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Dear Neighbors and Friends,

At a time when music programs are being cut from school budgets, and opportunities to hear superior live music within our communities dwindle, **Shepaug Friends of Music** provides vital funding and programming. Instruments, scholarships, and sponsorships of various musical programs are just some of the things we provide.

We are beginning our sixth year and would like to share with you some of the musical contributions we have made over the past year.

- We proudly provided support for the new “Strings Program” at Shepaug Middle and High Schools, through the purchase of string instruments specifically for this program.
- \$3,000 in scholarships were awarded to three Shepaug High School graduating seniors. To date we have awarded over \$23,000 in scholarships, including two recurring scholarships.
- We purchased instruments, sound equipment, underwrote musical field trips and performances for the Region 12 school system.
- SFOM provided funding for professional accompanists for student recitals.
- Our program co-sponsored the third annual “Messiah Sing,” a performance of Handel’s Messiah, featuring professional musicians, soloists and a community choir.
- Along with the Roxbury, Bridgewater and Washington Recreation Departments, we co-sponsored our fourth annual “Concert in the Park” series. These free concerts offered a wide range of musical genres and performers to our communities.

As we begin our fund drive for 2008 – 2009, we hope that you will consider joining our membership so that we may continue to enhance existing music programs and create new opportunities for our children and communities.

The current economic conditions give all of us pause for thought. As our programs are building momentum, we greatly appreciate any donations at this critical time. You may wish to consider becoming a member of the Quartet Club, a giving program designed for pledging over a four-year period.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

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Please tune in for details of upcoming events on our web site - www.shepaugmusic.org



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Tear off and return this donation sheet in the attached envelope. Or, you can mail it to *Shepaug Friends Of Music P.O. Box 83 Roxbury, CT 06783*

I wish to make a tax deductible contribution in the amount listed below:

Friend	up to \$35
Supporter	\$35 to \$99
Ensemble	\$100 to \$249
First Chair	\$250 to \$499
Soloist	\$500 to \$999
Conductor	\$1000 and above

I wish to become a member of the Quartet Club.

S.F.O.M. Quartet Club members pledge to contribute annually for four years in a row.

I pledge \$ _____ per year for 4 years, totaling \$ _____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____