

# **2024 VMTA Fall Conference**

## **The Roles of Teachers and Parents in Motivating Students**

**September 28, 2024**  
**9:30 a.m.—noon**  
**Richmond Free Library**  
**201 Bridge Street**  
**Richmond, VT 05477**

**9:30-10:30**     **Workshop 1 for Teachers**  
**Motivation: What Really Works with Kids and Music Practice**

How do you motivate a child to practice their instrument? The reality is that most children struggle with practice and some actively resist it. In this workshop, music educator Barbie Wong will explain how motivation actually works, what drives a child to make music with joy, and how you can create the right environment for that to happen. The results are a child who is more eager to play their instrument, and stronger connections between the teacher, parent and child.

**10:30-11:00**     **Break**

**11:00-12:00**     **Workshop 2 for Teachers and Parents**  
**Parents and Teachers in Harmony: The Key to Student Motivation and Success**

Both parents and teachers play a vital role in the success of the student. But they are sometimes unclear about who should be doing what and how to motivate students. This workshop for parents and teachers clarifies their respective responsibilities, eliminating the confusion and frustration that can result in students who quit. Join music educator and parent Barbie Wong to learn how parents and teachers can work together to dramatically and positively impact the student's motivation and musical development. She will identify which tasks belong to the parent, teacher, and student, and how they can negotiate and work together most effectively. The result is students who flourish, enjoy their lessons, practice more consistently, and develop into adults with a deep love for music.

**12:00**             No formal luncheon is planned but a reservation has been made at Stone Corral, a nearby restaurant, for those who would like to meet afterwards.

### **About our Clinician:**

**Barbie Wong** is a music educator and speaker who has worked with thousands of parents and music teachers to inspire kids to make music. Barbie attended Stanford University with a music scholarship and graduated with a B.A. in music with honors. Barbie was then awarded a fellowship to teach and study music at Smith College where she received her M.A. in music.