



THE ADAMANTER

A Summer to Remember!

Greetings from Adamant!

What a summer we had at Adamant! We endured everything from a transition in leadership to a major flood that washed out our roads leading to Adamant, causing us to postpone the opening of our 3-week Traditional Session. Christopher Elton had to cancel his masterclass week with us after his wife, Hilary, fell seriously ill at the last minute. Despite these misfortunes, we made it through the summer with our spirit undefeated thanks to our wonderful participants, faculty, and staff, who hung in there with us. For me, it was a testament to the love and dedication that so many have for Adamant. To those who supported us with your financial contributions and attendance at concerts, we thank you. In each of our sessions, we had dedicated participants, who brought so much to the quality of our classes and performances. Our auditors also brought so much to our community. Indeed, everyone who participated in our sessions, including faculty and staff, contributed to the spirit and legacy that is Adamant.

As I write this, I am grateful to our leadership, both past and present, who have contributed so much to Adamant. I would be remiss not to thank Alex Last, our former Board President, who brought Adamant back to life after a difficult time. I also thank Barbara Kudirka, our former

Vice-President, who stepped up to the plate to fill the role of President during the transition time this summer. She provided a steady and calming presence, for which I am deeply indebted, during the time our Board was searching for a new President. She also has been involved behind the scenes as the editor of The Adamanter for the last couple of years. I really cannot thank her enough for her tireless efforts in helping us to come back to life 2 years ago. I also wish to thank former Board members, Erik Oberlin and Matthew McIntyre, who contributed a great deal to our Board leadership. I am very much grateful for our ongoing Board members, Janet Yanuklis, Steve Boyce, and Rob Halpert. Their leadership has been invaluable, especially in recent months of transition.



I am excited to work with our new Board President, Martin Heikel, who was appointed by the Board in late July. Martin is the husband of our own Dr. Sandra Rogers Heikel, who served for four years as the Executive Director of Adamant over 20 years ago. Martin brings a wealth of business and non-profit Board experience to our organization. He is enthusiastic and visionary and has spent time taking in information from many constituents, including faculty, staff, participants, and community leaders as he and the Board determine the future of Adamant. Stay tuned for more information about his initiatives going forward in weeks to come.

Dates for summer 2024 will be forthcoming soon. In the meantime, I wish everyone a happy fall.

Matthew Manwarren
Artistic/Executive Director



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