

Our Year in Review: Aug 2023-July 2024

HPS Mission:

To promote the positive development of children and youth through the study and performance of music.

To build healthier communities by investing in music education for children and youth.



61 Students

42 in Strings (Beginners, Music Readers, Senior Orchestra)

19 in Drumline (Junior, Middle, and Senior Lines)



Classes & Instruments

- Students attend one or two ensemble classes a week, plus individual lessons
- Classes and lessons take place outside of school hours
- Students receive an instrument to use in class and to take home for practice
- Performances in the community throughout the year

Celebrating a busy year!



September 2023 – Classes commence!

October – Fall Bottle Drive; Junior and Senior Strings perform at Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra concert

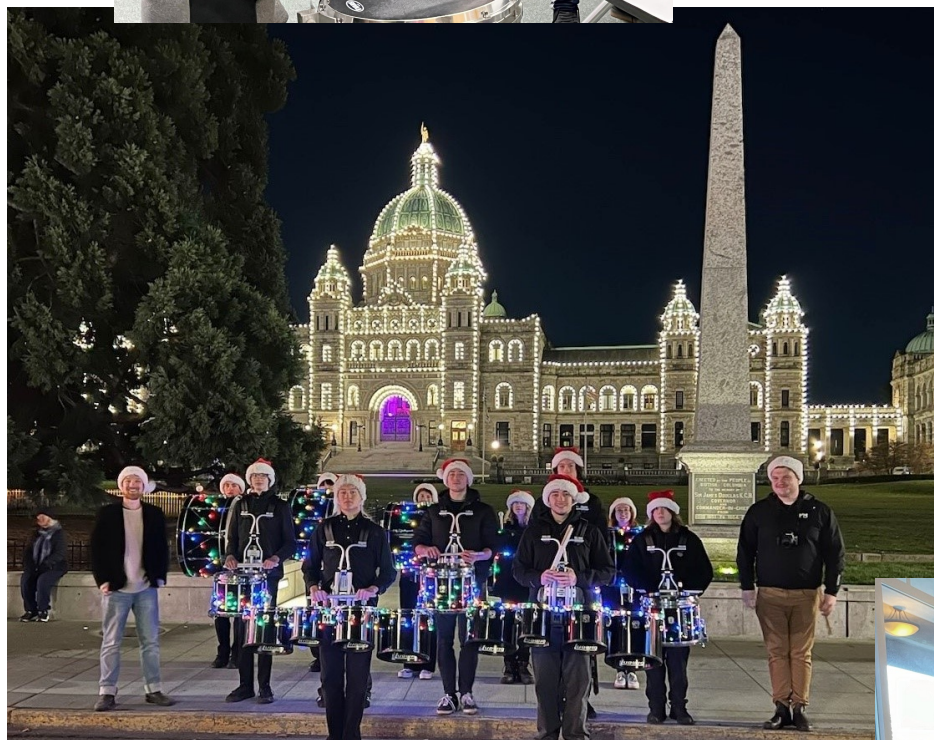
November – A new Beginner Strings Class is launched

December – Drumline marches in Victoria and Sooke Santa Parades; HPS Christmas Concert



January – Winter Bottle Drive

February – Music Readers perform at Sooke Philharmonic's concert



April – Spring Bottle Drive; Board Strategy Planning Meeting; Strings perform at Sooke Folk Music Coffee House; Jose Ortega visits from St. James Academy of Music in Vancouver; first-ever Harmony Project Tee-shirt uniforms

May – Drumline participates in Abbotsford Drumline Championships; Strings perform in Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival; Drumline marches in Victoria Day Parade; Beginner Strings inaugural performance at a Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra concert



June – Drumline leads Pride Parade at Journey Middle School; Beginners and Music Readers perform at Sooke Philharmonic's Secret Garden Tour and at the 126th Anniversary of Knox Presbyterian Church; HPS Year-end Concert by both Drumline and Strings, including solo performances!

Testimonials from Parents and Friends:



"This program is not only giving to the children but it works to ensure the future of musical presence in this community in the next generation."

"I sincerely hope the Harmony Project can continue to grow and expand, allowing new groups of children and teachers, to start on a wonderful journey of learning together so that the benefits of a musical education can be present in their future."

- Challenging, fulfilling, long lasting effects
- Inclusive, welcoming and encouraging.
- Child-friendly, accessible, & FUN
- Music is life!
- Door-opening experience

Major Donors who made our 2023-24 term possible:



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Additional Donors

- Capital Regional District Arts & Culture Support Service: Ideas Grant
- Sooke Folk Music Society
- Sooke Rotary Club
- The Marsden Group
- Individual friends and supporters



*Thank you so much
for supporting
Harmony Project Sooke!*



Thanks also to all the students, parents, teachers, volunteers and community members who help to make Harmony Project Sooke vibrant. Gratitude also to the Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra for guidance and student mentoring, and Sooke churches (Holy Trinity Anglican, Knox Presbyterian, Sooke Baptist, and the Seventh Day Adventist Church) for support in providing classroom and performance venues.

What your donations can buy...

\$40 – two Harmony Project uniform T-shirts

\$100 – one snare drum head

\$500 – one ½ size viola outfit

\$1000 – classroom rental for one quarter (3 months)

\$1500 – a whole year of participation for one student

\$3000 – one ¾ size cello

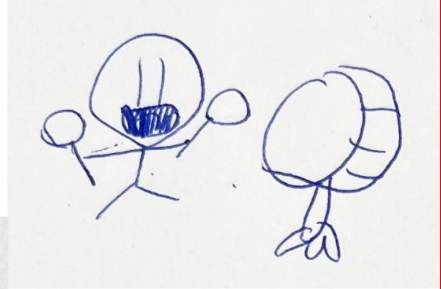
\$25,000 – complete set of drums for a Drumline

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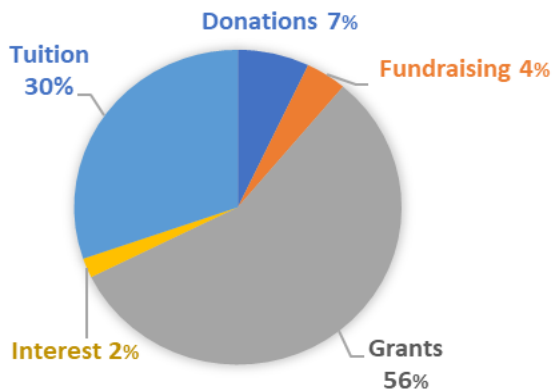
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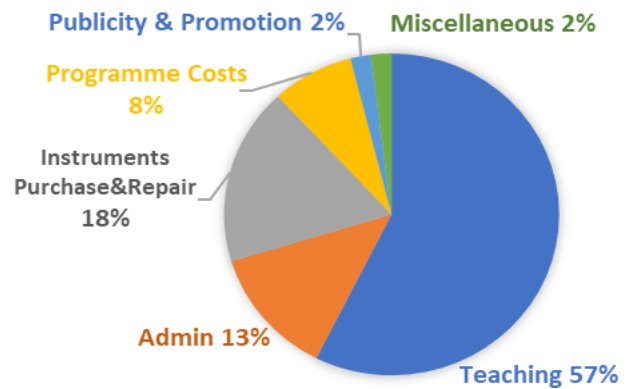
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Income



Expenses



Our Team

Executive Director — Lorna Bjorklund

String Teachers — Maria Wang (Lead), Hollas Longton,
Emma Reader-Lee, Mahtab Saadatmand, Sihana Dorfsman

Drumline Teachers — Chris Rivollier and Lachlan Barry

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