



Quarter Notes

Fall 2025 Edition

Welcome to the new KIC newsletter!

A Message from KIC Executive Director, Rebecca Marchand

Hello KIC Community,

I am thrilled to join Kids in Concert as your new Executive Director! My journey with KIC began when my daughter joined as a violinist, in 2021. I fell in love with the approach to music education and youth development that the founders of KIC established; a community where every child deserves the chance to be seen, to be heard, and to belong. We are deeply grateful for Christine's leadership during her tenure as Executive Director, and we're delighted she will remain an active part of KIC as a teacher and champion for our students.

I'm also excited to introduce *Quarter Notes*, KIC's new quarterly newsletter to our broader community of supporters. Through this newsletter, we'll keep you up to date on all things KIC such as news, upcoming events, and ways you can help support our programs and students.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support of KIC. Our programs thrive because of this community, and your contributions, whether through volunteering, attending concerts, or making donations, make it possible for our students to experience the joy and growth that music brings. We couldn't do this without you, and we're so grateful to have you with us on this journey. Programs like ours don't happen on passion alone. The need is great; we currently have a waitlist of 30 students requests from our community for performances and partnerships continue to grow. It's such an exciting time to be part of KIC. It takes resources, such as instruments, sheet music, oh so many snacks, and the talented and dedicated volunteers and staff. None of this happens without you! All donations, no matter the size, help remove barriers for our students.

With gratitude,
Rebecca



A successful summer camp

KIC camp was a rousing success this summer, thanks in large part to the generous support of our community. When we lost a \$10,000 government grant in early summer, you stepped up, allowing us not only to fully fund camp, but also to set aside some funds for next summer. We are so grateful for the support and pleased to announce that *Rats! The Musical* was a total hit! This year's camp included **55 campers, 45 mentors, and 250 audience members across three performances.**

[Click here to view our thank you video!](#)



KIC goes to the LA Phil

This year, four KIC students were accepted into the prestigious **Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles National Festival**. A project of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, YOLA National brings together talented young musicians from community music programs across the United States for a week-long summer intensive in orchestral and chamber music performance, culminating in a final performance at the Hollywood Bowl. KIC Education Director, Any Torres, was also selected to attend as a staff member, and got to catch up with her old friend from Venezuela, Gustavo Dudamel! Congratulations to all our musicians on this wonderful achievement!

Photo: From left to right: Maia Tappen, Anya Dunston, Any Torres, and River Dunston. Not pictured: Joseph Tappen (cello),

A look forward to the '25/'26 school year

KIC's school-year program will be starting back up on September 22nd. We are looking forward to welcoming **80 new and returning 1st-12th graders** to West Sound Academy as we begin our **12th year of after-school programming!** This year we are looking forward to more community performances by our chamber ensembles, a college tour for our high schoolers, musical growth, and of course, a whole lot of fun.





Our fall gala is just around the corner!

A Night to Delight, KIC's annual dinner auction, will be held on **November 15th** at Kiana Lodge in Poulsbo. Support all the amazing work KIC does while enjoying a beautiful dinner, silent and live auction, dessert dash, and a special performance you won't want to miss!

Tickets go on sale **October 1** on our [auction website](#).

We are still looking for donations and sponsors for our gala! If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation of an item or experience or would like to [sponsor the event](#), please contact Deborah Hobden, KIC's development coordinator, at deborah@kidsinconcert.org.

Mark your calendars!

- **October 1:** One Call for All begins. Support KIC in this longstanding Bainbridge Island fundraising tradition.
- **October 25:** KIC students perform at **Singalong and Sounds**. Kidimu. Bainbridge Island. 9:00-10:30 am.
- **November 15:** A Night to Delight: dinner auction and gala to benefit KIC. Kiana Lodge, Poulsbo.
- **December 10:** KIC Winter Concert.

For more information, visit www.kidsinconcert.org/events

Support Us

Become a monthly donor: support KIC with a [sustaining gift](#).

Spread the word: tell everyone you know about our radically-accessible program!

Share your talents: we are grateful for all contributions, financial and otherwise.
[Contact us](#) if you would like to contribute something to KIC.

Attend an event: Visit our [events calendar](#) and come see what KIC is all about.

Learn more: visit our [website](#).

Donate Now

www.kidsinconcert.org



Kids in Concert | PO Box 11623 | Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email & social marketing for free!