



Janet Packa, Music Director

Janet Packa has been at HeartBeats Music & Dance Center since February of 2004, and became Music Director in 2007. As Director, she strives to offer quality music education for our students while building a program that brings musicians together in an enjoyable and instructive space.

Janet is an accomplished clarinetist with over 40 years of experience which includes performance, teaching, and managing. She was 1st Chair Clarinet for the All American Youth Honor Band 1970 Tour of England and 1973 Tour of the Soviet Union and received the John Phillip Sousa Award in 1972. She earned her B.A. in Social Sciences and B.S. in Education from The Ohio State University and has done post graduate work with The National College of Education. She has been a parent volunteer and a community activist for Fairfax County Public Schools, working closely with schools to increase parent involvement and to promote the Arts. Her work in the schools earned her the Outstanding Service Award, Office of Adult and Community Education, in 1997.

At HeartBeats, Janet works closely with teachers and students to provide the best educational atmosphere and ensure a productive and positive experience for all. Her background as a performer, an educator, and a music parent, gives her a unique ability to deal with the day to day issues of our music program, with the goal of making certain each student achieves their musical ambitions. She looks forward to each recital and hopes to instill a love of music and the arts in everyone that walks through our studio door.