



## August Newsletter: Bowling, Beethoven, and wedding gigs

Hello dear friends!  
Here's what's up with ChiMOP this month...

Summer camp has past the halfway point... hard to believe. We're all incredibly proud of the work our young students have accomplished in such a short time. But we're not finished yet. Still much to do before school bells ring again in the fall.

A huge congratulations to orchestra mom Carmen Villegas on her beautiful wedding ceremony last week! Our summer camp chamber strings were honored to be part of that ceremony and made it an extra special day.

Summer camp orchestra has been hard at work rehearsing Arturo Marquez' symphonic masterpiece "Danzon No. 2." They sound phenomenal and can't wait to show it off at our concert September 1 at 3:30PM at Our Lady of Mercy Church for their Our Lady of Mercy Festival. That program will also include Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and several of our chamber ensembles. And then we're off to our final summer performance at the Beethoven Festival held at Merit School of Music on September 7 at 4PM. There, our orchestra will reprise Beethoven's "Turkish March" and the Fifth Symphony while also premiering an original semi-improvised composition co-composed by our young summer theory students. That will be a blast!

But before all that, be sure to mark your calendars on August 25. ChiMOP will be hosting a

"Bowling for Change" fundraiser from 2-6PM at Timber Lanes to help support the launch of our full scale El Sistema inspired program this fall. \$25 will get you live music, food and beverages, a chance to bid on some amazing silent auction items, a 50/50 prize drawing, and, of course, LOTS of bowling. Children under 12 get in free. We hope you will come out to support music for social change in Chicago and have a great time!

Our ChiMOP Faculty Brass Quartet will be performing at a special fundraising house concert in Naperville. We'll soon be announcing other house concerts featuring some of Chicago's finest musicians that may be in your area so stay tuned and let us know if you'd like to attend, host, or help in any way.

Don't forget to like our Facebook page and follow us on Twitter for the most updated information and rousing anecdotes. Visit [www.chimop.org](http://www.chimop.org) to find out how you can help change lives. Thank you all for your support of this program and the youth of our city!

## Our Mission

Chicago Metamorphosis Orchestra Project (ChiMOP) is dedicated to affecting positive social change in young students with limited access to the arts by providing a safe and fun environment for them to make music in pursuit of artistic excellence together with peers and role models.

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