

HONORING *Music Mentors*

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"As we celebrate 100 years of music education, we honor our dedicated faculty, loyal staff, and visionary leadership. We present the 2024 Annual Report. This year brought transformation—CEO and board leadership transitions, forged financial pathways to sustainability, and an unwavering commitment to our mission. With gratitude for our past and excitement for our future, we continue to inspire through music and education."

CHRIS STOUT, BOARD CHAIR AND MUSIC SCHOOL ALUM



"Both of my daughters, Lindsay and Casey, have been positively influenced by Maestro Tartaglione. Casey was so inspired by her first experience with Maestro Tartaglione that she decided to continue studying the violin. His influence continues through Lindsay and Casey's participation in Delaware Youth Symphony Orchestra (DYSO) at MSOD. Maestro has a remarkable ability to achieve excellent performances while preserving the joy of music. While some conductors rely on creating an atmosphere of fear to motivate young musicians to practice, my daughters' preparation for DYSO never seems to stem from duty or fear of being unprepared. Rather, they practice because they genuinely look forward to making music together in the orchestra."

LISA DUNHAM, PARENT AND CO-PRINCIPAL HORN,
DELAWARE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

2024 saw the retirement of longtime president and CEO Kate Ransom (pictured, left, with then board treasurer Holly Lisner), under whose stewardship the Music School witnessed remarkable growth and expansion. Her commitment to excellence in music education for everyone left an indelible mark on our region. At the CEO Send-Off Concert in October 2023, Kate (violin) and Read Gainsford (piano) performed Samuel Barber's Violin Concerto, Op. 14: I. Allegro. Her performance is now enshrined in a soundwave sculpture displayed at the Wilmington Branch of the Music School.



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NUMBERS OF INTEREST



5 Town Halls

hosted by the Dean's office with the CEO for family, parents, ensemble, and community members for timely communication



17,215
hours
of instruction



2,313
enrollments



472 adults
out of 1,321 students

8 Roundtables

hosted by Director of Development, President and CEO, Stephen Beaudoin, and board leadership for donors and community members for co-learning and discussion



Record Level Support

Record level of individual contributed revenue raised in FY24 (505 donors and gross \$433k; includes Donor Advised Funds)



We thank those who served on the board of directors during the 2023-2024 year. Some members pictured above at the board meeting following the Centennial Kick-Off, June 2024.

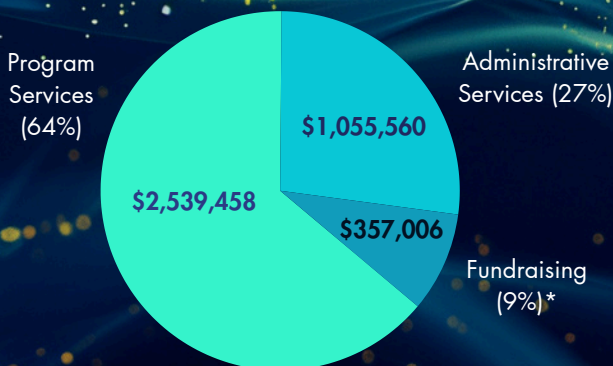
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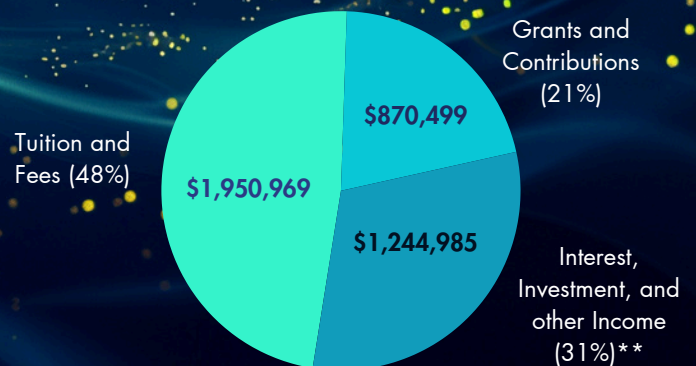
EXPENSES



\$3,952,024 TOTAL
*Includes interest expense

For detailed financial information, please view the FYE2024 990 available the website.

INCOME



**This is primarily composed of restricted funds, including net investment income from the Northrop Fund for Music Education.

Thank you donors
FOR THE IMPACT YOU MADE IN 2023-2024

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