



For over 87 years, the Music Institute of Chicago has been dedicated to transforming lives through music education of the highest quality. Each year, your contribution allows the Music Institute to provide everyone in our community with lifelong access to music, regardless of age, background, or experience. The Music Institute is grateful for your continued support, and I am pleased to offer the following update on our achievements.

Mark George, President and CEO

## COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

The Community Music School offers comprehensive instruction in all classical instruments and voice at one of the nation's oldest, largest, and most distinguished schools of its kind. The school:

- Boasts a diverse, 182-member teaching faculty comprised of Caucasian, Asian, African-American, Latino, and other musical instructors, many of whom have international backgrounds.
- Provided private lessons, group instruction, and ensemble experiences to nearly 2,000 students of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities in 2015-16.
- Awarded more than \$400,000 in financial aid and scholarships to 252 recipients in 2015-16 thanks to your support.

## ARTSLINK

With its goal of enhancing learning through music, art, and theater across all subjects, ArtsLink has reached nearly 37,000 people since 1996. This past year, ArtsLink:

- Celebrated its 20th anniversary of bringing arts integration to Chicago, Evanston, and suburban public school classrooms at no cost.
- Provided professional development opportunities for teachers in 36 classrooms and music education to 6,500 students.
- Enabled students at four Chicago West Side schools to participate in lessons that integrated music, drama, and dance into the classroom's curriculum in alignment with state standards.



*The New Horizons Band provides adults older than 50 with an opportunity to learn to play a band instrument with their peers.*



*ArtsLink delivered first-class, tuition-free violin instruction to 13 students in 2015-16 through the Suzuki Strings program in partnership with the McCormick YMCA of Metro Chicago.*

## ACADEMY

Nationally recognized for its success, the Academy invests in the next generation of leaders in classical music performance and remains among the top training facilities for pre-conservatory musicians. In 2015-16, the Academy:

- Awarded \$137,946 in scholarships to offset tuition costs for 23 Fellows thanks to your support.
- Since 2006, awarded \$1.5 million in merit and need-based scholarships, providing more than 200 Academy Fellows with private lessons, master classes with world's most renowned artists and pedagogues, a chamber orchestra experience, keyboard skill and improvisation for pianists, and a robust chamber music program.
- Swept the 4th Annual A.N. & Pearl G. Barnett Chamber Music Competition in Chicago on April 3. Academy Fellows took home the Grand Award, First Place in Strings and Piano Division, as well as Second Place and Third Place prizes.

## NICHOLS CONCERT HALL

Nichols Concert Hall, a stunning performance venue in the heart of Evanston, presents classical music performances, jazz concerts, piano festivals, workshops, master classes, and special events. During the 2015-16 performance season, the hall:

- Presented more than 500 events to 16,000 patrons.
- Hosted acclaimed pianist and Academy alumna Kate Liu, who returned to Chicago in January 2016 to play a solo recital after capturing the Bronze Medal at the 17th Fryderyk Chopin International Piano Competition. Liu studied at the Music Institute from 2004-12.

## 86TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

With more than 300 civic, cultural, and business leaders in attendance, this event raised \$731,521 net toward Community Music School scholarships, Academy Fellowships, ArtsLink, and other programs that provide diverse audience with access to music education. The Gala:

- Honored Joshua Bell, one of the most celebrated violinists of his era, with the Dushkin Award. Past recipients include André Previn, Lang Lang, Stephen Sondheim, Riccardo Muti, Yo-Yo Ma, Renée Fleming, Plácido Domingo, and Sir Georg Solti, among many others.
- Presented the Cultural Visionary Award to Lois M. and Harrison I. Steans for their immense contributions to Chicago arts and culture.
- Awarded world-renowned instructors and MIC string faculty members Roland and Almita Vamos with the Richard D. Colburn Award for Teaching Excellence.



*In 2016, the Academy celebrated its tenth year of providing aspiring professional string players and pianists with world-class music instruction. Pictured here: Academy Class of 2016.*



*MIC hosted the 2016 Chicago International Duo Piano Competition in June. 32 piano duo teams, ages 25 to 38, representing 18 countries in Asia, Europe, and North America, came to Nichols Concert Hall to compete. Pictured here: Competition directors Claire and Ralph Neiweem, grand prize winners, and MIC President, Mark George.*



*Joshua Bell received the 2016 Dushkin Award on May 26, 2016. The award recognizes international luminaries in the world of music for their contributions to the art form and impact on the music education of youth.*