



"Share the Magic of Music"

Dear Friend and Fellow Music-Lover,

There are many ways to experience music. It can be calming. It can be exhilarating. It can challenge you to think. It can inspire you to dance! It can fill your life with beauty. And it can change your life forever.

Imagine the grin on the face of an 10-year-old who was just handed an instrument she has longed to play but could not afford. Now she is beginning lessons with a professional music teacher. Before long she will play with others in her first ensemble.

I have seen the joy of music in the faces of kids like this hundreds of times. She has discovered that she can create something incredibly beautiful with her own hands – a melody! Playing with others, she will soon learn how to share and amplify this amazing experience.

Over time, her experience with music will make her mind stronger and more flexible. Her self-confidence and her ability to work with others will improve. Practice, improvement, solo performance and playing in ensembles will all teach her life lessons that will guide and inspire her for a lifetime.

**“Together we can enrich the lives of
kids and adults throughout our community.”**

This is the musical harmony – and the human harmony – that Off the Hook Arts creates for kids in our community.

With your generous support, we will provide the instruments, the musical instruction, and the opportunity to experience the life-changing power of music.

Enjoying Music in a New Way, All Year Long.

Off the Hook Arts also provides a fresh and exciting way for adults to experience music. In two seasonal music festivals and a summer series of garden concerts, we bring world renowned musicians to Fort Collins to share a glorious variety of music in an intimate setting.

The whole experience feels very personal and interactive -- more engaging than an ordinary “concert”. The musicians discuss their instruments and the evolution of their music. And of course the music itself, played by musicians of this caliber, is fabulous.

After the performance, the musicians linger to chat and answer questions over a glass of wine. They share

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their own Spotify playlists, adding more depth and interest to the event. For them, too, this is an extraordinary experience.

During our WinterFest and SummerFest music festivals, scientists and other experts join us to explore important subjects as diverse as climate change and the physiology of perception. In TedTalk-style presentations they draw parallels with the music we are hearing during the festival. Together we connect the dots – and we all leave the festival enriched, feeling more creative, refreshed and open-minded.

Our Community Needs What Off the Hook Arts Provides. Now, More Than Ever.

As we work together to recover from the COVID pandemic, many wonderful organizations are helping to provide medical support, financial aid, employment and food security to families in need.

In this climate of trauma and despair, we all need music in our lives more than ever. The healing power of music – especially when it is experienced in our style of intimate, friendly events – is profound.

This is why we need your support today. Please give generously to support Off the Hook Arts and the magical power of music in our community.

Thank you!

Jephta Bernstein, Off the Hook Arts Founder

PS: With the resounding success of our Summer Garden Concert Series, we brought our unique blend of live music back into the lives of hundreds of families in Fort Collins. And with our new partnerships with organizations like Mathew's House and Boys & Girls Club, we will soon enrich the lives of many more children, too. Please help us do more!