

# The Quality of Life by John Krumich



In January Betsy Porter and I attended the annual Art Works for Virginia conference in Richmond. The keynote speaker was the actor, writer, and educator Eric Booth and one quote from his very dynamic speech was from Plato, who said "Teach young people to find pleasure in the right things." I am not entirely sure of what things Plato was referring to, but I do know that SCORE is about teaching children to take pleasure in making music, chorally and instrumentally, in an ensemble.

What we all want for our children is for them to have lives that are full of quality. Artistic expression is not about survival, but it is about making our lives richer. No matter what the future holds for each child who participates in SCORE, he or she will have taken steps toward a higher quality of life by making music.

# The Things We Hear by Betsy Porter

During a child's SCORE years, or sometimes even over the course of one season, we see tremendous musical growth. One cannot help but notice it does not stop there. The nature of our collaborations and interactions with adult performers build self-confidence and leadership skills. Our donor list displays many former SCORE families, colleagues and others who recognize the value SCORE brings to children's lives. We are gratified by these gifts and wish to share a few comments from our community.

- ★ My experience with SCORE and the enthusiasm as well as musical learning that influenced my grand daughter was amazing. Before she started with SCORE, she was timid and seldom did any singing. After the first winter with SCORE she started becoming more outgoing and less afraid to go on stage in front of all those people.
- ★ This gift is in recognition of the way you integrate music with life!
- ★ Tests have shown that children who take musical instrument lessons and perform increase their mental aptitude to successfully tackle complicated problems in science and math.
- ★ Developing musically in a group setting held the interest of my boys beyond private music lessons.
- ★ I LOVE that my boys were not only exposed to a wide variety of top quality musical groups and individuals, as well as musical theater, but that they were able to actually perform on stage with these top-name musicians!

- ★ I appreciated that the music played and learned with SCORE was child and family friendly, but not childish, and covered a wide range, from folk to Celtic to pop.
- ★ Finally, as a mom I'm always thinking about how my boys will remember their childhoods. I love ending 7 SCORE seasons on stage at the Delaplane Strawberry Festival, sitting on hay bales enjoying the last concert of the year, followed by an afternoon of DSF fun and food!

And here is one of our favorites from Eve Watters, guest artist, December 2010

★ Thank you so much for your wonderful hospitality, and for inviting me to be with you all. It was so much fun, and such an inspiration to me. I really feel you've helped me start a whole new chapter, creatively. Your good works go on and on, and here is a small donation, in admiration and gratitude.



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### SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2011 AT 3:00 PM

**MUSIC AND MIME with guest artist Mark Jaster** Highland Center for the Arts Warrenton, VA



### SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2011 AT NOON

Delaplane Strawberry Festival Performance Sky Meadows State Park, Paris, VA www.delaplanestrawberryfestival.com

### EARLY JUNE, 2011

2011-2012 auditions Third through sixth graders are invited to audition for SCORE's 2011-2012 season. Call 540-428-2313 or email scoreweb@earthlink.net to schedule an audition.

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- To give highly motivated children an opportunity to experience the rigors and joys of ensemble music.
- To seek a musical aesthetic, a "sound" which is a true expression of children eight to twelve years old
- To implement, and be able to demonstrate, pedagogical principles and rehearsal techniques, which successfully enhance a child's musical development.
  - To extend the SCORE approach and its availability to children who are underserved in music education.

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