

## Mt. Diablo Alternative Education Foundation

The Mt. Diablo Alternative Education Foundation (MDAEF) would like to thank you for joining us today for our annual student scholarship and minigrant fundraiser. Most educational organizations are parent-run booster clubs for sports, music, and other special interests groups. MDAEF is created and run by community volunteers who recognize the unique needs of alternative education students and their schools which lack traditional support.

The vision of the foundation is to provide assistance to students who have not been successful in school. The alternative schools provide a last chance for high school graduation. We want to empower these often discouraged and neglected teens to become successful. Our support makes a difference for these often "forgotten students" and schools who do not have a broad appeal or connection to the general public. It's a compelling cause, so we reach out to the community, friends and friends of education for support.

MDAEF funds classroom mini-grants and school-wide projects in the seriously underfunded alternative high schools. The foundation also awards scholarships to graduating seniors for community college or vocational school. We have given principals discretionary money for bus and BART tickets, school supplies, and other basics to help disadvantaged kids come to school. Working in partnership with DVC, we pay for bus transportation to the DVC High School Recruitment Day - a day of hope and inspiration that shows alternative education students that higher education is possible, even for them.

The Foundation would like to thank the *Clarinet Fusion* choir, a very talented and dedicated group of musicians, for providing this year's fundraiser with an unusual, exciting, and educational program for your entertainment. We greatly appreciate your time, talent, and support.

Don't forget to join in on the fun and bidding for "Silent Auction" items which include, 49er Preseason Tickets, Giants Tickets, Body Massage, fine jewelry or a two night stay in a Tahoe Cabin. Raffle tickets are also available for a \$100.00 cash money hat.

MDAEF is a 501(c)(3) public charity so donations are tax deductible. If you would like to help us further our cause or want additional information please talk to any of the Board Members here today or pick up one of our brochures. We can also be reached by email at info@mdaef.org or through our website www.MDAEF.org.



# Helping Students Help Themselves

**FFATURING** 

# **Clarinet Fusion**

with Guest Conductor Harvey Benstein

Sunday, March 30, 2014 3:30 • Reception/Silent Auction 4:00 • Opening Comments & Clarinet Fusion Performance 5:15 • Meet & Greet/Auction Wrap-up

Pleasant Hill Senior Center 233 Gregory Lane Pleasant Hill, California



CLARINET CHOIR

**Clarinet Fusion** (kler-ə-'net 'fyü-zh<sup>o</sup>n) *n*. **1.** The process of the sound of single-reed, tubular woodwind instruments merging diverse, distinct, or separate elements into a unified whole.

#### • Program •

| Bill Bailey                                                                                     | Hughie Cannon/ar. Paul Nagle            |
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| Cortege from 'Petite Suite'                                                                     | Claude Debussy/ar. Russell Howland      |
| Fandango                                                                                        | Frank Perkins/ar. Jeanie Murrow         |
| Sonata No.6 in D minor                                                                          | Felix Mendelssohn/ar. Matt Johnston     |
| Klezmer Triptych<br>Mvt.1: Lebedik un Freylach                                                  | Traditional/ar. Mike Curtis             |
| Havana Moonfrom 'Caribbean Suite'                                                               | Alfred Reed                             |
| Little Brown Jug                                                                                | Glenn Miller/ar. Phil Pollard           |
| Canon in D from 'Kanon und Gigue für 3 Violin                                                   |                                         |
| Dance of the Buffoons                                                                           | N. Rimsky-Korsakov/arr. George F. Roach |
| Funeral March of a Marionette                                                                   |                                         |
| Immer Kleiner (A Humorous Fantasy) Adolf Schreiner/ar. Kathy Boster                             |                                         |
| The Liberty Bell                                                                                | •                                       |
| Please turn off all electronic devices. No texting or flash photography during the performance. |                                         |

Harvey Benstein has been music director and conductor of the Walnut Creek Concert Band since 1998. Well-versed in the wind and orchestral repertoire, Benstein brings with him a wealth of experience and artistry. He served as Professor of Conducting and ensemble director at Butler University, Indiana; McNeese State University, Louisiana; and The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. He has served as a guest conductor and clinician throught out the Unitied States and has conducted at such venues as Carnegie Hall, Sydney (Australia) Town Hall and the Sydney Opera House. Benstein is pleased to stand in as Guest Conductor for Clarinet Fusion in place of Dr. Lawrence Anderson today.

For more information about *Clarinet Fusion* or booking, please contact us.

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## • ABOUT CLARINET FUSION •

Clarinet Fusion is the result of the inspiration, hard work, and determination of founder Karyn Weber. Begun as a quartet/quintet in the fall of 2009, Clarinet Fusion performed several concerts each year until the spring of 2012 when it expanded to a full choir to include the extended range of the harmony clarinets. Clarinet Fusion, as a choir, held its debut performance on June 28, 2012.

The members of *Clarinet Fusion* collectively boast nearly 400 years of music-playing experience, with a majority of that on clarinets. In addition to the clarinets being played today, various members also have experience playing other instruments such as: A and C clarinet, flute, oboe, sarrusophone, french horn, trumpet, baritone horn, tuba, electric bass, and the saxophone family: soprano, alto, Bb tenor, C melody tenor, and baritone. These musicians also play for a number of other music and performing groups, including:

Danville Community Band
Walnut Creek Concert Band
Awesöme Orchestra Collective
Quintaire Woodwind Quintet
Ohlone Community Band
Ohlone Wind Orchestra
Ohlone Clarinet Choir
Castro Valley Chamber Orchestra
Pleasanton Community Concert Band

Livermore-Amador Symphony Brentwood Concert Band Tri-Valley Rep Theatre (Livermore) Star Struck Theater (Fremont) California Repercussions Band Hayward Municipal Band Contra Costa Wind Symphony Oakland Civic Orchestra Prometheus Symphony Orchestra

#### • Personnel. •

| Dr. Lawrence Anderson | #Conductor                                         |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Kathy Boster          |                                                    |
| Danielle Napoleon     |                                                    |
| David Rausch          |                                                    |
| John Toyama           |                                                    |
| George March          |                                                    |
| Tom Berkelman         |                                                    |
| Karyn Weber           |                                                    |
| Dave Sandusky         |                                                    |
| Phillip Pollard       | Bass Clarinet, BBb Contra Bass Clarinet            |
| Mark Horne            | EEb Contra Alto Clarinet, BBb Contra Bass Clarinet |