

PALOS VERDES/SOUTH BAY ALUMNI Newsletter



President's Message

Happy New Year and hope you all had wonderful holiday celebrations with family and friends. Thank you to many of you who attended our JMNS Christmas concert on December 7th. It was most appreciated by the choir and orchestra to have our alumni chapter share their support and choose this concert as our December meeting. Your partial sponsorship of the newly formed "Joanna Medawar Nacheff Community Orchestra" made it most possible to hire professional musicians to expand the group. (Enjoy a few attached photos of that evening.)



Dr. Joanna Medawar Nacheff



Giving away our "Musical Mosaic" tickets at the opportunity drawing allowed us to promote our February concert to an audience of over 400 attendees. The program advertisement and the flyers in the lobby will hopefully bring out many more guests to "Musical Mosaic". Please consult the flyers attached and make every effort to share this wonderfully curated concert with family and friends.

A huge shout out goes to *Betty Cheung* for chairing the annual "Young Performers Showcase". I am more than certain that the performers and audience loved such a beautifully presented recital. Kudos to all the Mu Phi teachers who showcased their students.

Our Holiday celebration will be taking place on Sunday, January 11th at *David Champion's* House at 4:00pm. *Janelle Carbagan* is sending out an invite to all the membership and we truly look forward to seeing many of you. Please RSVP as soon as you can and sign up for the potluck. Come ready to raise your voice in song as we enjoy a singalong from the Mu Phi Epsilon songbook.

May 2026 be filled with joy, health and musical memories.

Musically,
Joanna Medawar Nacheff



Young Performers Showcase

The annual Young Performers Showcase was successfully held on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church. Six talented young students representing 3 studios, performed pieces written by Chopin, Kreisler and Sarasate. The audience greatly enjoyed the music and are looking forward to next year's event.

Scholarships, Grants, & More from the MPE Foundation

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Young Artist Competition
2026

Applications Open



Social Media



visit our website:

www.muphipvsouthbay.org

Upcoming Dates

Sunday, January 11 @ 4:00 p.m.

PVSB Holiday Party

David Champion's Residence

Monday, January 19 TBD

MLK Project (Tentative)

Wednesday, January 21 @ 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Board Meeting

SERV Hours

Report your hours:

[Log in to MPE](#)

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Mu Phi Epsilon
Palos Verdes/South Bay Alumni

*Holiday
Party*

*Sunday, January 11, 2026
4pm*


 presents
MUSICAL MOSAIC
 A FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS
 SPOTLIGHT ON A TRUE MOSAIC OF MUSICAL STYLES



El Segundo High School Choir



Betty and Justin Cheung
piano and cello



Sofia Marmaud
soprano



Aaron Grooves
multi-instrumentalist

Make your donation now and reserve your seats!

Saturday, February 6, 2026 at 4pm
 Rolling Hills United Methodist Church
 26438 Crenshaw Blvd
 Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274

Four ways to donate:

- Make a check to Campus Concerts. (This is our new tax-advantaged account)
 Write Musical Mosaic on the memo line. Mail to:
 Lois Jen Tai
 28310 Trailriders Dr.
 Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275-3053
- Contributions may be made using ZELLE (a type of bank transfer). Use the following email address for sending money and add a message that you are paying for a Musical Mosaic donation, indicate the number of seats you want to reserve. Be sure to copy the email address exactly.
donate@campusconcerts.org
- Click on Purchase a Ticket or Donate to Musical Mosaic 2026 (The following link is embedded in the above phrase) <https://www.paypal.com/nep/payment/UB3GJFWBD65ZE>
- Scan the following QR image.



Checks and cash will also be acceptable at the door.

*All funds raised will be used to award grants to local school music programs. \$8,120.35 was awarded in 2025.
 Total philanthropy in the 2024-2025 fiscal year was \$16,069.69.*