



# MUSIC FOR THE FUTURE

TUSARNAARNIQ SIVUMUT ASSOCIATION

"Music is a piece of art  
that goes in the ears  
straight to the heart."

— Unknown



## Foundation – Partner Feature: The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation

The Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation is a registered Canadian charity that supports Inuit culture and youth in Pond Inlet, Nunavut. The foundation was established to honour the memory of Mark Seltzer and Marilyn Chan who lost their lives while kayaking near Pond Inlet on July 16, 1998. A committee of local volunteers reviews applications and recommends which projects the Toronto-based Board of Directors should fund based on

the foundation's goals of preserving Inuit traditions, culture and language, assisting students with education or training programs and relieving poverty.

Since its inception, the foundation has supported community cultural projects such as trips on the land and programs where elders teach youth traditional methods of sewing or preparing country food, local daycares, Mittima

Food Bank, high school student awards, sports teams and tournaments, assistance for students attending post-secondary programs, and of course, Tusarnaarniq Sivumut Association - Music for the Future.

Since 2009, the Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation has given more than \$70,000 to

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## Foundation Partnership (continued)

TSA to support opportunities for youth at Nasivvik High School in Pond Inlet to learn music through our in-person fiddle workshops and more recently, virtual music lessons. It was through our connection with SCPIF that two videographers from RYOT Films travelled to Pond Inlet in April 2014, which resulted in the beautiful video we share on our website. Click [here](#) to view that again.

TSA - Music for the Future is grateful for the ongoing support from the Seltzer-Chan Pond Inlet Foundation and looks forward to continuing to make a difference and support youth in Pond Inlet, with their help and partnership. [www.pondinletfoundation.org](http://www.pondinletfoundation.org)



▲ Marilyn Chan and Mark Seltzer, 1992.

## Return to Nunavut – Live and In-Person!

We are VERY pleased to let you know that we're planning in-person fiddle workshops for 2022-2023! This is big news and the world has changed since we last travelled in January 2020, so we're adjusting accordingly. We're planning a Fall Fiddle Workshop for two communities and intend to travel in the Winter and Spring as well. Stay tuned for more details... we can't wait to share the news with you!

*We continue to look for new opportunities to partner with schools and communities to support music learning, including different instruments/types of music, building capacity within the communities and working with Inuit musicians to facilitate music programming in schools.*

## How to get involved:

Would you like to join our Board of Directors? As we continue to grow the impact of TSA, we are looking for new members to join the Board and help bring positive change through music. We are looking for individuals with strengths in communications, program management, fundraising as well as members at large. Please reach out if you, or someone you know, may be interested.

## Special Thanks:

*Thank you to our supervising teacher, Mitchell Arnold for his energy and commitment to giving students the opportunity to learn music at Iglulik High School this year. You were a pleasure to work with and we wish you all the best in your future teaching and music endeavours in Ontario!*



# Qarasaujakkut Nijjausjarriursaniq Update

Given the ongoing travel limitations imposed by the pandemic, our main focus this year was on **Qarasaujakkut Nijjausjarriursaniq**, our virtual lessons for both fiddle and guitar. Fiddle instructor, Stacey Read, was teaching students at Iglulik High School in Igloolik since September and began a second group at Nasivvik High School in Pond Inlet in April, a delayed start from our November plan - due to gathering restrictions. We also added guitar lessons for students in Pond Inlet too, with instructor Cam Neufeld who hails from Edmonton. Both led fantastic virtual lessons for many students that were incredibly well-received.

A big thank you to Mali Bickley at Taking It Global and Connected North for the partnership and support of our online lessons. TSA is pleased to be a Provider through Connected North and looks forward to offering even more in 2022-2023.

*Our goal is to continue to offer online lessons to schools and communities, with an opportunity to expand to new communities, especially those that are more remote as a means to provide an opportunity we may not have otherwise had.*

In March, TSA connected with Umimmak School in Grise Fiord and as a result, we're happy to announce that virtual guitar lessons will begin this September. As of May 2022, four guitars in hardshell travel cases along with a host of

accessories including strings and music books were shipped to Montreal where they will be crated and put on the sealift slated to arrive in Grise Fiord this summer. Want to learn more about the sealift? Stay tuned for our next newsletter.

Guitars that were shipped to Grise Fiord this spring so that they are "play ready" for the start of the new school year. ▼



▲ Two of four guitars on their way to Canada Post for the first leg of the trip to Grise Fiord.



## Qarasaujakkut Nijjausijarriursaniq Update (continued)



▲ Virtual Lessons in Pond Inlet with students Lillian and Delano at Nasivvik High School led by instructor Stacey Read, from Sackville, NB. (Photo credit: Kayla Banfield)



▲ Playing time during their virtual lesson. Look at those bow holds! (Photo credit: Kayla Banfield)

▼ Delano and Lillian concentrating during their lesson with Stacey (Photo credit: Kayla Banfield)





# Spring in Nunavut



▲ Crack in ice near Pond Inlet on June 21, 2022 (Photo credit: Andrew Tagak)



***Qujannamiik to Canadian North for  
their sponsorship of our 2022-2023  
Fiddle Workshops.***