



Inspiring LEADERSHIP



SPECIAL
REPORT
2015



Inspiring EXCELLENCE

It is the mission of The Music School of Delaware to provide excellence in music education, training and experiences for people of all ages and levels of ability.



A Message

FROM THE
PRESIDENT &
BOARD CHAIR



DEAR FRIENDS,

Leadership and inspiration come in many forms. Our outstanding faculty are guiding lights for the arts; our students are future leaders in countless fields; our donors are torch bearers who make life better for all; our volunteers are passionate providers who make things happen; and our wonderful staff takes initiative every day to make sure things function smoothly for our students, families, faculty and patrons.

In our respective roles as Board Chair and Chief Executive, we are immensely grateful to the leaders who emerge in support of, and association with, the school. And, made possible by that support—we are inspired to experience the blossoming of talent and accomplishment in our students every year.

What a thrill to witness musical inspiration ignite, time after time, at the school—when our superb faculty performers take the stage, and for students of all ages in the studios and classrooms and in ensemble rehearsals and performances! The joy and accomplishment of each and every one of them is a marvel and a privilege to observe.

Instructional excellence is inspirational in itself! We are deeply proud of the caring encouragement with which our 90 expert faculty members guide toddlers, children, teens, and adults to grow through music. Their leadership

provides a path to build musical skills, gain confidence, expand expressive ability, and deepen appreciation for music of many genres and styles.

Our fellow Board members inspire us as well. Their dedication helps the school achieve the very best. Volunteering time, offering expertise and sharing personal resources, together, we are stewards of the school's mission. Bill Stegeman's magnanimous support moves us, in particular, and we want to follow his generous and inspiring lead. Charged with ensuring that access to music excellence thrives in our region—and inspired by Bill's leadership, we are determined to attain the resource development goals that will secure the school's presence for posterity.

Our Board cannot do so alone! It takes the help of other passionate supporters to follow Bill's lead. Your commitment to support the school is an inspired and generous act—which, in turn, moves the leadership of the school to do even better.

With gratitude,

Kate M. Ransom
PRESIDENT & CEO

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Inspiring EXPERTISE & PASSION

EXCEPTIONAL FACULTY

Shane Aaserud, *double bass*
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 Joan Fasullo, *piano*
 Jacqueline Beach Faulcon, *piano, voice*
 Richard Gangwisch, *piano*
 Katelynn Griess, *trombone*
 Rowena Gutana, *cello, Suzuki cello*
 Eliezer Gutman, *violin, First State Youth Orchestra*
 Jessica Hoffman, *Suzuki violin/viola*
 Patrick Hoffman, *trumpet*
 Melinda Hudson-Oriani, *early childhood*
 Kate Inie-Richards, *Suzuki violin/viola*
 Dr. Michael Jamanis, *violin*
 Meryl Lammers, *music therapy*
 Vince Lardear, *saxophone*
 Martin Lassman, *Adult Jazz Choir*
 Melanie Leinbach, *piano*
 Lingchin Liao, *violin, Suzuki violin*
 Margaret Love, *harp, Celtic harp*
 Genia Maslov, *violin*

Liliya Maslov, *piano*
 Dr. Oleg Maslov, *piano*
 Nora McDonnell, *bassoon*
 Malcolm McDuffee, *trumpet*
 Augustine Mercante, *voice*
 Devin Mercer, *voice*
 Marybeth Miller, *Bella Voce*
 Constance Moore, *piano*
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 Mary Moser, *Suzuki violin*
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 Elayne Soltz Penn, *piano, voice*
 Michelle Peters, *violin*
 Kate Ransom, *violin*
 Joseph Reilly, *music therapy*
 Thom Remington, *tuba*
 Tracy Richardson, *piano, harpsichord*
 Christof Richter, *violin*
 Marjorie Ripsom, *early childhood*
 Susan Nowaczyk Ritter, *oboe*
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OUR FACULTY ARE AN INSPIRATION



Expert artists and educators share a passion for music excellence—inspiring students to achieve their music goals.

Dr. Holly Roadfeldt, piano
 Walter (Skip) Rohrich, percussion
 David Schelat, organ
 Lloyd Shorter, oboe
 Dr. Anne Skrupky, horn
 David Smith, accompanist
 Dawn Stevens, piano
 Carol Stinson, clarinet
 Jennifer Crowell Stomberg, cello,
Suzuki cello, Cello Choir
 Dr. Lawrence Stomberg, piano
 Simeone Tartaglione, piano,
Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra
 Christina von Duyke, violin
 Clarence "Honey" Voshell, drums
 Jennifer Wagner, early childhood
 Tomasz Walski, piano
 Joanne Ward, voice,
Delaware Women's Chorus
 Janet Witman, harp
 Stefan Xhori, violin
 Hiroko Yamazaki, piano
 Don Zabitka, sound engineer
 (list current as of publication date)

COACHES & CLINICIANS & SPECIAL GUESTS

In addition to relying heavily on our expert faculty, we invite special guests, clinicians and coaches from throughout the nation and world to work with our students.

They participate in masterclasses, orchestral sectionals, workshops, concerts and lecture recitals, and provide additional experience and instruction.



Jonathan Carney, concertmaster of the Baltimore Symphony, guides violin students during a sectional as part of the **Delaware Orchestral and Chamber Music Institute**, July 2014.

LED BY A DEDICATED FACULTY LEADERSHIP TEAM



Shelley Beard
Suzuki Academy
 department head
 Chamber music
 coordinator



Dr. Donna Mulzet Beech
 Piano/harpichord/organ
 department head



Christopher Braddock
 Guitar and The Studio
 department head, Cultural
 Crossroads coordinator



Lotus Cheng
 Chamber
 music
 advisor



Dr. Lynne Cooksey
 Winds/brass/percussion
 department head



Melinda Hudson-Oriani
 Early childhood
 department head



Julianne Murphy
 Assistant
Suzuki Academy
 department head



Jennifer Crowell Stomberg
 Strings
 department head



Simeone Tartaglione
 Orchestra
 department head



Joanne Ward
 Vocal/choral
 department head



Hiroko Yamazaki
 Associate piano/
 harpsichord/organ
 department head



Inspiring ACHIEVEMENT



Richard Ren enjoys a taste of the Horowitz piano (courtesy of **Jacobs Music Company**) before the Music Masters concert **From Russia With Love**, October 2014.



Suzuki Academy students **Avkaash Chevli, Nahlia Freeman, Parvathi Balakrishnan** and **Ella Giuliani**, play at the Music School Open House, February 2015.

Delaware Children's Chorus members (back, L-R) **Jaclynn Johnson, Preanna Jules-Hall, Kathryn Suter, Darla Rublesky**, (middle, L-R) **Lola Rublesky, Camille Johnson, Ryana Rajesh, Maya Seipel**, (left, L-R) **Helen Chang, Ellie Braddock** and **Mukta Kantak** (not pictured) conducted by **Marybeth Miller**, sang a diverse repertoire of folksongs, blessings, Chinese children's songs and popular pieces at their event in Wilmington, May 2015.



At the Early Childhood 2014 Summer Arts Camp, **Serena Abushakra, Logan Wilkerson, Samuel Kim** and **Martha Rollo** explore rhythm and tone, with movement and voice.

Christopher Braddock, guitar/bass department head, teaching **Craig Smith** during a private lesson at Milford.



We reach a multicultural, economically and geographically diverse enrollment of over 2,300. Two main branches, four satellites and numerous outreach sites offer statewide convenience and regional impact.



Josh Szkotak and **Tom Pulcinella** play trumpet as part of the **Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra** at the Italian Festival at St. Anthony's Church in Wilmington, June 2015.



Jens Hoffman enjoys a private violin lesson at the Milford Branch with **Julie Murphy**, Suzuki Academy assistant department head.



Melanie Leinbach, piano faculty, instructing **Christian Mendoza** at the Milford Branch.



The **Honor Awards** were held in May 2015. Pictured are (L-R) **Kate Ransom** (president and ceo), **Nathan Lowman**, **Jacqueline Beach Faulcon** (piano faculty, behind), **Melinda Bowman** (flute faculty), **Bruce Dittmar** (board member), **Nicolette Sullivan-Cozza**, **Douglas Nie**, **Cheri Astolfi** (dean), **David Brown** (piano faculty), **Caleb Reed**, **Sophie Odia**, **Ananya Muthukrishnan**, **Saakshi Navile**, **Conor McAvinue**, **Victor Li**, **Tabitha Harvey**, **Eric Gao**, **Chris Dahlke**, **Daniel Wang**, **Gray Scott** and **Claire Kolakowski**. Congratulations!



Inspiring DIVERSITY

Multi-cultural, multi-age, multi-genre; we celebrate diversity in every form.



The Gutana family exploring musical rhythms at the Early Childhood Family Drum Circle, March 2015.

The Music School of Delaware offers private lessons and classes for every age and level, all that is needed is a passion to learn —and the inspiration to play!



Willie Thompson grew up listening to guitar quartet music, country, bluegrass and folk, and always wanted to learn how to play. She now studies the electric guitar with **Christopher Braddock**, guitar/bass department head, and likes the people and the atmosphere of the Music School.



Christof Richter violin, performed at **Music Masters: Pipes & Strings** with **Tracy Richardson** harpsichord, and (not pictured) **Dr. Paula Nelson** flute, **David Schelat** organ, **Janet Witman** harp, and Music School "Rising Stars" **Conor McAvinue** violin, **Tim Smith** violin, **Chris Dahlke** violin and **Eric Gao** violin, at First & Central Presbyterian Church in downtown Wilmington, March 2015.



Jax Milasincic violin, performed at a Phillies baseball game in Citizens Bank Park with fellow Suzuki Academy students, July 2014.



Faculty members **Paul Boris** keyboard, **Shane Aaserud** bass guitar, **Walter "Skip" Rohrich** drums and **Vince Lardear** saxophone, performed at the first **The Studio: Rock, Jazz & Folk Faculty Concert**, March 2015. The Studio: Rock, Jazz & Folk department, headed by **Christopher Braddock**, provides instruction in musical styles such as bluegrass, R&B and Celtic, as well as songwriting and recording.



Smitha Srisaila (left) and **Madhavi Ratnagiri** (right) performed a classic Indian dance at the Cultural Crossroads event **Passport to India**, November 2014. The event showcased North and South India in music, dance, and meditation, as well as fine art by **Mayura and Vasanthi Simha**.



C. Lawler Rogers, Sr., board member and former faculty, conducted the DuPont Diversity Choir at the **Martin Luther King, Jr. & Black History Month** concert, January 2015.



Vai Capoeira Delaware held a Capoeira Workshop showcasing the Brazilian martial art during the Cultural Crossroads event **Music & Culture of Brazil**, March 2015.



Orlando Haddad and Patricia King of Minas performed Bossa Nova classics and originals at the Cultural Crossroads event **Music & Culture of Brazil**, March 2015.



The **Delaware Women's Chorus**, conducted by **Joanne Ward**, traveled to Ireland for a performance tour in June 2015. At the opening concert (St. Mary's Church in Killarney) the choir received a standing ovation. They also sang at Brockagh Senior Center in Glendalough, visited a 10th century castle, held an impromptu concert at Bunratty Castle in Killary and wrapped up the tour at St. Andrew's Church in Bray. They are pictured overlooking the Ring of Kerry on the road to Kenmare.



Inspiring ACCESS to the ARTS



Members of Serafin String Quartet (**Kate Ransom** violin, **Esme Allen-Creighton** viola and **Lawrence Stomberg** cello) were joined by guest pianist **Read Gainsford** in a performance of Schumann's Piano Quartet in E-flat Major at Music Masters **Spirit of the Season—A Thank You Concert**, November 2014. Proceeds from this concert benefited the Anthony G. Simmons Scholarship Fund.



Melinda Hudson-Oriani, early childhood department head, and **Rowena Gutana**, cello and early childhood faculty, with 4-5 year old Pre-K students during cello "demo" day at **Brandywine ECAP** in Wilmington, May 2015.



Jonathan Moser conductor, leads the **Wilmington Community Orchestra** in his "audition" for the ensemble, March 2015. The amateur ensemble is open to all adult music enthusiasts and is tuition free. After a national search over a full year, Jonathan Moser was selected as the new music director of the Wilmington Community Orchestra.



At the **Early Childhood Holiday Sing**, December 2014, a free family-friendly event organized by **Melinda Hudson-Oriani**, **Sybella Knight**, **Habiba Abd El Kader** (horses) and **Emmeline Bragg** (baker) performed in a production of *The Gingerbread Boy* with other students. They were accompanied by faculty and friends including **Christopher Braddock** (left) and **Steve Oriani** (right).

& COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



2014-15 PARTNERS

Archmere Academy
 Brandywine Zoo
 Brotherly Love,
 Philadelphia's Gay Men's Choir
 Bud and Bug Festival, Milford
 Chesapeake Silver Cornet Brass Band
 Coastal Concerts
 Crosslands
 Delaware Symphony Orchestra
 Downtown Milford, Inc.
 DuPont Diversity Choir
 East Side Charter School
 P.S. duPont Early Learning Center
 Eat in the Street, Milford
 El Centro Cultural, Georgetown
 The Freeman Stage at Bayside
 Gable Music Ventures
 Holiday Stroll, Milford
 InWilmington
 Madhavi Ratnagiri,
 Indian Classical Dance
 Madhu Nanduri, sitar
 Milford Area Chamber of Commerce
 Minas, Bossa Nova ensemble
 Mispillion Art League
 Newark Symphony Orchestra
 Osher Center for Lifelong Learning
 Red Clay Consolidated School District
 Rehoboth Art League
 Saint Anthony's Italian Festival
 Second Street Players
 Serafin String Quartet
 Summer Music in the Parks, Wilmington
 University of Delaware
 Wilmington Classical Guitar Society

2014-15 OUTREACH EVENTS

Boys and Girls Club's Day for Kids
 Brandywine Hundred Library (multiple)
 CACC Montessori School
 The Children's House Montessori School
 Citizens Bank Park (Suzuki Academy)
 Concord High School
 St. Edmonds Academy
 Farmer's Market, Milford
 First State Youth Orchestra Performance
 Freeman Stage (Early Childhood)
 Goddard Preschools in Chadds Ford,
 Hockessin & Pike Creek
 Haynes Park (Matson Run Folk Ensemble
 & Suzuki Summer Play-In)

Ice Cream Festival
 Immaculate Heart of Mary
 Independence Day School, Pike Creek
 International Montessori School, West Chester
 Kent County Fund for the Arts Event
 Kids First
 Kuumba Academy Charter School
 La Petite Academy
 Montessori Learning Center, Wilmington
 NCC Charter School Expo
 Old New Castle Day (Suzuki Academy)
 P.S. duPont Holiday Vendor Fair
 Retirement homes (Suzuki Academy,
 First State Youth Orchestra)
 Riverwalk Festival
 Rodney Square (Lunchtime concert series)
 Suzuki Academy 10 Day European Tour
 Tower Hill Camp Fair
 YMCA Event



Led by music director **Simeone Tartaglione** (not pictured), the **Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra's** students enjoyed a flash mob performance at St. Anthony's Italian Festival, June 2015. Back row, L-R: **Audrey Fraser** oboe, **Matthew Anderson** bassoon, **Madison Stern** oboe, **Ben Nylander** clarinet, **Emily Wood** clarinet, **Genna Hahn** piccolo, **Miranda Grenville** flute, **Leo Fain** double bass. Front row, L-R: **Timothy Lin** euphonium, **Alex Fain** cello, **Daniel Park** cello, **Julia Marks** cello, **Jeffrey Lin** cello, **Maxine Chou** cello. The orchestra was 75 members strong.



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ENGAGED & COMMITTED

THREE Board Matching Gift Incentives since FY13 led to:

- Highest ever Annual Fund Giving
- Highest ever Financial Aid Scholarships Giving

FORWARD FOCUSED

In 2015, the Board of Directors initiated drafting of a 3–5 year strategic plan at the board level, facilitated by planning consultant Susan Detwiler.

A Centennial Council was launched in June 2014, in preparation for our Centennial celebration in 2025. The Council reached 100 members in spring 2015 and includes past board members, donors, alumni, past and current faculty, community leaders and others who share the belief in the value of preserving and advancing the mission of the school.

Succession planning through 2018 is in place that will ensure our leadership remains active, dedicated and effective.



The Honorable Thomas R. Carper, United States Senator, and **David C. McBride, Esq.**, board chair, at David’s home in June 2015, gathered with Centennial Council members, donors and friends. The evening celebrated leadership and raised funds to support the mission of The Music School of Delaware—to provide music excellence in education and experiences for everyone.



Robert L. Reed, Centennial Council member and former board chair, performed Claude DeBussy’s *Claire de Lune* during the reception for the Music Masters concert **Pianofest**, April 2015. The concert was dedicated to the memory of former board chair **Louis J. Finger**. *Claire de Lune* was Mr. Finger’s favorite. Mr. Reed experienced a ‘renaissance’ in piano as an adult student of the Music School (piano courtesy of **Jacobs Music Company**).

& DEDICATION



CENTENNIAL COUNCIL

In 2014–15, The Music School of Delaware's Board of Directors inducted 100+ members to the new Centennial Council. Council members are recognized for their special leadership as founders, governors, sustainers and other representatives of the school throughout its history. Their continued affinity with the school and its mission is deeply appreciated. The Music School of Delaware honors these individuals as an expression of gratitude for their inspiration and leadership.

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Inspiring HISTORY

Founded in 1924, The Music School of Delaware is the oldest, largest and only nationally accredited community music school in the state.



A MAGNANIMOUS GIFT

Dr. William J. Stegeman's generosity to the Music School is unmatched. He has been generous in his participation at the school for over ten years—as an adult student, concert attendee, board vice chair, Centennial Council member, and major donor.

Recently, Dr. Stegeman's donation (the largest individual gift in the school's history) completed Phase I of the Capital Campaign (new wing at the Wilmington Branch). He also supports the school individually and as a business sponsor.

What inspires Dr. Stegeman's remarkable philanthropy?

"I want to endorse and support the visionary and positive direction the school is taking, and I want to help now. I continue to be inspired by my experience at the school—by the excellence of the faculty, the student accomplishment, great performances, and by its leadership. My greatest wish is that others will also give now, and generously—to strengthen and preserve an invaluable gem in our region."

*"What's important is the message the support brings: that music education is an **invaluable** gem."*

LEADERSHIP GIVING INSPIRES PHILANTHROPIC PARTICIPATION

Our Board of Directors is, in turn, inspired by the magnanimous support of Dr. Stegeman. They are leading a challenge to the community to respond generously.

The Board will MATCH new or increased Annual Fund contributions through December 31, 2015—so every dollar can mean DOUBLE for the school.

NOW IS THE TIME

Music School families, alumni, donors and friends: now is the very best time to become a donor, or to increase your contribution—either will double your impact on the school, thanks to the Board Match!

BE INSPIRED. BE A LEADER. BE GENEROUS!

*Student accomplishment,
faculty excellence and access for all
inspire generous support.*



ADVANCES IN FUNDRAISING

Individual Giving

- 80 new donors in FY15
- 50 increased their giving
- over 80% renewed in FY15
- 50 “lapsed” donors recaptured
- over 450 donors to Annual Fund

Financial Aid Scholarships

- \$50,000 budgeted annually
- 80 donors in FY15

Planned Giving

- launched with 300 prospects

STRONG FOUNDATION SUPPORT

The following foundations endorse, through their generous support, the mission of the school—music excellence for ALL.

- Crestlea Foundation
- Crystal Trust
- Delaware Division of the Arts
- Longwood Foundation
- Laffey-McHugh Foundation
- Sallie Mae Fund
- Welfare Foundation
- and many more (see page 21)

Why give?

✓ EVERY LESSON

class and ensemble is subsidized by contributions

✓ ACCESS FOR ALL

depends on controlling tuition increases

✓ EXCELLENCE

depends on recruiting, retaining and rewarding the BEST faculty





Inspiring GRATITUDE

Our sincere thanks

to all who are listed on the following pages. Donors and sponsors are recognized for their generous support from July 2014 through June 2015.

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William J. Stegeman, Ph.D.

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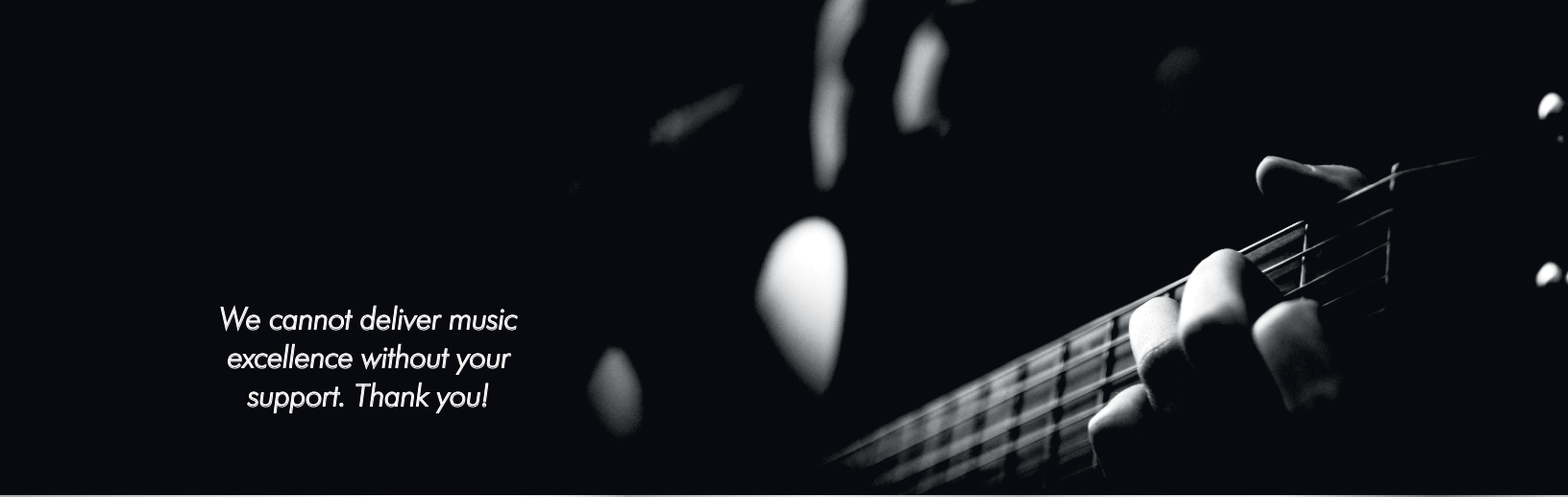
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Cherie Tayrien (right) enjoys private beginning piano lessons with Milford Branch piano faculty **Melanie Leinbach**.



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Kate Ransom, president and ceo, with Music School alumni **Alexander Weir** fiddle, **Maria Scott** piano, **Rachyl Duffy** viola, **Emma Scott** violin, **Witt Godden** singer/songwriter and **Jennifer Campbell** piano, at a reception following the young alumni concert **Shining Stars Return to the Music School Stage**, April 2015.

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Michelle DiMarino comes to us as both an alum and current student of the Music School! She studied voice under Dr. Michael Larkin, joined the Select Choral Ensemble and participated in our certificate program. Currently she dabbles at the mandolin and sings with the Delaware Women's Chorus. We welcome her in her new role and invite you to say hello the next time you're at the Wilmington Branch.

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