



Songcatchers

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Music Notes

Songcatchers Inc. Newsletter | 2025 - 2026



Songcatchers Student Showcase



Zoe at the Pelham Music Festival 2026



Camp is Back!



Community Participation



Recital Time
Showing Our Talent

This year we held mid-year recitals near Valentine's Day. Our Year-end recitals will be 6/10 and 6/13. The children each played solos and some performed together as an ensemble or chorus but in all there were more than 150 performers and we were so proud of our students. We are so thankful for our Young Teachers, our dedicated Mentors and our devoted Parents each who also played an important part in the support of the children in their musical journey.



Samantha



Melany



Emily

Each year the Pelhma Music Festival invites our students to perform. This year we had quite a few former and current students, volunteers and our orchestra perform. This year we received a generous donation for all the performers we had entered into the festival.



Miq



Angeline



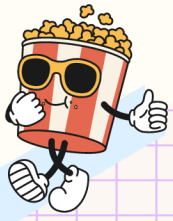
David

Thanksgiving Parade

For the first time Songcatchers students had a drumline and a truck to carry our heavy drums in the parade



First Row: Rachel, Dylan, Jackson, Christian, Second Row: Miles, Kimberly, Linda, Fernanda, Ariana and Brooke



POPPING WITH APPRECIATION FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers gain experience and important life lessons by teaching at Songcatchers. Throughout April, we celebrated our hard-working volunteers who make this organization possible and provided popcorn for them every day because we are "popping with appreciation." On April 26th, we held our annual concert so our volunteers could showcase their talents for our dedicated donors at the New Rochelle Public Library. Senator Shelly Mayer attended. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering with us please contact info@songcatchers.org.



During the Holidays we also had a cookie swap for our Dedicated Volunteer Teachers. Thank you to the parents and HOPE Community Center for the cookies.

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NYS CA Grantee

Through New York State's continued investment in arts and culture, NYS CA has awarded over \$120 million since Spring 2023 to over 1,500 artists and organizations across the state. We are grateful recipients of a 2023, 2024, 2025 & 2026 grants totaling \$130,000. Thank you to Gov. Kathy Hochul, our State Senator, Shelley Mayer and our State Assembly..



JUNE Funraiser

SONGCATCHERS

Summer BINGO FUNDRAISER

JUNE 6TH Saturday!

\$25 PP

INCLUDES:

- ✓ Bingo paper for the night
- ✓ Soda & Water
- ✓ Dessert

DOORS OPEN AT 6PM

RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST! CALL BETH TODAY! 914 494 7047

Grab your friends, bring your lucky charm, and let's BINGO!

GIFTS OF LOVE

The renowned artist, Charle Fazzino, decorated and signed these two one-of-a-kind violins that were in disrepair to help us raise money. If you know a Fazzino Fan, this would make a great gift and you'll be helping our programming! What a unique gift or art investment for a musician or art lover! If you are interested call our Executive Director at 914-654-1178.



Songcatchers Orchestra

Headed by Ariana Barrios, the Orchestra is a newer initiative that started 3 years ago and has represented Songcatchers all over lower Westchester County including at Hudson Park Greenhouse's "The Haunt" during NYRCA's ArtsFest, JLWOS Thursday Thrift, Pelham Music Festival, Songcatchers GETS Talent, where they achieved 3rd place, and at the Ursuline Sisters' Global Tasting Event at Monroe University. They currently have 10 members and are looking for more. Please email ariana@songcatchers.org if you are interested.





Our First Wunderkind

We were proud to attend the induction of Ariana Barrios into 914INC. Magazine's 15th class of Wunderkinds, a select group of the area's most talented and innovative young professionals under 35. She was chosen by the editors of 914INC. for her unique talents, groundbreaking ideas, and community involvement. She was featured in the May/June issue of 914INC. and was honored at a special awards cocktail reception on May 20, 2025. Congratulations to all this year's honorees and to Ariana, our first of, hopefully, many Wunderkinds in the future!



Songcatchers Student Showcase



For the first time ever we had a showcase of our most prepared and courageous students at the Ossie Davis Theatre at the New Rochelle Public Library

We were very proud of our talented performers representing us to the public!



Songcatchers Spreads it's Dove Wings



Last year during the school year Songcatchers left the proverbial coop and held it's first two initiatives with the Mt. Pleasant Cottage & Edenwald Schools. Mount Pleasant Cottage School primarily serves K-12 students who have emotional disabilities. The Edenwald School serves K-12 students with autism as well as emotional and cognitive disabilities. We have since reprised these two sessions in 2025/26 that included a Holiday and Spring Concert teaching 30+ children how to sing in a choir and performing for more than 150 students, parents, faculty and Board Members. One staff member shared that in her 20 years she's never seen anything like this at the school.



Camp is Back!

After taking a break last year to find a better location and reimagine the camp experience, we are thrilled to invite everyone to join us again at the same affordable price.

Additionally, we offer a Daytime Summer Music Program featuring a vibrant and engaging schedule, along with an after-camp opportunity to continue music studies throughout the summer!

Songcatchers

SUMMER MUSIC PROGRAM
9:30 AM - 2:30 PM

ACTIVITIES
Nature Hikes & Exploration
Arts & Crafts Workshops
Gardening Projects
Water Fun Days
Talent Show & Recital

SUMMER INSTRUMENTAL PROGRAM
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SPECIAL FEATURES
Experienced Staff
Snacks & Games
Performances at the End of Session

DATES & LOCATION
June 30 - July 01, 2025 - 5 Weeks
74 Petersville Rd, New Rochelle

PRICING
\$125 per week
Ages 3-13
Early Bird Discounts Available!

TO REGISTER:
Email: info@songcatchers.org
Call: (914) 654-1178

Songcatchers Camp

August 2-8
in Elizaville, NY
A Beautiful, NEW Campsite

EARLY BIRD RESERVE AT \$19.00
\$595 PER PERSON

Activities:
• Music/Instrumentals
• Singing & Dancing
• Arts & Crafts
• Swimming & canoeing
• Sports
• Fun & Games
• Performances for family on Aug. 8th

Call to register! reserve with \$100 deposit
Only 30 spots available

More information: 1014654-1178 info@songcatchers.org



O' Say Can You See

We were so excited to sing our nation's anthem for the very first home opener game for the Westchester Soccer Club! Our youth Choir was amazing and on May 15th at 7 PM Zoe Arteaga will be representing Songcatchers and singing it solo. All tickets sold will give a \$5 kickback to Songcatchers!



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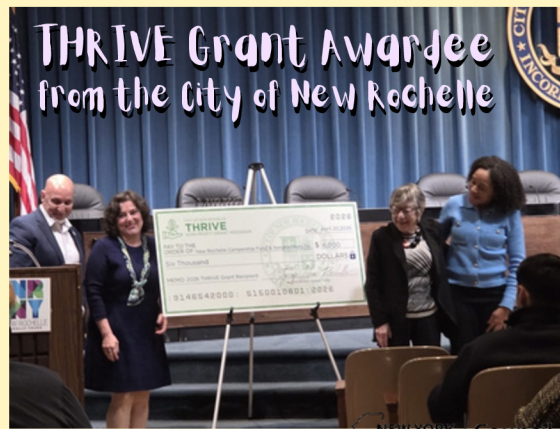
Founder: Sr. Beth Dowd, OSU, MM

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THRIVE Grant Awardee from the City of New Rochelle

We are so grateful to have been chosen by the THRIVE committee for two grant partnerships. The first is with the Campership Fund to bring our Summer Program Participants to a Broadway Show and lunch. The Second is to partner with the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle to provide lessons for their participants.

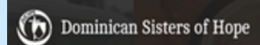


Starting with New Rochelle Council on the Arts "Arts Fest" Songcatchers performs all over the lower Westchester area giving our choir, orchestra and students performance opportunities and the public a sampling of our talents!

Thank you to these organizations



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