



Music Center of
the Northwest

ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22



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FROM THE DIRECTOR

At Music Center, we believe that music should be accessible to everyone. That's why we strive to create a safe and supportive environment where individuals of all ages and abilities can come together to learn, express themselves through music, and most importantly, share their love of music with others.

This annual report is a testament to our mission, showcasing the remarkable achievements from the 2021-22 academic year. From new classes to program growth and outreach efforts, and the return to live performance, the report gives us a glimpse into the exciting things happening at Music Center. But what truly makes it special are the stories and images of our participants. They are the heart and soul of our Music Center community.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to all of our students, families, faculty, staff, board members, and donors for your unwavering commitment to our shared mission. It's because of you that Music Center continues to thrive and make a meaningful impact on the lives of so many. Together, we are a community dedicated to the transformative power of music.

Thank you,



Chas Arnold

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

"FROM THE MOMENT WE WALK INTO THE MCNW WE GET THE FEELING THAT IT IS A SAFE ENVIRONMENT OF PEOPLE BROUGHT TOGETHER BY THE LOVE OF MUSIC AND EXPRESSION."

- Bryant (Parent)



Suzuki Violin Group Class Performance | June 2022

BY THE NUMBERS

The year's results are due to the tireless efforts made by the faculty, staff, board, partners and patrons. Thank you!

345

PRIVATE LESSON
STUDENTS

6,163

PRIVATE
LESSON
HOURS

128

FULL YEAR
ADULT CLASS
ENROLLMENTS

80

FULL YEAR
MUSIC TOGETHER
ENROLLMENTS

24

PRIVATE MUSIC
THERAPY CLIENTS

55

SUMMER
WORKSHOP
ATTENDEES

Music Center opened our doors again September 2021. We were pleased to have music in our halls again, and to show off the many improvements that were made while our programs were held virtually. We saw a **21% increase** in the number of private lessons taught.

Outreach programs were able to resume during the school year. Faculty from Music Center worked with North Seattle Boys & Girls Club and Listen & Talk to provide **31 sessions** of free music programs for **40 students**. The Music Therapy program provided free Music & Mindfulness classes and Drum Circle Groups to **8 partner senior centers** reaching **nearly 100 adults**.



Mariah Fraser at Listen & Talk | Summer 2022

3 summer workshops, including 2 brand new youth programs and the long-anticipated return of the "Puget Sound Chamber Music Workshop" were all held in person at Music Center.

Concerts returned in full force during 2021-22 and our Recital Hall was booked full! Lesson students, group classes, and 3 of our partner organizations (Puget Sound Concert Opera, Ladies Musical Club, & The Seattle Flute Society) gave a total of **52 concerts** in our Hall. We continued our "Little Lunch Music" concert series and featured a number of our very own faculty on **8 concerts** both in person and as livestream performances.

2,000+

CONCERT
ATTENDEES

46

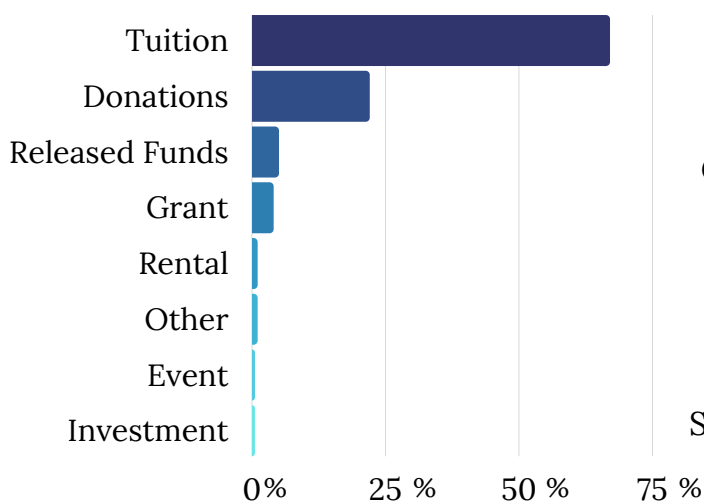
MUSIC CENTER STUDENT
CONCERTS & RECITALS

INCOME & EXPENSES

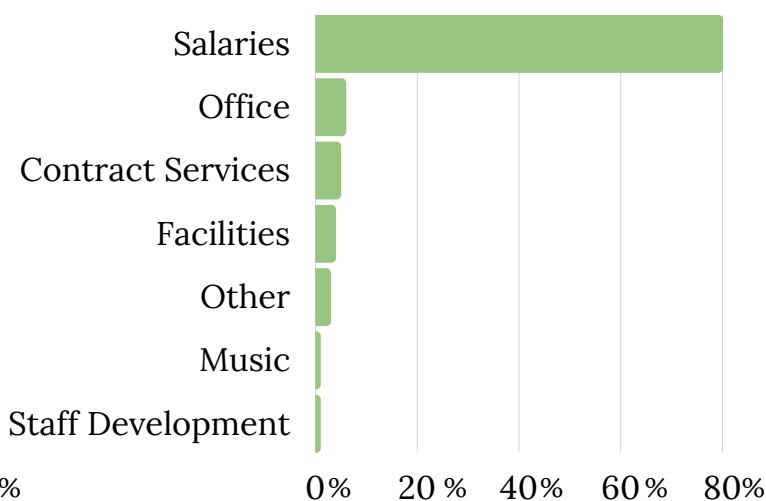
By the Numbers:

Private Instruction hours increased, raising revenue by **28%**, which led to a **24%** increase in personnel and salary expenses. During the year, **\$8,000** was invested in our faculty to support Staff Development opportunities. **214 students** received **\$39,435** in need-based Financial Aid and Discounts for private instruction and group classes.

Income - \$977,355.59



Expenses - \$997,245.03



"MUSIC IS MY EVERYTHING. THROUGH MUSIC, I CAN RELEASE MY EMOTIONS, MEET NEW FRIENDS, AND FEEL BETTER ABOUT MYSELF. IT BOOSTS MY SELF-CONFIDENCE AND HELPS ME GET THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES IN LIFE. MUSIC IS JUST LIKE ANOTHER FRIEND I CAN GO TO WHEN I FEEL ALONE AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE I WOULD BE WITHOUT IT...THERE IS A WONDERFUL, DIVERSIFIED COMMUNITY HERE WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME AND FEELS LIKE THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER, REGARDLESS OF EXPERIENCE AND ABILITIES, MAKING IT A VIBRANT AND JOYFUL PLACE TO BE!"

I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO MY LESSONS EVERY WEEK AND MCNW PROVIDES A SPACE WHERE I CAN LEARN MUSIC AS WELL AS UNWIND FROM THE STRESS OF EVERYDAY LIFE."

- Angelina (Student)



Honors Recital Performers | May 2022

OUR DONORS

Music Center recognizes the following donors for their generous Annual Fund, Janice Gockel Scholarship Fund, Outreach Fund, and Special Gifts during the 2021-22 year.

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November 2021

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(Left) Piano Trio at Honors Recital | May 2022
(Right) Oak Lake Strings at Camano Island | Summer 2022

VOLUNTEERS

The assistance of our volunteers with office work, recital preparations, grounds keeping and more is invaluable.

Kevin & Lynne Fox
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"THE TEACHERS ARE A HUGE SOURCE OF INSPIRATION AND WE'VE BEEN SO IMPRESSED WITH THEIR DEDICATION AND SKILL. EACH TEACHER WE'VE HAD HAD BECOME A FIXTURE IN OUR KIDS' WORLD, MENTIONED FREQUENTLY IN DAILY CONVERSATION."

- *Melissa (Parent)*

Learning Koto (Left) and Puget Sound Chamber Music Workshop (Right) | Summer 2022

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Our Mission

Music Center of the Northwest is a non-profit community school located in North Seattle. We believe in the transformative power of music in the lives of people and our community. With a commitment to music education and live performance, Music Center provides access to exceptional musical experiences for people of all ages and abilities, regardless of means.

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11th Annual Gala (Virtual) | November 2021

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