

Celebrating 20 Years

Take Note!, Inc.

2022-2023 update

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that it has been 20 years since Linda Tracy gathered together a group of her singing friends with the goal of performing a single a cappella concert, planned to be held in June 2003. That concert was so well received (and we had so much fun singing together), that we opted to continue singing, deciding that we would exclusively perform fundraising concerts for local nonprofit organizations – and we'd do it free of charge. We chose the name **Take Note!** for our ensemble, thanks to Fran Jaffe's inspiration, and became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit ourselves in 2004. Charter member Sue Leroux developed our mission statement:

Through performances in support of charitable endeavors, we are raising voices, raising spirits, raising hope, and we have never looked back!

More than 50 singers have been members of Take Note! over the past 20 years, each one making an important contribution to our story. Although friends have moved on for various reasons, they are still considered part of our musical family, which has grown and evolved over the years. We have recorded 3 CDs (two of which are still available), and even have our own theme song, thanks to singer/songwriter Krisanthi Pappas. But, although faces and voices have changed, the heart of the ensemble remains the same as it was 20 years ago – as we continue Raising Voices, Raising Spirits, Raising Hope!

And you are a part of our family as well. We can continue to be a completely volunteer organization because all of our activities are supported by our loyal donors. We marvel at 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 showing up for our performances and encouraging us to keep singing, and through your financial support of our ensemble. Even throughout the recent pandemic, when we were unable to perform, you stood by us with your support. We are beyond grateful.

We invite you to join us on Sunday, June 11, at 3:00 p.m. at the First Church of Christ in Mansfield, as we sing to celebrate our 20th Anniversary. We promise you that it will be a very special occasion, with old favorite pieces of music, along with brand new ones, special guests and other surprises. The concert will be followed by a reception where we will have the opportunity to thank you in person for your many years of support. We look forward to the chance to celebrate with you!

THE MEMBERS OF TAKE NOTE!

**Linda Tracy, Maggie Breen, Cheryl Chase, Cooper Clark, 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, Gillian Regan, Audrey Rivetta,
Laurel Thurman, *Linda Wenner, Don Wilson*

**Charter members*

Celebrating 20 Years of Take Note! Outreach: Our Beneficiaries

Take Note! has supported the following organizations, either through fundraising concerts or donations in lieu of concerts, over the past 20 years:

- Access Community Action Agency RISE YouthBuild
- Americares
- American Cancer Society Windham Region Relay for Life
- Andover, Hebron, Marlborough Youth & Family Services
- Ann Burns Fund of Delta Kappa Gamma, Theta Chapter
- Arts at the Capitol Theater ACT Fund Scholarship
- Arts Center East ceramics program expansion
- Baroco Corp. (Adult Day Options Program)
- Books to Dreams, Inc.
- Books for Babies
- Artist and Teacher Pat Browne
- Colchester Hadassah - Center for Emergency Medicine, Israel
- Columbia Congregational Church Sanctuary Renovations
- Community Kitchens of Northeastern Connecticut
- Community School of the Arts (CSA)
- The Connecticut Audubon Society Educational Endowment Fund
- The Cornerstone Foundation
- Covenant Soup Kitchen
- Creative Living Community of Connecticut
- Daily Bread Food Pantry, Putnam
- Delta Kappa Gamma Society's Higher Educational Scholarship Fund
- Eastern Connecticut Green Action
- Eastern Connecticut Railroad Museum
- Jorgensen's Outreach for Youth (JOY!)
- Joshua's Trust Gurleyville Grist Mill Restoration
- Journey House/Natchaug Hospital
- Lebanon Historical Society
- Liberian Children's Mission
- Mansfield Advocates for Children/Mansfield Community Playground
- Mansfield Senior Center Association
- Mercy Center at Madison, Mercy for All Fund
- Natchaug Hospital
- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Windham County
- Norwich Freedom Bell Tower and Memorial Courtyard
- The Ossen Fund for the Arts
- Performing Arts of Northeast Connecticut
- V. & C. Prewitt Scholarship for Peace Studies (ECSU)
- Quiet Corner Self Help for the Hard of Hearing (SHHH)
- Quiet Corner Refugee Resettlement (QCRR)
- St. Mark's Episcopal Chapel Music Ministry
- St. Mary's Church, Coventry, Haitian Ministry
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Willimantic, Outreach
- St. Peter's Church, Hebron, Outreach
- St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Storrs, Capital Campaign
- Second Congregational Church of Stafford at West Stafford Ministries
- SPARK (Saving Performing Arts Reaching Kids)
- Storrs Congregational Church, Accessibility Fund
- Students First Fund, UConn Student Health Services
- South Windham Congregational Church Organ Fund
- Temple Bnai Israel
- Tents of Hope for Darfur, Sudan
- TEEG Case Management Program
- United Brethren of Hebron Synagogue, Building Fund
- United Congregational Church of Tolland, Music on the Green Concert Series
- United Services, Inc. Domestic Violence Program
- Westfield Congregational Church, Aspire Campaign
- Willimantic Orchestra
- Windham Area Interfaith Ministry (WAIM) Fuel Bank/Neighbor Safety Net Fund/Other Outreach
- Windham Free Library
- Windham Hospital Emergency Service & Outpatient Center
- Windham Regional Arts Council
- Windham Region No Freeze Hospitality Center
- Windham Theatre Guild
- World Central Kitchen



Take Note! Outreach: Including the Next Generation of Artists

LOCAL YOUTH ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Every year, Take Note! lends support 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. Beneficiaries to date include:

- SPARK
(Saving Performing Arts Reaching Kids)
- Community School of the Arts (CSA)
- 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



TAKE NOTE! ANTONIA BRANCIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



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 eastern Connecticut students pursuing undergraduate degrees at Eastman School of Music, Temple University and Clark University.

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

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.

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Our supporters are the bedrock of our organization. The past 20 years of Take Note! outreach would not have been possible without your belief that what we are doing is important. Thank you! Thank you!

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To all who have given so
generously of their time
and talents to make our
dream a reality, we are
truly grateful.

Celebrating 20 Years of Take Note! Members

Every singer, past and present, is a note in the beautiful composition that is Take Note!

Linda Tracy, Artistic Director, 2003-
Dianne Bachmansky, 2004-2005
Sheri Barna, 2006-2013
David Belles, 2005
Toni Brancia, 2003-2007
Margaret Breen, 2017-
Jim Burton, 2003
Aimee Cash, 2017-2019
Cheryl Chase, 2007-
Jennifer Churchill, 2005
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Connie Crawford, 2005-2006
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Julia DeLapp, 2007-
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Christine Dimock, 2003-

Howard Drescher, 2003-2013
Laura Dzurec, 2020-2022
Derek Eddy, 2013-2014
Kes Federowicz, 2018-2021
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Mark Gadarowski, 2003-2005
Bill Glenister, 2005-
Lynn Hope, 2003-2018
Debbie Hubbell, 2003-
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Sandy Jaros, 2022-
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Nate Kitchen, 2003-2020
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Sue Walker, 2003-2010
Linda Wenner, 2003-
Don Wilson, 2020-
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Celebrating 20 Years

Take Note!
a cappella ensemble

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Sunday, June 11, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

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(junction of Rt. 89 and Rt. 195)

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Take Note!

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