

Dear Friends,

As we begin our 23rd year as an ensemble, we are thankful that we are still able to contribute to our community by way of our benefit concerts. Much has been said about how participating in a musical ensemble can foster social connection, reduce loneliness, and improve mental health through shared musical experiences, and we can certainly attest to that. Similarly, we like to think that our interactions with our audiences provide positive results for you as well. Add to that the opportunity to help others through concert donations, it's no wonder that we continue to find deep meaning in our endeavors.

This concert season we have performed concerts to benefit four local organizations, raising funds for The Town of Lebanon Food Pantry, Covenant Soup Kitchen, First Congregational Church of South Windsor, and Partners in Development. Of course, we could not do this without you. Your support over the years has been astounding, and we are deeply grateful for your endorsement of our efforts. Our own Take Note! donor appreciation concert in June is our annual opportunity to thank all who have so generously supported us for so long.

We invite you to join us on Sunday, June 7, 2026 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 (Artistic Director), Bonnie Cardwell, Barbara Comstock-King,
Julia DeLapp, Art Dimock, Christine Dimock, Kiev Federowicz,
Margaret Harting, Jamie Havlin, Deb Hubbell, Drew Jaffe, Fran Jaffe,
Sandy Jaros, Bruce Lyman, Cynthia Myers, Berkeley Nowosad,
Charles J. Pietrello, Linda Wenner, Don Wilson*

**Through
performances
in support
of charitable
endeavors,**

we are

**Raising Voices,
Raising Spirits,
Raising Hope!**

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This concert season we performed in Lebanon, Mansfield, South Windsor and Brooklyn to benefit four nonprofit organizations:

- Town of Lebanon Food Pantry
- Covenant Soup Kitchen
- Congregational Church of South Windsor Capital Improvement Fund
- **Partners in Development project work in Guatemala, Haiti and Mississippi***

***About Partners in Development**

Partners in Development works to transform lives through sustainable programs in housing, healthcare, education, and economic development.

Their long-term presence in Guatemala, Haiti, and Mississippi focuses on helping families build stability and opportunity through practical, community-centered support.

In addition to our support of the Covenant Soup Kitchen through our December concert, we recognized the pressing local need for basic support so made additional donations to Daily Bread Food Pantry in Putnam, Project Hope, Community Suppers Ministry and TEEG. We always welcome opportunities to expand our outreach.

Take Note! Antonia Brancia Memorial Scholarship Update

The Take Note! Antonia Brancia Memorial 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 scholarship has been awarded to nine eastern Connecticut students pursuing undergraduate degrees at Eastman School of Music, Temple University, Clark University, the University of Connecticut, Gordon College, Eastern Connecticut State University and Western Connecticut State University.

From a 2025 scholarship recipient:

Thank you so much for awarding me this Scholarship. It helps me more than you could know. I am excited for this next school year and plan to work my hardest so you know this scholarship is in the right hands.

Brancia Memorial Scholarship, continued

The Take Note! Antonia Brancia Memorial Scholarship serves as an important connection between Take Note! members and future generations of musicians, and as a memorial to a dear friend and charter member, Toni Brancia, who died in 2007.

The 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.

IN MEMORIAM William Glenister



We are deeply saddened to share the news that Bill Glenister, our dear friend and the heart and soul of our bass section for nineteen years, passed away in late March. Bill's retirement from the group in 2024 left a void that will never be filled. His remarkable musicianship, his upbeat personality, his hugs and his love for Take Note! will always be remembered by those who were blessed to have known and loved him.

Focus on 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 pleased to be able to help provide financial assistance to those who might not otherwise be able to participate in creative enrichment programs.

Beneficiaries have included:

- SPARK (Saving Performing Arts Reaching Kids)
- Community School of the Arts (CSA)
- Consonare Choral Community
- 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
- The Mr. D. Scholarship Award, Windham Regional Arts Council
- JOY! (Jorgensen Outreach for Youth)*

***About JOY! (Jorgensen Outreach for Youth)**

JOY! brings the arts to underprivileged children and families by providing free access to performances, transportation, in-school outreach, and the JOY! Conservatory Program.

For more information, please contact Rodney Rock, Jorgensen Director, at 860-486-1983 or rodney.rock@uconn.edu.



*"We're all part of the same melody,
and together we can create something beautiful."*

Joni Mitchell

How to Request a Concert

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.

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. Learn more about our application process below.

**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

Over the past 23 years, Take Note!
has supported more than 80 nonprofit
organizations, either through fundraising
concerts or donations in lieu of concerts.

Audition for Take Note!

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 two-hour weekly rehearsals, held in Mansfield Center on Monday evenings.

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

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

Thank You to Our 2025-2026 Season Supporters

Singing is our gift, with which we support the charitable efforts of community organizations. We do not charge for our performances and 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. Thank you!!

♩ Fermata

Arthur and Christine Dimock
Maxine A. Marcy
Leilani Nixon and Bruce Staehle
Anne Pauley
Sjef, Pieter, Max and Kaitlyn Bishop
van den Berg
remembering Toni Brancia
Dr. and Mrs. David Yeo

♩ Whole Note

Pamela and Alan Abel
Mark Dressler and Sandy Jaros
The Greene Family
Fran and Drew Jaffe
Bruce and Alexandra Lyman
Margarethe and Matthew Mashikian
Donna and Joe McLaughlin
The Pauley-DeLapp Family
Bill and Candace Powers
in memory of Deb Russel
Glenn Warner and Marguerite Davis

♩ Half Note

Jen Beck and Steve Ferruci
Jean and Wes Bell
Bob and Kristi Bittner
Bonnie and Marc Cardwell
Nancy and Tom Coogan
Beth Desjardin
K. J. and Gail Federowicz

Maggie Harting
Dr. and Mrs. Peter Jones
David and Carol Jordan
Melissa and Leo Joyal
Nate and Pat Kitchen
Landon's Tire
Scott and Becky Lehmann
Lonni and Sue Leroux
Michael McCarthy
Medical Pharmacy
Dorothy Michaelis
Marj Mollar and Lois Happe
Gordon and Sally Muir
Cynthia and Ron Myers
Ed and Jayne Pelletier
Charles J. Pietrello
and Seán L. Maher
Sandra Roth
Paul and Susan Schur
Elizabeth D. Scott
Sondra Astor Stave
Judy Stein and Ken Dardick
The Thurman-Chase Family
Nelson Walker
and Lisa Marella
Mary G. Weinland
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

Saul and Sandra Ahola
Sandy and Don Baxter
Rob Beach
Pamela Bridgeford
Gary Coté and David Darnell
Karen Drazen and Jim Baber
Rose and Kevin Farrell
Carol Fineout
First Congregational Church
UCC, Willimantic
Carol Buck Flowers
Sharon Foster-Chalecki
Karen Greer
Sue E. Harkness
Peter and MaryAnn Harting
Lynn Hope
The 4 Kings
Bob and Debby Kirk
Yves and Carol Kraus
Loris Masterton
Alan and Katherine Miller
Shirley and Tony Mongillo
Cliff and Sue Moon
Marjorie and Richard Ranger
Anne Rash
Bill and Ellen Rewinski
Catherine Rowe
Jeremy Schwartz and
Merle Potchinsky
George and Dotty Sellman
Lynn and Tom Singleton
Lee and Tom Terry

♩ Eighth Note

Sheila Amdur
Anonymous
William L. Briggs
Joan Buck
Branko Cavarkapa
Barbara Gibson
Penny Guerin
Charlotte Pyle and David Silsbee
Mary Jo Tryba
Michael Weitz and Kate Knight

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CONCERT
Sunday, June 7, 2026 – 3:00 p.m.
First Church of Christ in Mansfield
549 Storrs Road, Mansfield Center, CT
(intersection of Rt. 195 and Rt. 89)
Reception to follow
Take Note!
a cappella ensemble
Donations to Take Note! Outreach gratefully accepted at the door

Our heartfelt thanks to family and friends who have encouraged and supported us every step of the way.

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

Thank you for choosing to support Take Note! for our 2026-2027 Concert Season. In doing so, you support our mission to help local nonprofit organizations raise needed funds. All donations received will be acknowledged on our website (www.take-note.org) and in our concert programs. **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!, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization.

Take Note!

Scale of Support

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

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