16th Year Anniversary Concert

Saturday, November 2nd, 2019
2:00 pm
Gifford Community Center
4855 43rd Avenue, Vero Beach, Florida 32967
www.gyotigers.org
FOR ALL STUDENTS

Thanksgiving Break                Monday-Friday, Nov. 25th – 29th
“ALL GYO STUDENTS” Award Banquet  Tuesday, Dec. 10th
Winter Holiday Break             Sunday, Dec. 23rd -January 5th
GYO Benefit Concert              Sunday, Dec. 29th
Annual Production with ALL GYO Students Saturday, February 22nd
Spring Break                      Week of March 23rd – 27th
Mike Block Camp                   Week of July 6th
GYO Music Camp                    Week of July 20th

FOR STRING STUDENTS

Group Lessons Continue            November 5th, 2019
Winter 2020 Classes Begin         January 7th
New String Classes Begin          January and September 2020

FOR PIANO STUDENTS

Thanksgiving Break                Monday-Friday, Nov. 25th – 29th
Holiday Break                    Sunday, Dec. 22nd -January 4th
Lessons Begin                    Sunday, Jan. 5th
Winter Recital                    Sunday, Jan. 26th, 3pm
Spring Break                     Week of March 23rd – 28th
Spring Recital                    Saturday, May 23rd, 3pm
Last Day of Private Lessons      Friday, May 22nd
Summer Piano Lessons             June Sign-up with Suzuki Sue (ASAP)

News Flash!
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The Founder’s Page
“Each One, Teach One”
By Rev. Dr. Crystal Bujol, November, 2019

January 1, 2003, at the Gifford Swimming Pool, I was facilitating my first Kwanzaa Program in Gifford, Florida. That’s when I met Annie Powell and our long-time friendship and community service alliance began. She said, “Our kids are being left behind! What are you going to do about that?” She showed me a photo of a little black boy dragging his cello at the end of a long line of other musicians. She thought he was at the end of the line because he was being left behind. In reality, he was at the end of the line because he played the cello, often the last one to leave the stage. I had no choice but to get busy developing the Gifford Youth Orchestra. The story about GYO history is amazing. Filled with beautiful people, dedicated teachers, committed board members, generous donors, struggles and sprouts, phenomenal children and parents with dreams for better tomorrows who entrusted their children to Joan Haar and me. We didn’t know what was coming in 2019. We didn’t know that one day, one of our graduates would graduate from college and instead of teaching 40 or 50 children each week, she would teach nearly 80 children each day! How did that happen?

EACH ONE TEACH ONE IS THE SECRET FORMULA!

A 2016 study at the University of Southern California’s Brain and Creativity Institute found that musical experiences in childhood can actually accelerate brain development, particularly in the areas of language acquisition and reading skills. Furthermore, according to the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation (NAMM Foundation), learning to play an instrument can improve mathematical learning and even increase SAT scores.

That means all of Marissa’s 400 students are experiencing accelerated brain development!

Academic achievement isn’t the only benefit of music education and exposure. Music ignites all areas of child development and skills for school readiness: intellectual, social and emotional, motor, language, and overall literacy. It helps the body and the mind work together. Exposing children to music during early development helps them learn the sounds and meanings of words. Dancing to music helps children build motor skills while allowing them to practice self-expression. For children and adults, music helps strengthen memory skills.

This means that all of Marissa’s 400 students are practicing self-expression and strengthening their memory skills!

HOW CAN THE GYO HELP MORE YOUNG PEOPLE CHOOSE A PATH SIMILAR TO MARISSA’S?

The Gifford Youth Orchestra just needs to stay the course. Continue doing what it does. Follow the Mission Statement. Prepare boys and girls to follow their dreams and prepare them for the goal of “Each One, Teach One!” It is a perfect bridge to better tomorrows. “More Violins, Better Tomorrows.” More Music, More Melodies, Better Tomorrows. Keep them off the street and on the stage of a successful life!
EACH ONE TEACH ONE
Marissa Rollins’ Journey from the GYO to teaching violin to 400 more violinists
It Starts with Sukesha Crosdale

Sukesha Crosdale, enrolls in GYO 2003, GYO graduate in 2009.

Enrolls in the University North Florida, begins teaching children age 3-6 how to play the violin, and from 2011 and 2018, between college classes, she gives lessons at a pre-school in Jacksonville and teaches a total of 42 children.

During summers, Sukesha returns to Gifford and teachers GYO students

Sukesha brings one or her 6 year old “graduates” to spend the week in Gifford and she plays the violin with GYO students.

Marissa Rollins enrolls in GYO in 2009 and chooses Sukesha to be her tutor. Her first concert (above). She is the back row 2, first student on the left.

Just before graduating from Vero Beach High, she presents herself in a recital and poses with Dr. Bujol and Joan Haar.

Enrolls at University of South Florida, returns to Gifford in summer to teach classes and serve as Coordinator for GYO Summer Camp. Graduates USF as Summa Cum Laude!

Marissa Rollins teaches violin to 400 students at Lincoln Elementary: Four 5th grade, Three 4th grade, Four 3rd grade, four 2nd grade, and five 1st grade classes, totaling 400 students. 400 children learning to play the violin because: Each One Teaches One!
CONGRATULATIONS
Luke Andrew Zacharias Pelt

We are so proud of your accomplishments as a 2020 graduate of the Gifford Youth Orchestra.

We love you,
Larrissa and Lyle, Josh, Zipporah, Deborah, Chelsey, Brittney, Ashley, and all of your nieces and nephews!
Congratulations on 16 years of encouraging children like me to see beyond our circumstances and be better people in our homes, community, and schools.

Today, I take the stage with power!

Thank you GYO!!

Jada “Alexandria” Powell

All the power you need is within! You Are Powerful and we are so proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Starr, Deon, Jeanne, and Grandma Ann
CONGRATULATIONS TATIANA

We are so proud of you!

Keep up the hard work

Good Luck!

Love, Papi and Alexis
Dear Pryssi, Words cannot express how proud we are of you this year. You conquered your fears and ventured way beyond your goals as a violinist, and as a cheerleader.

Wishing you all the best,
Love, Mom, Aunty, Grandma and Alma

God changes caterpillars into butterflies and you change notes into music, play on my amazing butterfly.

Love, Mom
GIFFORD YOUTH ORCHESTRA STRING STUDENTS

Students who completed all the GYO 2019 requirements and will be performing in this concert

**Beginner 1**
- Damara Richardson, age 10 - 4th grade - Suncoast - on swim team and wants to sing - GYO summer camper
- Ashton Smeltzer, age 11 - 5th grade - Citrus Elementary - loves playing violin, science fair and anything STEM
- Iandael Enriquez, age 12 - 6th grade - St. Peter’s Academy - enjoys learning to play violin, math and football
- Dana Enriquez, age 8 - 3rd grade - St. Peter’s Academy - favorite subjects are Math and Reading
- Jada Heppen, age 12 - 7th grade - Storm Grove Middle - Member of the National Junior Honor Society - flutist

**Beginner 2**
- Sophia Garcia, age 8 - 3rd grade - Osceola Magnet - enjoys tennis and swimming
- Venetia Brotarx, age 9 - 4th grade - Glendale Christian School - school choir - perform live with my dad
- Daisy Sandoval, age 11 - 5th grade - Vero Beach Elementary - craft jewelry make & loves fantasy books
- Gabriella Grygajtis, Middle School. 10 months in GYO.
- Justice Hopewell, age 13 - Storm Grove Middle - singing, dancing & art - most improved basketball & bowling
- Jlie Coe, Gifford Middle School, GYO Student for almost two years
- Kashanie Coe, Vero Beach Elementary - GYO Student for almost two years
- Nareli Vega, age 11 - 6th grade - Gifford Middle - enjoys art, nature and swimming
- Richy Llind, age 9 - 4th grade - St. Peter’s Academy - participates in cheerleading and track
- DeAnna Henderson, age 9 - 4th grade - Suncoast School, gymnastics, loves to read and cook
- Yaretzi Rodriguez, age 11 - 6th grade - Storm Grove Middle - music, karate
- Marleigh Coletti, Middle School. 10 months in GYO
- Antawnette Williams, age 10 - 4th grade - Vero Beach Elementary - science projects - reading - acting
- Chanton Taylor, age 10 - 5th grade - trumpet player in band - enjoys fishing and building cities with Legos

**Beginner 3**
- Valentino De la Guardia, age 12 - 7th grade - Sebastian Charter Junior High - art, soccer
- Adriani Anderson, age 12 - 6th grade - St. Helen Catholic School - soccer, drama
- D'Mya Bushell-Cue, age 10 - 5th grade - St. Helen Catholic School - soccer, basketball, art, drama
- Christine Domingue, 7th grade - Gifford Middle - enjoy being alone - GYO helps me with my people-skill
- Ariel Perez, age 9 - 4th grade - St. Peter’s Academy - vocabulary & spelling - learning music improves her focus

**Intermediate 1 and 2**
- Diamond Doby, age 12 - 7th grade - Oslo Middle School - 1st Chair school orchestra, A/B Honor Roll, games
- Isabella Cruz, age 12 - 7th grade - Storm Grove Middle School - school orchestra, art, games, enjoys reading
- Jhovanny Vite, age 11 - 7th grade - Storm Grove Middle - band, soccer, games
- Viviana Phinizee, age 12 - 7th grade - Gifford Middle School - school orchestra and track, church activities
- Shawn Page, age 13 - 7th grade - Gifford Middle School - orchestra, band, swimming, piano, karate & scouts

**Intermediate 3** and Advanced Students**
- Tatiana Wallace** - age 14 - 9th grade - VB High School FLC, 1st Chair Freshman School Orchestra, Youth Guidance, Pathfinders Exchange Club, VBHS Color Guard, and loves to read
- Mieca-Eeja Ferguson, age 13 - 8th grade - violin, volleyball, singing, acting, dancing, loves the stage
- Priscalina Douzable, age 15 - 10th grade - John Carroll High School - soccer, cheerleading

**Other Students enrolled in 2019:** Arielle Reason, Javier Edmond, Rebekah Dougall, Floyd Jones, Jr., Kai’Leigh
Pokorny, and Stephon Basden

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**GIFFORD YOUTH ORCHESTRA PIANO STUDENTS**

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**Piano I**
Aiden Robertson, age 4 - Pre-K Kendall Academy - loves music and basketball
Bailey Henderson, age 4 - Pre-K - attends Suncoast Primary - she loves to read
Ivanna Powell, age 5, attends St. Helen’s Head Start - enjoys book, loves toys, playing piano and Ms Sue
Keren Perez, age 7 – 2nd grade – St. Peter’s Academy – enjoys reading – very shy – loves piano
Mobeen Siadat, age 5 – Kindergarten, Imagine South Vero - enjoys music, art, and technology
Nevaeh Williams, age 7, 1st grade, Imagine South Vero, enjoys swimming, arts and crafts
Peyton Henderson, age 5 - Kindergarten - Suncoast Primary - loves make-up, playing & being in the spotlight

**Piano II**
Carlos Hernandez, GYO Summer Camper 2019 – loves piano – began piano lessons in August 2019
Celine Siadat, age 8, 3rd grade, Meadow Lane Elementary - soccer and getting her own outfits daily/fashion
Elias Blackmon, age 7, attends Rosewood Magnet School – likes basketball
Hallie Baker, age 8, 3rd grade - Liberty Magnet - IB Program - Honor Roll - Eagle Ensemble - science & cheer
Marlie Anderson, age 9, Honor Roll St. Helen Catholic School - soccer, basketball, cheerleading
Nick Romero, age 9, GYO piano student 1+ years, Suzuki Piano Book 1 completed

**Piano III**
Aaron Romero, Oslo Middle School – GYO Piano Student for 2+ years – Suzuki Piano Books I & II completed
Amelia Garcia, age 13, Sebastian River Middle, 8th grade, band member and color guard member
Ja’Kebie Marshall, age 11, 6th grade, Gifford Middle, animation, technology, gaming and basketball
Jahaziel Hernandez, age 12, 6th grade, Oslo Middle School, 1st chair in band and orchestra and is in all Advanced Courses in school
Jeanne Perry, age 10, 5th grade, Dugdertown Elementary, loves math, science and playing basketball
Mateen Siadat, age 7, 2nd grade, Imagine South Vero, enjoys music, art and science
Tatiana Wallace, GYO String Student (See previous page)
Zoey Manning, age 12, 6th grade, Oslo Middle, loves to sing, participates on a step team

**Other students enrolled in 2019:** Jada Powell, Charlie Dewart, and Javion Doby
Miss Viviandra,  
Continue to run your race!  

Wishing you well in all you do.  
Love,  
Coach JK  

Antawnette Williams  
Our most precious niece  
Congratulations  
We are so proud of your accomplishments  

Love,  
Aunt Dean and Uncle Nap
Ariel Joanne Perez

We are so proud of you and wish you success, love and great things. Continue to try your best in all you do.

Congratulations! We look forward to seeing many more violin performances!

~ Love Mom, Dad, Family and all your friends

Keren Ximena Perez

CONGRATULATIONS on your First Performance with the GYO!

It was PERFECT, like You!

WE look forward to attending more piano recitals and performances!

~ Love Mom, Dad, Family and all your friends

CONGRATULATIONS

Justice Hopewell

We are proud of you and all your accomplishments. We wish you well in all your endeavors. Keep up the good work!

Love, Mom and Family
IVANNA POWELL

Ivanna is the FIRST three-year-old to enter the GYO Piano Program in 2017 (left photo). This year (right photo) she says she is thankful for the following:

Thank you for having piano classes. Thank you for ‘MY’ Ms. Sue. Thank you for summer camp. Thank you for snacks. Thank you for Ms Iva!

Ivanna, your family is so proud of you.

We look forward to attending many more performances!

Love always, Papa and Nani, Mom and Joel, Auntie Iris, T-T Jada, T-T Jeanne and Great-grandma Ann

NARELA VEGA

“No hay nada como un sueño para crear el futuro.” Victor Hugo

You are an amazing girl: compassionate, brave, strong, smart, talented. You have been conquering every goal, every step, on every stage. You know everything is possible when we work from the heart and trust.

Love, Mom

Your dad, your sisters, family and friends feel proud of you and love you so much.

You would be able to find joy and adventure wherever we go, because that comes from within. We feel proud of you! May All the Good be with you always. It’s an honor being your Mom.
CONGRATULATIONS!
TO THE GIFFORD YOUTH ORCHESTRA
ON ITS ANNUAL CONCERT

Thank you for the tremendous work you are doing to enhance, assist, direct and promote our children on a path to success through artistic and academic growth. Your efforts are recognized and greatly appreciated!

The Thornton and Woulard Family

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you!” Numbers 6:24-25
Viviandra Phinizee
Life is a journey. Keep Making Beautiful Music.
What a better way to live it than with sounds of music!
You will one day share your gift with people,
all around the world.

Love you Vivi,
Auntie Kutti
Antawnette Williams

You are making the world a little happier through music with the Gifford Youth Orchestra. Many are good … But, to your family and friends, you are the best of them all! We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments.

We Love You!!!!

Love Always,
Mommy Mika, A’miyah, Nakia, Trey, Casson, Courtney,
Uncle Floyd, Uncle Horace and Aunt Dean
Jeanne Perry says, “Thank you!”

To the Gifford Youth Orchestra

On this day, when MY piano was delivered, I decided I will practice my piano anytime, all the time, and even some of the time! Thank you for the piano you donated to me.

I HAD to take a picture with my cat, Nala. I was SO HAPPY.

Thank you, Ms. Sue for being nice to me every time I come to class, no matter my mood or dress code.

I was dressed up for a performance at school and still took my piano lesson.

One day I was dressed down in my play clothes after school still had my piano lesson.

Dress up – dress down – I don’t care. I am going to have my piano lesson every week.

I love the piano!

You are an amazing girl and we love you Jeanne, Mom and Dad, Deon, Iris, Jada and Grandma Ann
Jeanne Perry says, "Thank you!"

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Committed to Making a Difference

GYO Board Members
Top L-R: Roger Sobkowiak, Member 2015 – 2019 (and World Traveling Photographer.)
Terry Domino, Recording Secretary, 2019
Helen Perry, 2016 - 2019.
2nd Row
Wilfred Hart, Treasurer 2019

Jim Parks, Corporate Secretary, 2011 – 2019 (and World’s Greatest Fisherman!)

3rd Row
Dr. Elaine Word, Vice President 2003 – 2019 (Sailing to somewhere in the Oceans)
Dr. Crystal Bujol, Founder, (President 2003 – 2019) on her 3-wheeler built for old people!
Warren Obluck, Communications Chairperson, 2017 – 2019
GYO Parents Thank You!

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Johns Island Community Service League
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Vero Beach Rotary Foundation
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Holy Cross Catholic Church
The Brackett Family Foundation
Indian River Club’s Head Heart & Hands

The Gifford Youth Orchestra’s Parent Action Committee expresses its gratitude to the generous and far-sighted institutions of the Indian River County community helping us support our children in their efforts to achieve success with their chosen instrument and in their lives. Your financial assistance makes a tangible difference in fueling their hopes, dreams and achievements.
The 16th Annual Concert Programme

Welcome and Introduction of Mistress of Ceremonies – Iva Powell-Perry, College of Performing Arts, Executive Director

Opening Prayer

String Classes Under the Direction of Mrs. Joan Haar
Piano Classes Under the Direction of Ms. Sue Lorimier
Concert Master - Jada Alexandria Powell
Guest Cellist - Zachary Hessler
Guest Violist - Andrew Miller

American Folk Tune Come Thou Fount - Ensemble

Featuring - Beginner I Violin Classes
Fresh Hot Grits - Folk tune

Piano I
Nevaeh Williams - Mary
Mobeen Siadat - Bunny, Bunny, Hop Hop
Bailey Henderson - Honey Bee
Keren Perez - Twinkle
Ivanna Powell - Mary
Peyton Henderson - Mary

Beginner 2 Violin Classes - Bile Em Cabbage Down - American Folk Tune

Piano II
Carlos Hernandez - Mary
Marlie Anderson - London Bridge
Celine Siadat - Little Playmates
Elias Blackmon - Allegretto 2
Hallie Baker - Twinkle
Nick Romero - Mary