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BIRCH CREEK NOTES

THEIR FUTURE. LET'S NAME YOURS.

Birch Creek Music Performance Center | Egg Harbor | Door County | Wisconsin

Dear Birch Creek friends,

As we embark on our 47th season, we are excited to share that Birch Creek is anticipating a full-capacity summer. Springing off 2021's transition year, recruitment efforts and summer planning are in full swing for 2022. With concerts back in the Dutton Concert Barn, a full contingency of students, faculty, and audiences will enjoy the iconic barn stage, The Stage of Stars, for Percussion & Steel Band, Symphony, and Big Band Jazz sessions. In August, Wind Ensemble Retreat (formerly Adult Band Camp) and Chamber Music Retreat will again be thriving at full capacity.

YOU have inspired US! Your philanthropic values have shown us that you believe in our mission for excellent music education and performances. Through your significant support, you have told us that you want to see Birch Creek's long-term stability and growth continue. In response, Birch Creek designed accessible ways to name scholarships, faculty chairs, positions, and locations on campus through gifts to the Birch Creek Endowment. By working closely together, Birch Creek leaders help donors tailor naming gifts to match their values and preferences. These naming vehicles and the process of working together have led to us surpass **a milestone goal of \$1 million** in the Endowment and will continue as we start efforts to double the Fund.

Amazed. Birch Creek profoundly impacts our students, faculty, audiences, donors, and volunteers. Some patrons and donors have an affinity for certain sessions, faculty, featured soloists, and composers, and others simply enjoy the idyllic setting. With your generosity of resources, including time, talent, and treasure, we see again and again your desire to see Birch Creek flourish in the present and the future.

We are grateful for any support you can provide going into this full-capacity summer.

Here's to an exciting and inspirational 2022 season.

Musically yours,

Mona Christensen, Executive Director

The Steve and Jackie Kane Chair



Inspired by the naming program at Birch Creek, **Charlotte Lukes** named the *Symphony Concertmaster Chair*. She is pictured with **Marcia Henry Liebenow**, violin faculty and 2021 Concertmaster.



Miriam Erickson honored her 30-year friendship with Jazz I drum faculty **Bob Chmel** by naming the *Drum Faculty Chair* in his honor. The two caught up after the concert in 2021 for a snapshot in front the **Jackie and Steve Kane Gazebo**, named with a gift from Jackie and Steve Kane.

2022 AT BIRCH CREEK

Summer Music Academy

- Percussion & Steel Band** June 19 - July 2
- Symphony** July 3 - 16
- Jazz I** July 17 - 30
- Jazz II** July 31 - August 13

Adult Music Programs

- Wind Ensemble Retreat:** August 16 - 19 (Formerly Adult Band Camp)
- Chamber Music Retreat:** August 22 - 25

Fall Concert Series

September through December

WELCOME

Birch Creek welcomes two new staff members, Laura Smith and Bob Volpe.

Laura Smith's experience in broadcast news and marketing brings relationship building and creativity to the Marketing and Communications Manager position at Birch Creek.

Bob's management experience in the military and later, maintenance positions & community fire departments in Door County bring safety and oversight to the Facilities Manager and Lead Maintenance position at Birch Creek.

We ask you to join us in welcoming Laura Smith and Bob Volpe.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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SPRING OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday | 9am to 4pm Friday | 9am to 2pm

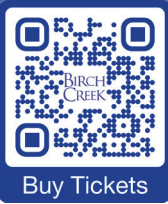
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Birch Creek is supported in part by a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board with funds from the State of Wisconsin and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Birch Creek's mission is to provide intensive, performance-based instruction to promising young musicians by immersing them in a professional, mentoring environment.





Concert Tickets on Sale Now!

Buy online at BirchCreek.org/Tickets

World Class Faculty / Academy Performances
Pre-Concert Music at 6:30 PM Concert Begins at 7:00 PM

PERCUSSION & STEEL BAND

June 23
June 24
June 25 @ 3:00
June 30
July 1 @ 3:00 & 7:00
July 2

July 4 @ 3:00 July 14
July 7 July 15
July 8 July 16
July 9

SYMPHONY

BIG BAND JAZZ

July 20 Aug 3
July 21 Aug 4
July 22 Aug 5
July 23 Aug 6
July 27 Aug 10
July 28 Aug 11
July 29 Aug 12
July 30 Aug 13

BECOME AN ASSOCIATE VOLUNTEER!



Birch Creek is fortunate to have a dedicated group of loyal volunteers. Since 1989, this special group has supported Birch Creek's educational mission by helping with campus beautification, ushering at concerts, staffing the concession stand, preparing the campus for students, faculty and patrons, assisting with registration, gardening and office work, and serving as a fundraising arm for Birch Creek. We invite you to become a part of these great friends and valued supporters of Birch Creek. Visit BirchCreek.org/Support/Volunteer to sign up or scan the QR code.

*In 2021, Birch Creek Associate Volunteers honored past president and current membership coordinator, **Lyn Huber**, with the **Joan Guasta Award for Distinguished Service.***



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PASSING TONES

Measures of influence

Russell Dagon, 83, Waukesha, passed away October 20, 2021. Birch Creek's founder, Jim Dutton, recruited Russ for the Chamber Music faculty in 1979. Russ brought excellence in chamber music education and performances to Birch Creek. In 1982, chamber music expanded to a full orchestra curriculum, but Russ' influence in the early years provided a foundation for today's Symphony Session. While on Birch Creek's summer faculty, Russ was principal clarinetist with the Milwaukee Symphony. His career on the faculties of Northwestern University, University of Wisconsin, and Carroll University shaped musicians for more than 40 years. Russ's Birch Creek legacy includes the young student musicians who studied with him on summer days on the Farmhouse porch. Listen closely. Their music is still in the air.



In 1981, Russell Dagon (left) leads a clarinet sectional in preparation for one of six chamber music concerts that year.

WAYS TO GIVE



Annual Gift

Yearly support for general operations
Memorials & Tributes
Concert Sponsorships
Annual Scholarships

The Birch Creek Endowment

Permanent investments that provide an ongoing source of revenue and recognize significant donors

Capital Gifts

Innovative solutions to technology, infrastructure, building, and energy needs

Planned Giving

Lasting legacies through estate planning

Associates Volunteer

Time and talent through service

New gifts received by 4/30/22 will be recognized in the 2022 Program Book; thereafter in the nightly program.