

In Our Neighborhood

Hello Neighbor –

One of the reasons I became involved with Upper Valley Presents is the creative way it enhances our community. Yes, there are other summer camps – but there are none like Summer Days Camp, a choose-your-own adventure extravaganza that grows with your child. Rock School is unique because it focuses not only on music development but appeals to everyone's inner rock star; giving students a chance to play in a band, on stage. The Open Air concert series has added a community theater program and Music Together®, while not unique to UVP, is doing outreach, bringing music education to underserved families. This newsletter goes into detail about these developments and more.

What's more, there's great synergy among the various programs – Music Together® kids grow into Summer Days Camp campers, who grow into Rock Schoolers. The kids all love coming to the Open Air concerts with their parents, or participating in the summer Open Air theater program. I've seen this with my own kids. Lilian started in Music Together® and is now an enthusiastic, repeat camper; Aidan has been a Summer Days camper for five years and is now studying electric guitar at Rock School. And they both look forward each year to the August childrens' concert at Open Air.

Through the effort, energy and creativity of our Executive Director, Bruce Genereaux and his assistant, Emily Gardner, UVP is growing, changing and innovating to bring you some of the best arts and educational programs in the Upper Valley. We hope you'll enjoy reading the latest news about each of our programs and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Sincerely,



Terry Samwick
President, Board of Trustees



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MAKING MUSIC TOGETHER®

Our Teachers



Katie Kitchel



Meg Williams



Brooke Wilkinson



Gary Barton

This fall 45 families with a total of 55 children learned, grew, and experienced the joys of music and movement in our classes. Our four trained and inspired teachers led these engaging and stimulating classes. Through the 10-week session participants explored new instruments, songs and ways to experience music. Also, they learned to understand musical milestones, their child's developmental progress, and made new friends and connections with other families in the Upper Valley.

We offered an Open House between formal Music Together® sessions, where alumni and new families could experience the setting, program and teachers. This summer, 10 families visited our open house session--half of them coming to experience Music Together® for the first time. Katie, Gary and I sang them through a sample class, answered questions and shared their enthusiasm for the program.

Our vibrant and popular curriculum is designed to be fun for children and caregivers alike. The belief that parents' or caregivers' participation is critical to the musical growth of a child is a key principle in the Music Together® philosophy, and informs our outreach into the community. And, through scholarships made possible by foundation and corporate grants, our program is more accessible.

Registration for the Winter 2011 term is underway and classes start in early January. Come join our teachers and families for musical fun in 2011.

~Meg Darrow Williams, Trustee and Music Together® teacher



MUSIC TOGETHER AT A GLANCE

Year Established: 2007

of Participants: 450

Little Known Facts: Katie is fluent in French. Brooke is an accomplished folk singer/songwriter. Gary is a local thespian and children's librarian. Meg is a new member of our board of trustees!



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Gary and students from his Friday flutes class dance with scarves.



Meg gives a preview of Music Together before the family theater production of Cinderella.

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EVERYDAY PLAY AT SUMMER DAYS CAMP

At Summer Days Camp we respect the child at play and in return we all experience the joy of creation.

The heart of our program lies in our ability to recognize and support play. Through six years of winter, spring and summer vacation camps we have achieved layers of learning and leadership that reflect our success.

The Summer Days Camp philosophy is that children learn social and emotional skills through play, and therefore require a range of play opportunities if they are to achieve their full potential.

At Summer Days Camp we provide multiple play options based on our program's three components: Art Smart, Kitchen Science, and Fair Play. These components provide the framework in which the children explore individual, physical, social, and intellectual stimulation through experiential learning with hands-on activities and group games or play. The child's playwork lays the ground work for their intellectual achievement and emotional security.



Our multi-age camp provides layers of social and emotional growth as the child navigates his/her day while playing and participating in hands-on and team building activities. The children have the opportunity to govern and to control their world, which gives them a positive experience and bolsters self confidence. Our layers of leadership begin when the child first comes to camp and is required to keep track of shoes, lunch box, bathroom needs and projects, while maintaining appropriate language, playing inclusively and demonstrating positive attitudes. The child owns these "responsibilities" and finds herself in an environment where she can move into an activity or play opportunity of her choice. This structure allows for social and emotional growth to happen on many levels. When the child is

10, they may be invited to join the Leader in Training program where they are paired with a more seasoned counselor and together they work to address and achieve a series of established goals. Mentoring, appropriate language, inclusive play and sharing skills with others are some of the first steps in the Leader in Training program.

As camp director, I can say that we have grown not only in attendance over the years, but our philosophy and content have developed, evolved and blossomed. Our staff has also grown in wisdom and experience; some of our young Leaders in Training joined our paid team last summer. Building upon past experiences, we look to the future.

~ Janna Genereaux, Director, Summer Days Camp



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Kids enjoying "the Bog," part of the new natural playground.



Counselor Lou with his trusty campers.

SUMMER DAYS CAMP AT A GLANCE

Year Established: 2005

of Campers: HUNDREDS!

Little Known Fact: Camp Director, Janna Genereaux, is combining her love of art and the creative play environment of Summer Days Camp into a Master of Fine Arts through Lesley University and the Art Institute of Boston.

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UV ROCK SCHOOL

Are you a music fan? Do you harbor an intense desire to challenge yourself in a new environment with others who share the same passion? Upper Valley Rock School can help you get in touch with your inner rock star!



Rock Tools campers Gavin Shropshire, Will Mayfield and Maggie Peake performed with instructor Chris Schoelen as the opening band for the *Dog on Fleas* family concert.

Don't let the name fool you—it's not JUST a rock school. Our instructors offer a wide variety of styles and musical genres for you to discover and a wide range of ways to explore your talent—from community group guitar lessons (thanks to Mascoma Foundation for the guitars), to private lessons, public recitals to Rock Tools vacation camps and group performance classes you're sure to find a way to learn that suits your style and meets your needs.

Our instructors can help bring you where you want to go, in many facets of study. Chris Schoelen can help you with guitar, bass, or even recording

software, to take you out of the garage and into the world. Maybe you're more of a percussion player? No problem! Jon Hussey offers drum lessons for students of all levels and ages. Griffin Wert, a guitar instructor, has just recently joined our staff to accommodate our growing community guitar lesson program. Our instructors are constantly striving to bring your musical desires to life, be they instrumental, percussion, song-writing and even production.

The Rock School not only offers classes for all levels of experience, but can also bring you together with other musicians in the area and help foster a unique environment for musical creation. One such group opened for one of the Open Air concerts this past summer (see above photo). If you

are interested, please don't hesitate to contact us so we can help you get started.

~ Peter Bolduc, Trustee



Chris Schoelen



Jon Hussey



Griffin Wert



ROCK SCHOOL AT A GLANCE

Year Established: 2006

By the Numbers: Rock School taught more than 50 students through camps and private lessons in 2010 and another 75 or more through community group guitar lessons!

Genres Played: Folk, jazz, classic rock, punk, metal, blues, pop and reggae.

Little Known Fact:

Lewiston Hall (home of UVRS) is outfitted with a drum kit, a 76-key weighted keyboard, an organ, an upright piano, guitars (acoustic, 12-string acoustic & 6 string electrics), basses, and recording equipment!



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2010 Rock School Partners:

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OPEN AIR SUMMER FAMILY CONCERT SERIES

2010 marked a banner year for Open Air. The Upper Valley's own Tom Rush attracted our largest audience to date, at over 350 people! We learned that the amphitheater could accommodate considerably more people and look forward in 2011 to bringing in some more nationally recognized names with large followings. Summer 2010 also brought us Jonathan Edwards, whose show was opened by local band The Wall Stiles and our end-of-summer family show was a rollicking concert by Dog on Fleas.

Open Air concerts added a theater program in 2009 and for the past two summers it has been a hit with the young children and families in our community. For two weeks in late July and early August, several families signed up for a community theater-style camp. They worked evenings and weekends to produce a production of Cinderella and performed it for an audience of over 200 people! Look for another family-oriented show in 2011 and your chance to join the fun and get involved in the production.

We are so grateful to our sponsors: Ledyard National Bank, White Mountain Insurance Group, Coldwell Banker Redpath & Co., Upper Valley Radio, Hypertherm, Simple Energy, Gilberte Interiors, Mascoma Savings Bank, the Norwich Women's Club and our lodging and beverage partner, Norwich Inn—without them these concerts simply wouldn't happen.

~ Terry Samwick, President, Board of Trustees



Jonathan Edwards
July



Cinderella
Community Theatre
August



Folk legend
Tom Rush
August



Family rockers
Dog on Fleas
August

OPEN AIR AT A GLANCE

Year Established: 2005

of Concerts Presented: 32

Top Five Attended Shows:

Cheryl Wheeler
Red Molly
Crooked Still
Justin Roberts
Tom Rush

Little Known Fact: Shows go on rain or shine! When the weather turns gray the show moves under our 400-seat tent.



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Concert Series on Facebook

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MATCHING GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Dear Members, Donors and Friends of Upper Valley Presents,

Our organization is a program-based non-profit company whose financial health is derived primarily from participation. In 2010, program revenues will reach approximately \$190,000 and grants, scholarships and in-kind donations will total nearly \$30,000. Financial reports are found on our website.

Our programming enriches the lives of adults and children throughout the Upper Valley. Thanks to recognition of our work by foundations such as the Byrne Foundation, we are pleased to announce a matching grant for up to \$10,000. Please double the value of your contribution to aid our outreach to underserved communities and our scholarship fund. You may use the enclosed envelope or go online to our website, www.uvPresents.org, to give money to support unique arts and educational programs in the Upper Valley.

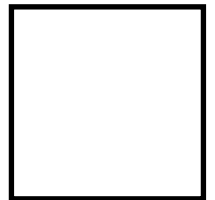
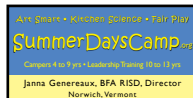


Bruce Genereaux, Executive Director and Leon LaVaude, incoming President, Board of Trustees

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