

The Parents' Council

For more than a century, **Manhattan School of Music** has nurtured the dreams of tens of thousands of musical artists, marshaling their talents, tapping their potential, and preparing them to join the distinguished ranks of MSM alumni—a celebrated international “company” of world-renowned instrumentalists, singers, composers, conductors, and artistic and civic leaders.

MSM recognizes the pivotal role that college parents play in the success of their children’s educational experience. In 2021, the School launched **The Parents’ Council** to enable committed and supportive MSM parents to be more actively engaged in the life of the School and to advance the student experience, including through philanthropic support. Council members share a common interest in stewarding the School’s mission of developing gifted young musicians and helping them to reach for the stars.

We invite you to become a member of our Parents’ Council. As a Council member, you will meet MSM’s supremely talented faculty and alumni, connect with fellow parents, and help to advance the School’s culture of artistic excellence, upon which our reputation as one of the world’s foremost music conservatories stands. Your participation supports the School in attracting and retaining supremely talented faculty, improving our facilities, and offering a rich learning environment that enables students to flourish.



We ask Parents’ Council members to:

- Make an annual leadership gift of \$1,250, \$2,500, \$5,000, or \$10,000 and to encourage other parents to give.

And to consider:

- Joining annual meetings with in-depth looks at the School’s outstanding academic and performance programs and talks by distinguished faculty members, alumni, and special guests.
- Making welcome calls to parents of incoming students and hosting events.
- Attending other parent engagement activities on and off-campus.

Those Who Excel Reach The Stars

—MSM Motto

Benefits

\$1,250

- A named seat in the orchestra of Neidorff-Karpati Hall, MSM's principal performance space, in the name of your family or student, after four years of consecutive gifts at this level.
- Invitation to attend bi-annual Parents' Council meetings featuring talks by noted alumni, faculty, and School leaders.
- A special welcome gift.
- Listing on MSM's donor wall, website, and in concert/performance programs.



\$2,500 (all of the above, plus):

- A named seat in the orchestra of Neidorff-Karpati Hall, MSM's principal performance space, in the name of your family or student, after two years of consecutive giving at this level.
- One-year membership in MSM's Virtuoso Society patron program, including invitations to a series of year-round events and VIP tickets to MSM performances.
- Invitation to take part in "A Day in the Life," a behind-the-scenes look at a typical day for an MSM student, including visiting classes and enjoying lunch with MSM scholarship students.



\$5,000 (all of the above, plus):

- Invitation to a private dinner with President James Gandre, notable alumni, distinguished faculty, and special guests in the Peter Jay Sharp President's Residence.
- A named seat in the orchestra of Neidorff-Karpati Hall, MSM's principal performance space, in the name of your family or student.
- Complimentary VIP seating at any of MSM's performances and master classes



\$10,000 (all of the above, plus):

- Membership in the President's Council, a group of committed and dedicated individuals who help to support the School and President Gandre, in carrying out MSM's mission, strategic plan, and special initiatives.

For further information on the MSM Parents' Council, please contact Susan Madden, Vice President for Philanthropy, at 917-493-4115 or smadden@msmny.edu.