

Dear Friends,

This past year marked a shining milestone for Take Note! as we observed our 20th anniversary of Raising Voices, Raising Spirits, Raising Hope. Our 20th anniversary concert and reception in June 2023 was a very special occasion for our ensemble and our supporters, featuring an afternoon filled with music, friends and food! With our anniversary banner proudly displayed in the sanctuary of the First Church of Christ in Mansfield, we welcomed back into the fold many Take Note! alumni to perform two concert selections with us; we were joined by Krisanthi Pappas, the songwriter of our theme song, *Raising Voices*, who performed another of her pieces with us; and then at the gala reception we had the opportunity to greet and thank many of the folks who have supported us over the years.

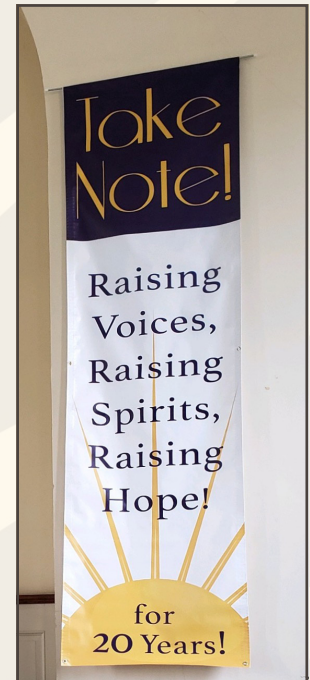
We are delighted that the following Take Note! alumni were able to return to perform with us: Dianne Bachmansky, Aimee Cash, Connie Crawford, Melody Decker, Howard Drescher, Mark Gadarowski, Lynn Hope, Nate Kitchen, Thayer Kitchen, Sue Leroux, Glenn Miller, Sally Muir and Rebecca Urrutia. It was a wonderful family reunion!

Our hearts were warmed by the large turnout of supporters who have been with us along our 21-year journey. We are only able to continue as a completely volunteer organization because our activities are fully supported by our loyal donors. We are humbled by the fact that you have continued to support Take Note! and our mission through your generous donations to the organizations for whom we sing, by coming to our performances and encouraging us to keep singing, and through your financial support of our ensemble. You are the reason we are still performing, and we thank you!

We invite you to join us on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at the First Church of Christ in Mansfield, as we sing to celebrate you, our friends and supporters. We will be premiering a number of new-to-us pieces and singing some old favorites as well. The concert will be followed by a reception where we will have the opportunity to thank you in person for your support and encouragement. We hope you will join us!

THE MEMBERS OF TAKE NOTE!

Linda Tracy, Maggie Breen, Cheryl Chase, Barbara Comstock-King, Julia DeLapp, Art Dimock, Christine Dimock, Kiev Federowicz, Bill Glenister, Deb Hubbell, Drew Jaffe, Fran Jaffe, Sandy Jaros, Bruce Lyman, Cynthia Myers, Berkeley Nowosad, Charles J. Pietrello, Laurel Thurman, Linda Wenner, Don Wilson



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Meet Our Newest Take Note! Member

Charles J. Pietrello, Tenor



Charlie holds a Bachelors Degree in Music Education from the University of Lowell and a Masters Degree in Education from Worcester State College. He has served as artistic director for The Providence Gay Men's Chorus and founder/artistic director for The Greater Auburn Community Chorus. Charlie began his teaching career at Our Lady of Nazareth Academy in Wakefield, MA, then taught Middle School Music in the

Hamilton Wenham School District. He has recently retired as the Fine Arts Director for the Auburn Public Schools where he taught at all levels over his 32-year career there. He is currently an adjunct music professor at Nichols College in Dudley, MA.

When asked what singing with Take Note! means to him, Charlie replied, "Singing is my life!" We are delighted to welcome Charlie into our Take Note! family.

Take Note! Antonia Brancia Memorial Scholarship Update

In 2020, the members of Take Note! a cappella ensemble established the Take Note! Antonia Brancia Memorial Scholarship, in memory of Toni Brancia, a charter member of our group who tragically lost her life in 2007. The scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to students from eastern Connecticut towns who are pursuing an undergraduate degree in music.

Since its inception, the Take Note! Antonia Brancia Memorial Scholarship has been awarded to four eastern Connecticut students pursuing undergraduate degrees at Eastman School of Music, Temple University, Clark University and the University of Connecticut.

The scholarship serves as an important connection between Take Note! members and future generations of musicians, and as a memorial to a dear friend.

The Take Note! Antonia Brancia Memorial Scholarship is administered by the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut. Please consult their web site at <https://www.cfect.org/Scholarships> for complete application information.

Our 2023-2024 Performances

Over the past 21 years, Take Note! has supported more than 70 nonprofit organizations, either through fundraising concerts or donations in lieu of concerts.

This concert season we performed in Brooklyn, Windham Center, Mansfield Center and Pomfret to benefit four organizations:

- The Danielson United Methodist Church Fuel Fund
- PFLAG Tolland/Mansfield
- The First Church of Christ in Mansfield Raise the Roof Project
- Partners in Development Project Work in Guatemala

In addition to our loyal followers, we were pleased to see many new faces in our audiences. We welcome opportunities to expand our outreach.

IN MEMORIAM

Deborah S. Russel



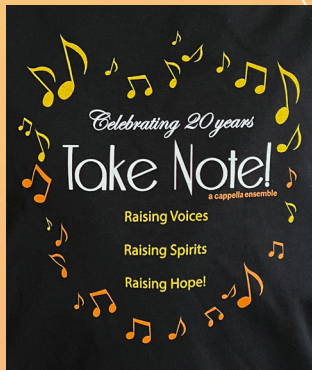
It is with deep sadness that we share that Take Note! lost our dear friend, Deb Russel, in December. Deb was a Take Note! charter member and second soprano par excellence. She served on the Take Note! Board of Directors, graciously hosted numerous rehearsals and photo shoots at her home, and was always willing to lend a hand wherever she was needed. She loved singing with Take Note! and believed strongly in our mission. Her ready smile, poise, and thoughtful and generous manner are irreplaceable and are sorely missed by all who were fortunate enough to know and love her.

Take Note! 20th Anniversary

Scan here to enjoy our 20th Anniversary concert on our YouTube channel!



Our 20th Anniversary commemorative t-shirts will be available at our June concert. Get yours while they last for a \$20 cash or check donation!



We Support Arts Education

In addition to the Take Note! Antonia Brancia Memorial Scholarship, Take Note! lends support annually to local youth arts organizations as part of our commitment to the next generation of artists. We are proud to be able to help provide financial assistance to those who might not otherwise be able to participate in creative enrichment programs.

- SPARK (Saving Performing Arts Reaching Kids)
- Community School of the Arts (CSA)
- Consonare Choral Community
- Jorgensen's Outreach for Youth (JOY!)
- The Ossen Fund for the Arts
- Journey House/Natchaug Hospital
- Ann Burns Fund of Delta Kappa Gamma, Theta Chapter
- Windham Regional Arts Council
- Willimantic Orchestra
- Performing Arts of Northeast Connecticut

Do You Love Choral Singing?

Do you think that you or someone you know would be a good fit for Take Note!?



We currently have openings in the following voice parts: Soprano 1, Tenor 1, Tenor 2, Bass 1, and Bass 2. Potential singers must have prior choral experience, be able to read music, be able to sing independently and in tune and be able to learn music on their own outside of our weekly rehearsals, which are in Mansfield Center on Monday evenings.

We'd like to hear from you! Audition now and start singing with us soon.

Contact Linda Tracy, Artistic Director, at director@take-note.org

Is Your Nonprofit Exploring Fundraising Opportunities?

Could a Take Note! benefit concert be the answer?

We enjoy performing for new audiences and sharing our musical gifts while fundraising for nonprofit organizations in local communities. It is in this way that we fulfill our mission of generosity by Raising Voices, Raising Spirits, Raising Hope!

Hosting such an event would not only provide your community with a wonderful afternoon of beautiful music, but would also serve as an opportunity to raise awareness and support for the important work that your group is doing. Over the past 20 years, Take Note! has helped over 70 organizations raise much-needed funds.

Would you be interested in collaborating with Take Note!? Take Note! charges nothing for our services, and will give you the guidance and support you need to host a successful event.

For more details about hosting a Take Note! benefit concert:

Contact Take Note! manager, Fran Jaffe at take-note@earthlink.net

or visit our website at www.take-note.org

Thank You To Our 2023-2024 Season Supporters

Singing is our gift, which we contribute to support the charitable efforts of community organizations. Therefore, we do not charge for our performances. We extend our most sincere thanks to those who, for more than 20 years, have so generously donated their time, talents and resources to support the outreach efforts of Take Note! Your commitment to us is a commitment to our community; your gifts help to make our mission a reality.

♩ Fermata

Bill Bailey
Arthur and Christine Dimock
Leilani Nixon and Bruce Staehle
Anne Pauley
Jim Russel
in memory of Deb Russel
Sjef, Pieter, Max and Kaitlyn
Bishop van den Berg
remembering Toni Brancia

♩ Whole Note

Pamela and Alan Abel
Jean and Wes Bell
Mark Dressler and Sandy Jaros
Kevin and Sonia Greene
Fran and Drew Jaffe
Alexandra and Bruce Lyman
Margarethe and Matthew Mashikian
Donna and Joe McLaughlin
Eric Ouellette
in loving memory of
Antoinette Rondeau

♪ Half Note

Rob Beach
Jen Beck and Steve Ferruci
Bob Bittner
in memory of Jan Bittner
Nancy and Tom Coogan
Cass Crewdson
Bill Glenister
Ann Gruenberg
Lois Happe and Marj Mollar
Jacqueline Harjula
in memory of Michael J. Dion
Dr. and Mrs. Peter Jones
Nate and Pat Kitchen

Landon's Tire
Scott and Becky Lehmann
Sue and Lonni Leroux
Julie and Carl Lindquist
Michael McCarthy
Medical Pharmacy
Dorothy Michaelis
Gordon and Sally Muir
Cynthia and Ron Myers
The Pauley-DeLapp Family
Bill and Candace Powers
Bill and Ellen Rewinski
Sandra K. Roth
Paul and Susan Schur
Elizabeth D. Scott
Sondra Astor Stave
The Thurman-Chase Family
Nelson Walker II
and Lisa Marella
Linda Wenner and Deborah Hubbell
Marlene Wenner
in memory of Donald E. Wenner
Don and Melissa Wilson
Drs. Ted Yungclas
and David Woods

♪ Quarter Note

Don and Sandy Baxter
Michael and Margaret Breen
William L. Briggs
Anne-Marie Campbell
Karen Drazen and Jim Baber
Rose and Kevin Farrell
Carol Fineout
First Congregational Church
of Willimantic
Carol Buck Flowers
Lorraine Foster

Barbara Gibson
Karen Greer
Wayne and Loretta Haeger
Sue E. Harkness
Peter and MaryAnn Harting
Lynn Hope
David and Carol Jordan
The 4 Kings
Debby and Bob Kirk
Chris and Ross Koning
Carol and Yves Kraus
Carolyn Lester
Loris Masterton
Alan and Katherine Miller
Shirley and Tony Mongillo
Lynne and Leslie Pitman
Merle Potchinsky
and Jeremy Schwartz
Marjorie and Richard Ranger
Antoinette Rondeau
Catherine Rowe
and Ed DiGiovanni
Peter and Susan Salesses
Tom and Lynn Singleton
Scott and Sandra Zak

♪ Eighth Note

Lynne Allen
Sheila Amdur and Marcy Neff
Joan Buck
Gary Cote and David Darnell
Sharon Foster-Chalecki
Carol and Jim Hetrick
Julie Menard and Steve Lane
Cliff and Sue Moon
Louise Russell
David Silsbee and Charlotte Pyle
Mary Jo Tryba

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Take
Note!
a cappella ensemble
in
Concert

June 9, 2024

3:00 p.m.

The First Church of Christ
in Mansfield

549 Storrs Road,
Mansfield Center, CT
(Rt. 195 at Rt. 89)

Reception to follow

Donations to Take Note! Outreach Gratefully Accepted at the Door



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videos on our YouTube
channel!

Thank you for choosing to support Take Note! for our 2024-2025 Concert Season. In doing so, you support our mission to help local nonprofit organizations raise needed funds. All donations received will be acknowledged in our concert program. **We sincerely appreciate your support!**

Name _____
(as it should appear in our program)

Address _____
Street

City State Zip

Email _____

Amount of donation _____ *(checks payable to **Take Note!**)*

Take Note!

Scale of Support

- ♩ Fermata \$500+
- Whole note \$250–\$499
- ♪ Half note \$100–\$249
- ♪ Quarter note \$50–\$99
- ♪ Eighth note \$10–\$49

Please return to:

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