



2018 ANNUAL REPORT



The past year has been a glorious whirlwind! Several feelings come to mind as I reflect on 2018. *Expansiveness* – stretching out into the second floor of The Front Porch and filling it with music. *Joy* – watching our programs develop and unfold. *Excitement* – witnessing musicians collaborate on curricula for our new core instrument programs. *Inspiration* – listening to the music of the incredible artists who grace our stage. *Enchantment* – bringing children together from all over the city to sing and play music together. And finally, *anticipation* – gazing toward the future, ever mindful of ways we may strengthen our impact.

It is with this spirit of hope for the future, and a firm rootedness in the present, that I recommit to our core purposes and strongest beliefs:

The MISSION of The Front Porch is to meaningfully bring people from all walks of life together through music. Through a dynamic roots music education program that includes private lessons, group classes, workshops with master players, listening room concerts, dances, and jams, The Front Porch fosters creativity, community, and culture.

We VALUE all teaching and performing artists; we VALUE high-quality music education experiences; we VALUE the importance of encouraging people everywhere to come together through music; and we BELIEVE that arts education opportunities should be available to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay.

We ENVISION a world where all people find joy and peace through music.

We invite you to join us in this important and fruitful work!

Yours in music,

Emily Morrison

Executive Director

“My daughter LOVES your class! She’s had a rough few months. After the first class she said, ‘Mom, I’ve met my people! I feel happier than I’ve felt in a really long time!’ She practiced all week, thanked me everyday for finding the class and wrote her song. The positive power of music!” Brandon D.

“Malia is fantastic. I am so grateful to have had this experience learning such a difficult instrument with her, and I hope to join an intermediate fiddle class the next time one is offered! Can’t say enough good things about her as an instructor.” Julie Arrington

WHAT WE DO

Group music classes create community by encouraging people to interact, inspire, and support one another while developing musical skills and repertoire.

Private lessons are a focused time for one-on-one instruction with a master teacher, which sets students up for long-term musical success and personal growth.

The Front Porch Jam program, free and open to the public, encourages people of all ages and ability levels to play music together, offering the opportunity to deepen relationships through music, inspire regular practice, and improve musicianship. Jams are especially good for new students to sit with experienced musicians, learning from their example.

Front Porch open mics showcase local talent by providing a safe and friendly space for songwriters to share their music and build relationships with other songsmiths. These open mics are great networking and performance opportunities for local musicians.

Concerts and dances grow our community, enliven our venue, provide additional funding streams, and allow us to serve diverse audiences.



"The Front Porch is such a wonderful organization. The spirit of the teachers, the students, and the incredible performers in the intimate space for concerts are unmatched here in Charlottesville and in the region. I'm taking two classes right now and I am always so excited to get there to play and learn more and more. The Front Porch gives me the opportunity to expand and improve my playing skills and share that with my fellow students and teachers." Francis Deane

Roots and Wings

Roots and Wings is our free community music education program that targets elementary and middle schoolers, designed to create joyful and meaningful music experiences for kids who need it most. Teaching artists travel to neighborhood community centers, detention centers, public schools, and after-school clubs to lead classes, lessons, and music clubs. In 2018 we served 142 students each week, at the equivalent of 1,986 total student hours.



Roots and Wings includes three core program offerings:

In **Music Clubs for Kids**, teaching artists work with groups of up to 12 students weekly, offering general music education classes that include singing, basic instrument lessons, songwriting, and movement.

Musical Mentors pairs master musicians with beginner instrumentalists, providing one-on-one instruction and practice support for middle school students during the school day.

Hometown Choirs are fun-loving and spirited communities of singers. Children of all ages come together to sing (and groove!) on a weekly basis.

"I have fallen in love with this place and the people I've met there. From drum circle on Saturday mornings to the intimate concerts they have, and now I'm inspired to take music lessons from these wonderful teachers. Thank you so much for providing such a wonderful gift to our community." Brenda Browning

2018 Concerts



Birds of Chicago



The Claire Lynch Band



Nathaniel Star



Indiscriminate Lovers



Alash Ensemble



Frank Newsome & Jim Lauderdale



Afro-Fusion: Appalachia & Malawi



Robin and Linda Williams

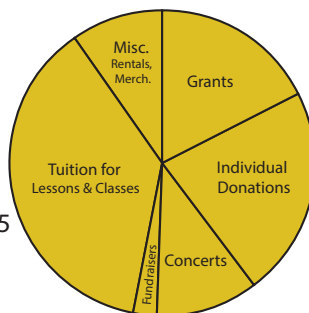
"From a performer's perspective: Great venue, great management, we were well taken care of, and played for a wonderful audience! Love you all!" David McLaughlin

"The Front Porch is a warm space where children and adults alike have the freedom to learn as well as express themselves through music. I am always jazzed to play there!" Richelle Claiborne

Financial Snapshot

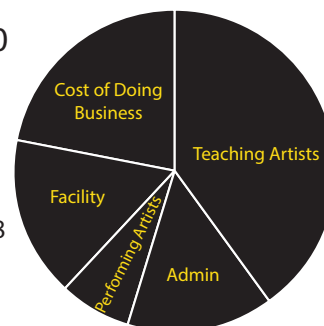
2018 Income \$464,992

Grants \$81,803
Individual donations \$103,426
Concerts \$51,110
Fundraisers \$10,672
Tuition for lessons & classes \$173,565
Misc (rentals, merch) \$44,415

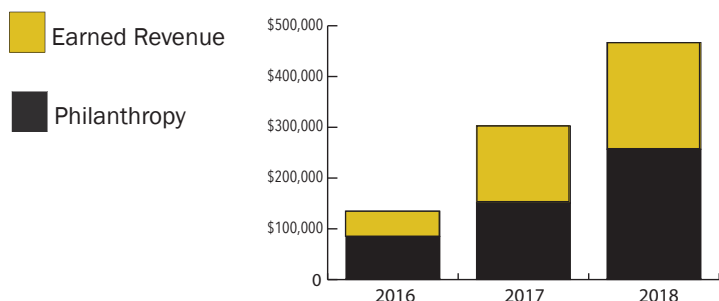


2018 Expenses \$445,970

Teaching Artists \$178,561
Admin \$66,161
Performing Artists \$32,320
Facility \$71,750
Cost of Doing Business \$97,178



Revenue Trend



Number Served

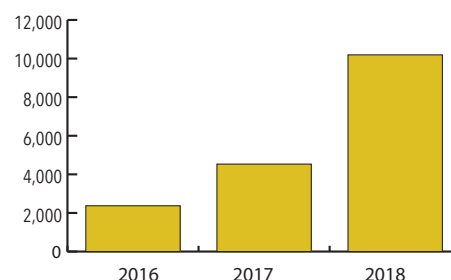


Photo by Robin Bethke

Core Staff (from left to right)

Emily Morrison - Executive Director
Emily Kresky - Artist and Community Coordinator
Jess Knically - Operations Director
Matt Curreri - Roots and Wings Program Director
Katen Reynolds - Development Manager
Malia Furtado - Music Education Director

Board of Directors

Chris Dubois, Chair: Business owner, Sticks Kebob Shop
James Wilkinson, Secretary: Environmental consultant and writer, Skeo
Marc Lipson, Treasurer: Professor of Finance, Darden School of Business, University of Virginia
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Margaret Eldridge: Executive Director, Virginia Recycling Association
Joan Fenton: Business owner, musician, Little Moose LLC
John Frazee: Senior Relationship Manager, S&P Global
Jonathan Gilliland: Chief Investment Officer, Keller Enterprises, LLC
Dhara Goradia: Architect and musician, Bushman Dreyfuss
Rob Hubbard: Attorney, educator and musician, MartinWren, P.C.
Demian Jackson: Attorney, Jackson Intellectual Property Group
Neal Goodloe: Criminal Justice Planner, Thomas Jefferson Area Community Criminal Justice Board
Renard Turner: Farmer and entrepreneur, Vanguard Ranch
Pete Vigour: Musician and educator (staff liaison)

2018 Front Porch Teaching Staff

Nick Berkin
Alex Caton
Diane Cluck
Martin Collin
Kayde Deardorff
Malia Furtado
Jesse Harper
Christen Hubbard
Larry Kent
Eric Knutson
Christopher Leva
Spencer Gay
Craig Green
Thomas Gunn
Krisan Marotta
John Ashley Murphy

Molly Murphy
Debby Norton
Malcolm Pulley, Jr.
Rick Ramsey
Gabe Robey
Tucker Rogers
Darrell Rose
John Spangler
Jay Starling
Wes Swing
Andy Thacker
Pete Vigour
Sarah Weltman
Larry White
Rebecca White

Roots and Wings Teaching Staff

Elie Bashkow
Matt Curreri
Orion Faruque
Loren Faruque

Matt Ferguson
Katelyn Hairston
Harli Saxon
Jack Sheehan

Jam Leaders & Dance Hosts

Bill Adams
Fiona Balestrieri
Jackson Boylan
Charlie Davis
Spencer Gay
Dan Goldberg

Anton Largiader
John Morrison
Rick Ramsey
Paul Rosen
Seth Swingle
Pete Vigour

2018 by the Numbers

63	concerts
56	dances
8	master classes
274	free public jams
\$55,000+	in scholarships and free music education
10,000+	people impacted through combined events
415	artists employed
150+	volunteers

Donors

Founder's Circle (\$10,000+)

Anonymous
Charlottesville Area
Community Foundation
Jonathan Gilliland
Hilltop Foundation
Madwoman Project Fund
Marietta McNeil Morgan
& Samuel Tate Morgan,
Jr. Trust
Martin Horn, Inc.

Legend (\$2,500 - \$9,999)

Anonymous
BAMA Works Project Fund
Champion Brewing
Company
Mike and Alicia Burris
John and Emily Morrison
The J&E Berkley
Foundation
Sticks Kebob Shop
Virginia Commission for
the Arts

Hall of Famer (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Albemarle County Rotary
Club
Andrew and Kelli Block
Family Fund
Azurat Music Festival
Mary Beth Augier
David Cathcart
Ellen Climo and Marc
Lipson
Nicholas Duke
Jim Elmore
John Frazee and Cindy
Cartwright
Demian Jackson
Katherine and Wyck Knox
Logan III Charitable Fund
Nathalie & Emmanuel
Goldberg Fund
Rick Ramsey
Sam Hill Entertainment
Mandi Montgomery Smith
Splendor's

Jack Weber
Hank and Shannon Wells
Richard Will
Shannon Worrell

Festival Fave (\$500 - \$999)

Anonymous
Charlottesville & Albemarle
Convention and Visitors
Bureau
Ebenezer Baptist Church
Joan Fenton
Jack and Hillary Horn
Jason Lyman
Francis Tolly Merrick
Susan Montgomery
Debby Norton
Robert W. and Gladys S.
Meserve Charitable Trust
Amanda Schoonmaker
James Wilkinson
Sarah Williamson
Eleanor Winsor

House Band (\$250 - \$499)

Alakazam
Paddy Bowman
Brookfield Bocock Fund
Christine Carroll
George Davis
Chris DuBois
Judith Fenno
Alice and Simeon Fitch
Charles Gagnebin
Kendra and Jim Hall
Adam Healey
Barbarie Hill
Claiborne Lange
Allison and Bruce
MacDonald
MarieBette
Andres Martinez
James McKinley-Oakes
and Jody Sweeney
Seth and Tara Morrison
James Steele
Virgil and Margaret
Wagner Fund
Josh Zanoff

Weekly Jammer (\$100 - \$249)

Anonymous (2)
Natalie Artz
Herbert Beskin
Katharine Birdsall
Elinor Capehart
David Chapman
Jim Childress and Barbara
Payne
Michele Claiborne
Kristin and Andres Clarens
Polly Clark
Marty and Sandra Collin
Michael Derdeyn Pod
Janine Dozier
Steve and Jane Engel
Jane Erwine
Terence Finegan
Patrick and Sandra France
Peter and Sarah Gaines
Charlotte Gibson
Ellie Giles
Laura Goode
Karen Murray and Neil
Goodloe

Angel Gunn
Neal and Martien
Halvorson-Taylor
Frank Hardy
Mark Jackson
Cale Jaffe
Richard Jones
Marylouise and Dan Kelley
David Kestner
Peter LaBau
Gabriel Laufer
Jeffrey and Janet Legro
David and Sarah Lourie
Bree Luck
Ray Maternick
John McCann
Grier and Kevin Murphy
Doris Neale
Rebecca Pledger
Tracy Proctor
Malcolm Pulley
Chad and Cay Lee Ratliff
Deborah Roach
Austin Robey
Fair and Denny Robey

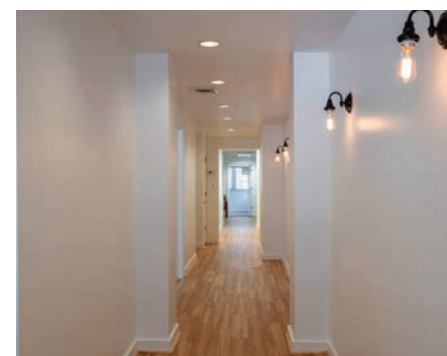
Gabe Robey
Anthony Schmieg
Tom Schwenk
Sandra Seidel
Elizabeth Sidamon-Eristoff
David Smith
Brian Sosdian
Jonathan Spear
Brian St. John Fox
Annie Stafford
Phillip Stafford
Maria Stein
Sterling Swingle
Tori Talbot and
Jon Lohman
Eileen Thacker
Herbert and Elizabeth
Tucker
John Updike
Erika Viccellio
Rob Wall
John Whitlow
Brian and Denise
Wilkinson
Judy Wyckoff

Porch Picker (\$25- \$99)

Wilfred Ahrens
Robin and Jonathan
Albertson-Wren
Emma Allen
Saphira Baker
Susan Beers
Nick Berkin
Michelle Bessett
James Bingler
Sara and Nick Bon-Harper
Gene Bowlen
Jackson Boylan
Susan Brickman
Deirdre Brown
Todd Bullard
Marsha Burger
Alex Butterfield
Norah Caldwell and Andy
Thacker
Sandra Cannon
Kim and Jimbo Cary
Timothy and Monica
Chaney
Michael Clem

Diane Cluck
Yael Cockayne
Donald Cowdrey
Michelle and Keith
Damiani
Charlie Davis
Tim Davis
Janet Davis
Francis and Anne Deane
Laura DeVault
Julie Dobias
Susan Donovan Cathcart
Craig DuBose
Philip Dupont
Sheri Edgecomb
Susan Erich Smith
Joseph Fallon
Kathe Falzer
Richard Febey
Suzannah Fischer
Jesse Fiske
Jim Gagnon
Joshua Gibson
Neil Goddin
Donna Goings
Lawrence Goldstein
Conrad Gosse
Jessica Harber
Penny Harrison-Latham
Chloe Hawkins
Margaret Haymans
Alisa Hefner
DJ Hill
Emilee Hodges
Andrew Hollifield
Gary Holmes
Jean Howell
Sally Hudson
Drew Hurst
Jason Jacks
Cynthia Jordan Fisher
Katie Kellett
Nancy Kern
Jessica Knicely
Anne Krieger
Louise Largiader and Jay
Gwaldis
Lorie Lichtenwalner
Randy Lloyd
Neg Mahmoodzadegan
Ray Maternick
Scott McNally
Becca Messman

Cecelia Mills
Amy Moon
Neil and Will Morrison
Marney and Jim Morrison
Glenn Morrison
Jamie and Saxton Moss
Hallam Movius and Kate
Bennis
John Ashley Murphy
Jacob Nadkarni
Adam Nemett
Robert Nichols and Cecilia
Hernandez
Vivian Norkus
Susan Northington
Debby Norton
Nancy O'Brien
Emma Parcell
Brenda Patterson
Elizabeth Peak
Katherine Perdue
Lallon Pond
Deborah Prum
Gail Raymaker
Dana Reeder
Deborah Roach
Rebecca Robey Steen
JoAnn Robinson
Lauren Ryan
Laura Schundler
Laura Seale
Stephen Slovensky
Janet Smalley
Gale Smith
David Smith
Devon Sproule
Dorothy Sullenberger
Patricia Sullivan
Susan Temple
Ben Terry
Jennifer Tidwell
Thomas Torrance
Andrea Trimble
Alan Van Clief and Cynara
Harvey
Frank Watkins
Randon Webber
Alyssa Whitby
Kurt and Mary Williams
Scott Wrightson
Victoria Young



In 2018 your contributions helped us grow our music education offerings, expand the Roots and Wings program, and renovate the top floor of The Front Porch building.

How you can help:

Volunteer.

Follow us on social media.

Take lessons.

Bring friends to concerts.

Donate.



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"The Front Porch is a local treasure. The staff and the talented Front Porch musicians are enlivening the old traditions and instruments of American musical history. They bring us all the humanity that is wrapped in lyrics and fingered with strings; all the stories of love, humor, and struggle, and the joy that transcends and expands and unifies us. Three cheers and five stars!" Deborah McLeod

