

Windsor Symphony Orchestra

SOUNDWAVES: 2018 WSO IMPACT REPORT

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WSO 2018/2019 Season

Robert Franz, Music Director

People Are Talking!

YOU ARE CHANGING LIVES!

Philanthropy supports so many programs that benefit your community. Without you, it would not be possible to keep these programs going. You are amazing!

TOGETHER WE RAISED

\$475,000

With the Support of 470 Donors & Partners



Which Helped Fund:

19 Mainstage
Concerts At The
Capitol Theatre

29 Concerts in
Venues Around
Essex County

28 Concerts For
Elementary And
High Schools

10 Concerts for
Young Children

7 Free Summer
Concerts In Parks
Around Essex County

18 Visits To
Seniors'
Residences

11 Communities in
Windsor-Essex
& Chatham

2 Workshops With
High School Band
Members And
WSO Musicians

1 Ten-Week
School Residency
Program

And Much More!

Dear friends,

2018-2019 has been a year of growth and excitement for the Windsor Symphony Orchestra, and I want to tell you how grateful I am that you have been part of it. It's thanks to your generosity and unflagging support that Windsor can boast an amazing group of professional musicians who are sustaining and growing the arts community all around us.



We've had many sell-out performances this season, and the artistic excellence on stage this year was truly special. But it is not just that more people came to a WSO concert than last year (although that is exciting too). It's also that the WSO family has grown. I am so delighted to be welcoming the Windsor Symphony Community Orchestra to our stage and have truly enjoyed watching them go from zero to fifty members and perform their first concert within just a few months. We have also had the honour of being joined on stage by the Windsor Symphony Orchestra Chorus for 3 performances.

The Windsor Symphony Youth Orchestra is also making waves and has been working more with the WSO's professional musicians and the talented students of UWindsor's School of Creative Arts. It is so exciting to be propelling an entire generation of young musicians forward and integrating them more and more with our mainstage projects.

The WSO also performed for more than 8,000 local students, both here at the Capitol Theatre and at their schools. We visited more than one thousand seniors at their residences and nursing homes, and visited communities from Amherstburg to Highgate. It's thanks to you that all of this is possible. Philanthropy is the engine that is driving us forward and I am honoured that you've chosen to support this work.

Robert Franz
Music Director, Windsor Symphony Orchestra

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THANK YOU!

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Mainstage Concerts

36 PERFORMANCES

17 SOLD OUT PERFORMANCES



Thanks to your support, the WSO is fostering local talent on the stage of the Capitol Theatre. In 2018-2019, several mainstage performances featured the talents of musicians from the University of Windsor and St. Clair College. Thanks to you, Windsor has a vibrant performing arts community, and these young musicians have a place to showcase their talent right here at home.

Special thanks to our series sponsors, Bill and Rochelle Tepperman, the Toldo family, the Morris and Beverly Baker Foundation, J.P. Wiser's, and the Town of Leamington—none of this would be possible without their generous support!

Caesars Windsor Cares Music for Health

"Residents from The Village of Aspen Lake always enjoy participating in the Music for Health program. There are so many great things about the program: it brings back memories to some residents who played musical instruments or attended live concerts in their past; the familiar songs lift their spirits; and best of all, every resident who wants to participate can do so regardless of their physical or cognitive abilities. Music reaches out and brings comfort to all that hear it!"

— Jenny Brown, Activation Manager,
Schlegel Village of Aspen Lake



21 PERFORMANCES

1247 SENIORS

Made possible through the support of:

CAESARS
WINDSOR

2018-2019 SEASON

Free in-school Maestro Visits

"Our students thoroughly enjoyed working with Maestro Franz and I personally find it valuable for my learning as well. Our students continue to comment about how dynamic, effective and fun he is, and I couldn't agree more!"

—Andrea Morosin,
Music Teacher,
Tecumseh Vista Academy

Education Programs

52 SCHOOL SHOWS

8077 STUDENTS

Concerts for Kids

Nolan may still be a little guy but he's already a big music fan. After attending one of the WSO's Concerts for Kids, and meeting Principal French Horn player Iris Krizmanic, he recruited his daycare friends to form an all-new ensemble playing hammers, boxes and cardboard tubes under his direction. Thanks to donor support, which helps make Concerts for Kids possible, Nolan is on his way to a lifelong love for music!



36 MAESTRO VISITS

1200 BAND MEMBERS

"Today's performance was the best I have seen in my 14-year teaching career. The students were engaged and loved listening to the orchestra perform. The conductor did an amazing job in maintaining the students' attention with his humour and storytelling. Taking us on an adventure in the woods, listening for birds and imagining rain clouds up above (which the students actually looked above at the ceiling for!) was so fun!"

—Natasha Chronopoulos
Grade 3 teacher,
Sandwich West Public School

1000 KIDS

10 PERFORMANCES

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Residency at West Gate Elementary School

12 PERFORMANCES

10 OPEN REHEARSALS



School can be a challenging place for many kids but add a little music and even the toughest subjects seem a little more joyful! The string quartet's regular visits to West Gate Elementary school for open rehearsals and special performances for each grade help students activate their listening and get to know classical music. This program was made possible through the generosity of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph and the support of the Greater Essex County District School Board – thank you!

Windsor Symphony Youth Orchestras

Tomas's family came to Canada with very little. Leaving Venezuela hard, it was especially difficult to leave behind his bass and El Sistema, his orchestra. He arrived in Windsor with only his bow, but thanks to a caring community, Tomas found his way to the WSYO. With the help of the WSO's principal bassist, he found a new instrument and began to study the bass again. "Out of nowhere, I already had what I left in my country: my instrument, a teacher and an orchestra to play with!"



80 YOUTH MUSICIANS

3 PERFORMANCES

2 ORCHESTRAS

Side-by-Side Workshop

95 YOUNG MUSICIANS

2 BANDS



Thanks to the generosity of donors in Windsor, students of Riverside Secondary School participated in a once-in-a-lifetime workshop experience, collaborating onstage with the WSO. Students were greeted warmly by their mentor orchestra members, and learned firsthand about the rigours and rewards in the life of a professional musician. It was an honour to rehearse and perform with top professional musicians under the baton of the highly energetic Maestro Robert Franz. The students of Riverside Secondary School thanks all donors, Maestro Robert Franz, and the musicians of the WSO for their educational outreach in the Windsor community. — Brian Yamamoto, Music teacher, Riverside Secondary School

2018-2019 SEASON

Special School Performances

2 SPECIAL PERFORMANCES

335 STUDENTS



Generosity abounds in the performing arts community. Thanks to the gift of time from two of our guest performers, we were able to do two very special school shows. Immaculate Conception Catholic School was able to bring their entire student body to the Capitol Theatre for a special performance by Pops 2 guest artist Daniel Wnukowski, and General Brock Elementary School hosted Raphael and Shahriyar of Kamancello, who performed with the WSO for Masterworks 5.

After-School Groups

Thanks to the generosity of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, the WSO launched a new partnership to share music with low-income and newcomer children through after school programs. One very special group from the Multicultural Council of Windsor and Essex got to tour the Capitol Theatre and meet Maestro Franz! Thanks to our partners at MCC and United Way for allowing us to be part of your communities.



9 GROUPS

175 NEW FANS

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Windsor Symphony Community Orchestra

2 PERFORMANCES

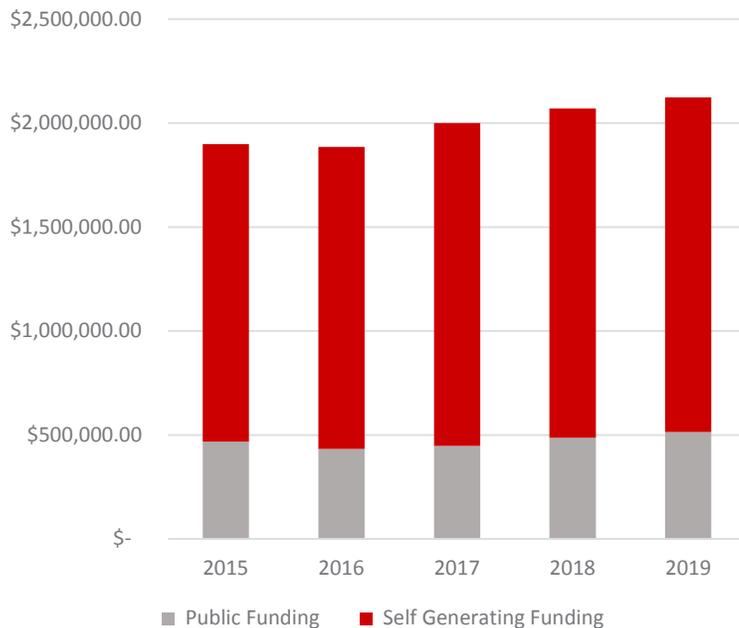
52 MUSICIANS



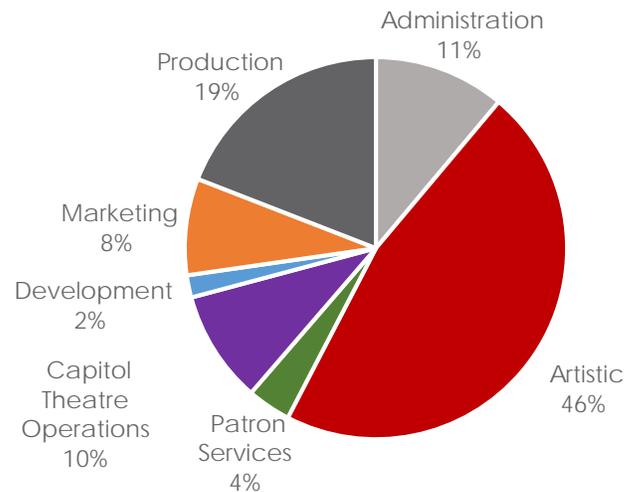
"I've been a member of orchestras, marching bands, and wind ensembles since I was high school, and music has always been a big part of my life, so I was devastated when the Windsor Community Orchestra closed down. It left me without a creative outlet, and I felt like I had a hole in my life. When I heard that the community orchestra was coming back under the WSO banner, I was overjoyed! As a music teacher, I am so grateful to have the orchestra back in my life. My knowledge of how musicians works together makes me a better teacher and as a non-professional, I love being able to develop my musicianship skills and learn from Maestro Wiley"
— Denise McGuire, flute player, WSCO

WFO FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Revenue Sources: 5 year comparison



Expenses in 2018-2019



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