

# More Youth | Brighter Futures



## Fall Fiddle Workshops

Our most recent fiddle workshops were held October 1st - 30th in Pond Inlet, Hall Beach, Qikiqtarjuaq, Pangnirtung as well as Igloolik, returning to the community for the first time since April 2015.

These fiddle workshops marked the 18th fiddle workshop presented by TSA - Music for the Future and instructors Greg Simm and Kim de Laforest worked directly with 278 youth, teaching them fiddle and guitar.

Not only do our students participate in the workshops, but when able, TSA is pleased to engage the youth to give back to their community by performing. In Hall Beach, a half hour concert was held for elementary students featuring fiddle students and in Pangnirtung, a final concert featuring fifteen fiddle students was well attended and well received by the entire student body. Performing and giving back like this builds self-esteem among the youth and encourages community engagement.

As we come to the end of our tenth year, planning and looking forward to the next ten, we would like to extend a huge "thank you" to the communities' leadership, school principals and teachers, hosts and donors who graciously supported and participated in not only our most recent workshops, but for their support over the last ten years. Our visiting instructors are very well received and assisted by the community ensuring that their work is made easier and their stay



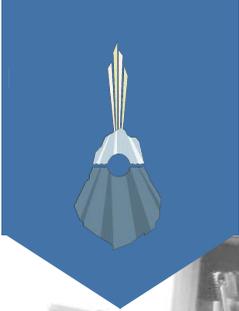
pleasant. Music for the Future is proud to be working with the communities and even more proud of the youth for their interest, dedication and talent.

*"Music for the Future inspired me to be involved in music way before I was able to be part of it because I watched my big brothers be part of it. It has showed me there is something different in the community to do and made me want to learn more."*

*(From TSA student Lindsey Qanguq - Nov. 2018)*

### FIRST-EVER WINTER WORKSHOP

We are pleased to announce that we are planning a Winter Workshop for February 2019 with visits to Pond Inlet, Pangnirtung and a new community for TSA, Cape Dorset. We're excited to have the support of Canadian North and the Government of Nunavut in order to make this happen and to be able to provide a workshop during what can be a very difficult time of year. Stay tuned as we share more details and photos about the February workshop!



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Our 10th annual Benefit Concert & Silent Auction was a great evening of music, food and cheer. A big thank you to all of the musicians, volunteers, contributors and the audience members for their generosity. Performances included the Riverport & Area Community Choir (it was their 10th benefit too!), Ira Reinhart-Smith with Greg Simm, TSA fiddle instructors, Greg Simm & Kim de Laforest, a celtic band featuring Paul & Eilidh Buchanan, as well as PEI songwriter, Mark Haines. It was a full and fun night of music & bidding.... and even trying on some traditional Inuit clothing.

Qujannamiik to all!

## Gift Matching & Holiday Giving

Generous donors, Jason Roth & Cheryl Steadman-Roth have done it again and pledged a transformative gift of \$20,000 towards creating long-term sustainability for TSA.

Not only that... in addition, the Roth's have pledged to match up to \$20,000 for all donations that are made before December 15th. Imagine what a tremendous impact your donation will have, especially when each dollar is doubled!



Need a holiday gift? The gift of music and making a positive difference for youth in Nunavutis gift-giving at its best. Consider making a donation to TSA as a gift for the holidays and we'll be happy to send a personalized card for the recipient.

To make a donation... please visit our website at [musicforthefuture.ca](http://musicforthefuture.ca) and click the "Donate Now" button or visit our "How to Donate" page.

*Will you help us reach our goal of \$20,000?*