

The Weldon Minnick Memorial Scholarship For MSSD High School String Players

Each year the Mesquite Symphony Orchestra Association chooses a string player attending high school, attending classes in the Mesquite Independent School District, to receive the Weldon Minnick Memorial Scholarship for music study. This scholarship funds a year's private instruction for the chosen individual.

This scholarship bears the name of one of the driving forces in the creation of the MSO. Weldon was involved in both playing and conducting the Orchestra during those early years. He was also active on the Board of Directors during the first four years of the MSO's existence. Weldon's involvement in the Orchestra was one that evoked growth and for that reason we are proud to have Weldon Minnick's name on the first scholarship that the MSOA established.

Through community support we have fully endowed the Weldon Minnick Scholarship and it now sustains itself. It will continue to provide financial support to young string players in Mesquite, an opportunity that Weldon would have been proud to provide.

The David L. Carrington Memorial Scholarship For MSSD Middle School String Players

Beginning the 1997-98 season, the MSOA began working to endow a second scholarship. We are pleased that the endowment has been achieved. It was accomplished primarily through the efforts of one of the members of the MSO, H.H. Johns. His hard work has enabled the MSOA to create the *David L. Carrington Memorial Scholarship*.

Mr. Carrington dedicated his life to exploration, education and above all creating opportunities for others to enjoy life as he obviously did. This scholarship, dedicated to providing private lessons to a middle school string player attending classes in the Mesquite Independent School District, will carry the Carrington name, symbolizing David's heartfelt love of music and the arts.

It is gratifying to place the David L. Carrington Memorial Scholarship next to the Weldon Minnick Memorial Scholarship. Each one rewards the efforts of a young string player in the MISD. To reach into the community and enable young person to grow musically is one of the primary responsibilities of the MSO and MSOA. We appreciate the hard work and dedication it has taken to endow these two scholarships and look forward to establishing new scholarships for other young musicians.

The Angela Nimifaa Memorial Scholarship For String Players playing in the MSO

In October of 2002, we lost Angela, as she lost her battle with the many physical problems she fought for so long. Before she left us, she made an idelible mark on our ensemble and our entire organization.

She was teacher, a performer, a composer, a lover of the Rennaisance and most importantly, our friend. He passion for living, to live life to the fullest, in spite of her ailments, was inspirational and an example to everyone with whom she came in contact. To honor her and make sure that her name is always linked with the MSO, we have started a scholarship in her name.

It is still in the early stages of contributions and when funded, it will serve to reward a young player in orchestra, contributing to their study of the instrument and music, a cause that Angela loved so dearly.

The Ralph Wisenbaker Memorial Scholarship For Non- String Players playing in the MSO

This scholarship fund was established in memory of Ralph Wisenbaker, a long time supporter of the performing arts in Mesquite. The initial funding was substantially provided by the Mesquite Symphony Guild. Additional donations to this fund are welcomed as it will help it to grow to its full potential much sooner. Your scholarship donations are tax deductibile as the MSOA is a non-profit organization. Mr. Wisenbaker, along with his wife Jeann, have greatly enriched our orchestra and arts community with their many contributions. As we enjoy and appreciate the fruits of their efforts we can participate by becoming involved financially, supporting the efforts they have begun. The success of the arts in Mesquite is influenced greatly by the involvement of each of you, and in this way we can all work to pave the way for the pleasure and enrichment of our present, as well as future generations.

