

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



The Front Porch

Dedicated to Connecting Everyone Through Music

2023 was full of growth, evolution, and examples of the power of music as a force for good. Founder Emily Morrison embarked on new adventures, as longtime Front Porcher Katen Reynolds stepped into the Executive Director role. Free community programs flourished through new partnerships and projects, engaging hundreds of children, adults, and seniors every week. Our music school continued to cultivate a strong sense of community as students grew braver and more musical. Supportive, attentive audiences gathered for phenomenal, one-of-a-kind concerts. This is truly a special community, and we can't wait to make more music with all of you in 2024.



SCHOOL
fostering learning
at every age



FREE PROGRAMS
sharing the joy of
music with all



VENUE
creating one-of-a-kind
concert experiences

MUSIC SCHOOL

This school is special. Students here experience:

Lifelong Learning - Student range in age from toddlers to 80 years (or better). Dedicated, talented teachers create a learning community voted "Best Music Lessons in C'ville" for the 2nd year in a row!

Safe and Supportive Environment - It's hard to learn something new, and our teachers make it fun! We often hear folks say, "I wish this had been around when I was young."

Connection - Friendships are built and students create bonds that flourish outside of school.

"This fiddle class is the best thing I have going on in my life, thank you!"

By the Numbers:

- 804 students
- 33 teachers
- 197 day campers
- 558 private students
- 338 group class students



STUDENTS ON STAGE

Front Porch students are BRAVE, and more than ever are choosing the vulnerable experience of performing! New in 2023, Random Row Brewery generously hosted 2 concerts for our adult student bands. How special for kids to watch their parents learn something new and perform!

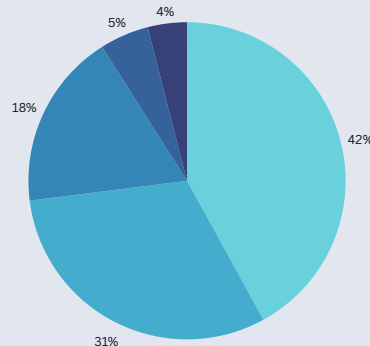
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REVENUE

FY 22/23

Total: \$1,285,005

Tuition	42%
Grants & Donations	31%
Venue	18%
COVID Relief	5%
Rentals, Misc.	4%

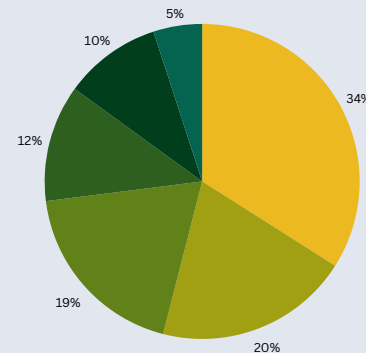


EXPENSES

FY 22/23

Total: \$1,269,560

School	34%
Free Programs	20%
Venue	19%
Facilities	12%
Fundraising/Marketing	10%
Miscellaneous	5%



FREE COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

In 2023 we reached an important milestone: for the first time, the number of people The Front Porch reaches through FREE programming has surpassed the number of students who pay for lessons at our music school. More than 700 children and seniors each week!

Roots & Wings

Music Education for Pre-K and Elementary



Elementary Hometown Choir
225 students

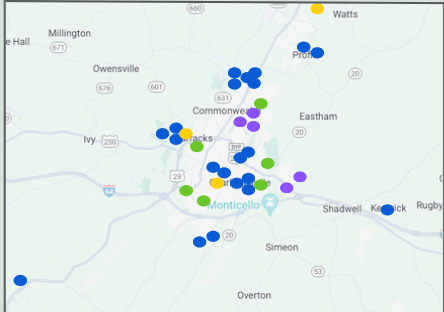


Preschool
360 students

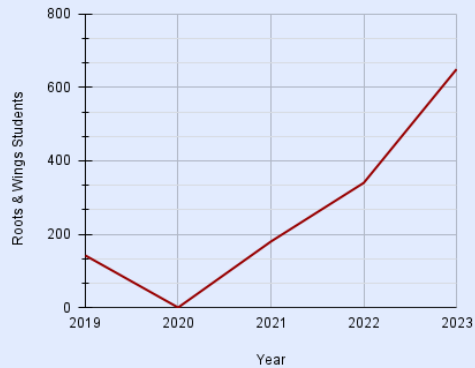


Elementary West African Dance
75 students

- 21 Preschools
- 3 Boys & Girls Clubs
- 6 YMCA Sites
- 5 Senior/Hospice of the Piedmont Sites



Roots & Wings Growth



Seniors & Hospice

Partnerships with Hospice of the Piedmont, JABA, and more bring music to a hundred of our elderly neighbors weekly.

“A caretaker said that the patient she’d been trying to feed became much less scared and angry when she heard a familiar song and started to sing.”

CONCERTS



Our intimate listening room occupies an important niche, one where attention is wholeheartedly given and gratefully received.



“We C’villians are lucky to have an intimate, relaxed and classy venue such as yours for some of the best music one could ever hope for.”

By the Numbers

- 35 Concerts
- 178 Musicians
- 7,083 Attendees
- 157 Volunteers
- \$49,000 Paid to Artists

Partnerships with Potter’s Craft Cider & Rivanna River Co. provided us with off-site venues in some of Charlottesville’s most beautiful spaces.



OUR STAFF



From left to right:

- Eli Ratzlaff, Director of Advancement
- Kaitlyn Brown, Enrollment Manager
- Melissa Mosinghoff, Director of Community Outreach
- Jess Knicely, Music School Director
- Clare Conheady, Venue & Booking Manager
- Erynn McLeod, Director of Children’s Programming
- Katen Reynolds, Executive Director

2023 BOARD MEMBERS

Marc Lipson - *President*

Paddy Bowman - *Vice President*

Susan Weiner - *Treasurer*

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