



Dear friends,

For over a decade, Elemental Music (formerly known as Elemental Strings) has provided high-level music instruction to nearly one thousand elementary and middle school-aged music students through high quality, engaging weekly ensemble programs. This season alone, we have over 260 students enrolled in our programs, include nearly 40% who receive need-based financial aid.

For many students, this is their first large ensemble experience, where they are not only taught, but nurtured, to become musicians. This strong beginning leads most students to continue their musical studies in the local middle and high schools, and many have become the leaders of their music programs at the secondary schools.

Like many other arts organizations, Elemental Music must rely on a combination of funding sources, including tuition, grants, and fundraisers, to help us cover our expenses each season, including teaching artist fees, rent, sheet music, insurance costs, and much more. We still need to raise over \$60,000 to meet our financial obligations for the year, and have a goal of raising at least \$12,000 through our annual auction.

Please consider donating merchandise or a gift certificate to our online auction, which will take place between February 19 and March 5. Donated auction items can be anything of potential interest or value to our large community of parents, students, teachers, friends and audience members. We will list all participants on the auction website as well as our upcoming concert program booklet. Your donations may be tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Please note that in an effort to remain impartial to the larger community of private teachers in the area, we will not be accepting donated music lessons nor promotional materials for advertising private lessons.

To confirm your participation, please return the enclosed donation form no later than Friday, February 10. It is very important to complete the form as much as possible, including a narrative description of the donation. Please be sure to also include your email address, as your donation receipt will be sent to this address via email. We strongly encourage families to drop off donations at one of the Elemental Music rehearsals. However, if it is necessary to arrange a special drop-off/pick-up of the item, please let me know.

We thank you deeply for your support and generosity for our young musicians!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josephine Moerschel".

Josephine Moerschel
Executive and Artistic Director

