

Dear Families,

We'd like to encourage you to become a member of Simsbury Friends for Music and Performing Arts for the 2016-2017 school year. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of students by funding opportunities that go beyond the Board of Education's budget. If your child is involved in chorus, orchestra, band or theatre at any grade level and you believe music and the performing arts play an important role in Simsbury schools, **please join or renew your membership for this school year**. We are an enthusiastic group of volunteers, and we invite you to join us at one of our monthly meetings to learn more. Check us out at www.simsburyfriendsformusic.org!



Please contact us if you have any questions. We appreciate and look forward to your support!
Sincerely,

Manuela Hanshaw & Sallie Pellon, Co-Presidents

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LAST YEAR OUR BUDGET OF \$35,000 SUPPORTED THESE REQUESTS AND MANY MORE, THANKS TO OUR MEMBERS!

- Town-wide Elementary Chorus (funded entirely by Friends)
- Town-wide Jazz Festival featuring Guest Artist and clinician Mr. Larry Gareau (funded entirely by Friends)
- Transportation costs for students and ensembles to attend adjudications and CMEA Festivals
- Music Excellence Awards in all five elementary schools, HJMS and SHS
- Guest Artists for Master Classes in elementary schools, HJMS and SHS
- Professional Recording fees for SHS Choral Concerts
- Lighting costs for SHS Theatre Department

Our funding sources are:

- **Membership Dues** – over 350 members. Most of our budget comes from individual and family memberships!
- **Fundraising** proceeds from our Meadow Farms sale each Fall
- **Matching Gift Donations** – Business and Corporate Donations

There are three easy ways you can become a member or renew your membership:

- Visit www.simsburyfriendsformusic.org to make a secure donation via PayPal or credit card **OR**
- Make checks payable to "Simsbury Friends for Music" and return this form to your child's school office **OR**
- Mail the form & check to: SFMPA, c/o SHS Music Department; 34 Farms Village Road; Simsbury, CT 06070

Friends is a tax-exempt organization and may qualify for your employer's matching gift program. Please ask!

_____ \$200 Arts Benefactor _____ \$100 Conductor's Circle _____ \$50 Composer's Circle _____ \$25 Performer's Circle

_____ \$10 Friend _____ Other Donation *All donations will be deposited in the general fund of the Simsbury Friends for Music and Performing Arts and will be distributed in accordance with the fundamental mission described in the bylaws of this organization.*

_____ Check here if you do **NOT** want your name to be listed in concert programs as a SFMPA supporter.

NAME _____ EMAIL: _____

My child/children attend: (circle all that apply) SHS HJMS Central Latimer Squadron Tariffville Tootin'

_____ **Yes, I'd like to volunteer to help the Friends! Please contact me!**