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
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

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.
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.

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
“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
The Front Porch

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

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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

Core Staff (from left to right)
- Emily Morrison - Executive Director
- Emily Kresky - Artist and Community Coordinator
- Jess Knicely - 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
- Mary Beth Aungier: Music promoter and festival producer, Lock n’ Festival
- Shannon Beach: Program Director at Community Investment Collaborative, business/non-profit consultant
- Paddy Bowman: Folklorist and Executive Director, Local Learning Network
- 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 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

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 Balestriari
- Jackson Boylan
- Charlie Davis
- Spencer Gay
- Dan Goldberg
- Anton Largiader
- John Morrison
- Rick Ramsey
- Paul Rosen
- Seth Swingle
- Pete Vigour
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.

“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