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A spectacular start to the fiscal year, NVMS was honored to once again take part in the Whitefish Community Foundation’s Great Fish Community Challenge. You all helped us meet a generous challenge match by the Kramer Family Foundation, surpass our fundraising goals, and proudly accept the Great Fish Award! We are so grateful for our community! NVMS kicked off the school year with our annual Faculty Concert held at the Whitefish High School Black Box Theater. If you haven’t seen this free community concert, it’s a one of a kind show put on by our diverse and extremely talented faculty every fall.

Fall programs included private lessons for all ages, preschool classes, adult Learn to Plays, our weekly Acoustic Jam, and free Glee Club children’s choir. The ever popular cross-generational Open Jam night at the school. Learn how to play music with others, how to read chord charts, take a lead, or just play along in a safe and supportive environment.

NVMS by the Numbers 2018-2019

Total registered students: 523
Private lessons throughout the year: 314
Group classes and ensembles: 141
Students in summer camp: 68
Scholarships awarded: $14,000 to 32 Students

Annual Operating Budget $286,818
ANNUAL REVENUE 2018/19
- Restricted Income 15,064
- Fundraising and Events 137,744
- Programs 134,663
TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME 347,461

ANNUAL EXPENSE 2018/19
- Restricted Expenses 15,811
- Fundraising and Events 10,075
- Programs 174,043
- General Operations 112,775
TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSE 312,748

Under the Big Sky Music Festival was such an incredible place for all ages to learn to play a musical instrument or perfect their vocals. That can be helpful when you need a burst of energy. Skip the energy drink and jam for 30 minutes.

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Faculty Spotlight – Tina Bertram

Tina Bertram, piano and banjo instructor at NVMS

Community is a key word for NVMS, a quality I’ve come to greatly appreciate in my 15 years working here. Living off the grid in Lincoln County, I first came to the school in 2003 when my oldest son started taking Suzuki violin lessons. With degrees in music, I felt fortunate to find this center of high quality music education, and I was pleased to be hired as piano faculty in 2004. Several children and many students later, I have had the privilege of sharing my love of music long term with many Whitefish piano students and their families.

Some of my first students are in their last years of high school now, taking their music skills in turn and sharing with the community via school ensembles or through their own projects. One of the very best parts of my job is watching students grow as musicians, from their joy in learning their first pieces to the realization that music is a valued and creative outlet in their lives. As a community-centered easy walk after school, NVMS is a place where students can explore many different instruments as well as different styles within an instrument. As a performing musician who appreciates creative collaboration with other musicians, I’ve found that I enjoy helping students explore piano and find what inspires them - classical or pop styles, composition, vocal accompaniment, etc. NVMS has a diversity of musical resources, lessons, classes and ensembles available under the same roof to all ages in the community, from toddlers to seniors, and I always love hearing the sounds of music learning coming from every room.

Donor/Alumni Spotlight Eric Schmidt

Eric Schmidt, NVMS alumni and NVMS Board member

When I was four years old my mother asked me if I would like to stand up at the Lasalle Grange to sing Christmas carols with my brother and my cousins while she played the guitar. Who was I to say no? I was only 4, and I loved being in front of a crowd. It was the Grange’s Christmas Bizarre performance and up until then all I cared about was if Santa was coming to pass out toys and caramel popcorn balls. And that’s when it happened, I discovered my love for music and singing. I stood up there and belted out Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer like I was Josh Groban on the stage at the Grammys.

My mom is a firm believer that music develops special parts of the brain that support the other learning centers. Finding out I could carry a tune, I’m pretty sure, wasn’t a huge surprise to both of my parents. My grandfather was an avid performer in the local Flathead Valley Jam scene and my mother was a performer in her own right even though she never showed off what she could really do outside of the house, except at the Grange. I feel lucky that I was able to take on half the talent they had.

Growing up in Whitefish there was always the decision of what sport you were going to play. I had a huge love of soccer and I played it competitively year-round, but there was always my love for music. Luckily, I had two supportive parents who encouraged me to do both. That’s when NVMS entered my life. It was 1998, I was 13, and North Valley Music School had just opened. I sang a solo performance at the eighth-grade talent show of That Old Time Rock N Roll, and the middle school music teacher suggested to my parents that I take a few voice lessons from NVMS. At that time, I was a young man transitioning into high school/adolescence AND singing, well I’m pretty sure you can figure out the struggles that I was going through at the time in terms of finding the right key! Throughout the next four years of high school, NVMS became a part of my life. The skills I learned at NVMS helped my high school singing career excel. I was in the choir at school starting as a freshman, but I was also asked to join the Vocal Ensemble. I participated in the district and state choir competitions all four years receiving superior ratings consistently in all disciplines. After high school, I attended Montana State University where I obtained degrees in Finance and Accounting, all the while singing in the collegiate vocal chorale my first two years. I currently serve as the Flathead market real estate lending manager for First Interstate Bank. I owe my confidence in front of a crowd and ability to sing, to my high school teacher, Mr. Clawson, but more importantly, to the teachers at NVMS.

NVMS did and still does allow me to have music in my life even when we get caught in the trenches of “we are just too busy”. This school didn’t just teach me how to be a better singer. It helped me become more patient, instilled a work ethic, and helped me be the man I am proud to be today. I can’t think of a better resource for our community to be enriched by the arts than NVMS, and because of that, I am proud to currently serve on the Board of Directors.
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