



News To Note

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A Year in Review

This school year, we stayed connected with our students in a variety of ways, continuing to provide access to high-quality music education for students in Pontiac, adding meals, transportation and homework help as core parts of our program.

10 weeks of virtual instruction

16 weeks of porch lessons, supported in part by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan and CultureSource

18 weeks of small-group, in-person instruction at Kirk in the Hills and Center for Success

13 student performances

We hope you will join us at our End of Year Concert and Birdies & Beats Charity Golf Outing to celebrate the success of our Accent Pontiac students!

Tickets Available for Birdies & Beats!



Friday, June 11
9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
The Links at Crystal Lake Golf Course

Register at <u>www.accentpontiac.org/events</u>.

Eagle Sponsor: Williams International Lunch Sponsor: McLaren Oakland Beverage Cart Sponsor: Munetrix





END OF YEAR CONCERT!

Bring a lawn chair or blanket!

We Need Your Help!

Volunteers are needed to help with the reception after the show. Find more information and sign up at www.accentpontiac.org/get-involved.



Program Highlights

March 19: Winter Showcase

Accent Pontiac presented a virtual winter showcase on March 19, featuring pieces composed and arranged by Accent Pontiac students! If you missed it, listen to the performance at www.vimeo.com/526145911.

May 15: Better Than Your Average Garage Sale

Accent Pontiac students performed at a garage sale on May 15, raising over \$900 to support our programming. Special thank you to Accent Pontiac supporter, Mary Nemetz, for organizing and hosting the event. To host your own third party event to support Accent Pontiac, check out our Fundraising Event Guide at www.accentpontiac.org/donate.

Staff and Board Update

Welcome Megan Belansky, Lead Woodwind Teacher, and Rolando Ybarra, Assistant Percussion Teacher, to the Accent Pontiac staff team! We also welcome new Accent Pontiac Board members Buzz Brown, Colleen Schmerheim and Rev. Edwin Estevez. Learn more about Accent Pontiac's team at www.accentpontiac.org/staff.

Thank you to our funders!

Accent Pontiac is honored to be the Arts & Culture Finalist for Impact100 Metro Detroit, as well as a recipient of the Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs Professional/Organization Development grant.









Media Coverage

Check out the media coverage of Accent Pontiac, including features on Channel 7 WXYZ TV and Fox 2 Detroit and an article by the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan, at www.accentpontiac.org/media.

Upcoming Events

June 4, 6:00 p.m.: End of Year Concert

June 11, 9:00 a.m.: Birdies & Beats Charity Golf Outing

June 21, 1:00 p.m.: Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival Work-

shop

More details and information on additional events available at www.accentpontiac.org/events.