spend my time, especially this past year. My flute teacher is Andrei Gorchov and I have been taking lessons for three years now. I especially love composers like Ravel and Debussy, but in the future I would like to play even more challenging music. I also look forward to playing with other musicians after the pandemic. I am excited to discover more in the world of music!"*

**Congratulations Isabella!**

**Board Member's Article in  
Marin Independent Journal**

Spencer Michels wrote about the challenges our organization has experienced amid the pandemic. Are our scholarships for young classical musicians in jeopardy? We think not! But Mr. Michels, a musician himself, understands the serious questions and brings clarity to our thoughts in his article, [which you can read here](#).

**Introducing  
CADENZA: The Marin Music Chest  
Legacy Society**

You can play an indispensable role in the future of Marin Music Chest and its mission to inspire and support talented young musicians.

We invite you to join CADENZA: The Legacy Society of Marin Music Chest with a planned gift through your estate or will. The extraordinary generosity and foresight of CADENZA members ensures performance opportunities and cash scholarships to aspiring young musicians for generations to come. [Read more about Cadenza.](#)

**Corinne Swall 1927-2020**



Photo: Jim Block Photography



**Corinne Swall**, of Kentfield, long time Board member of Marin Music Chest, died recently. She was an active, ambitious member of the Board of Directors since 2002, and served on the Artistic Council. Corinne herself was a Music Chest scholarship winner in 1948, which sent her to Julliard and launched her performance career. The Marin Music Chest Board of Directors is grateful to Corinne for all her years of service in assisting young Marin students of classical music. She will be sorely missed. For more about Corinne, [read her obituary in the Marin IJ](#).



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