



## About The Fenton Orchestra

The Fenton Community Orchestra was founded in August 2010 by three Fenton residents who wanted the opportunity to play in a multi-generational orchestra. Now in its thirteenth season, FCO has grown to more than 90 orchestra members and includes a second group - Simply Strings. They perform to thousands of audience members every year. FCO is a regional organization with musicians from Fenton, Lake Fenton, Birch Run, Byron, Clarkston, Davisburg, Davison, Durand, Flint, Grand Blanc, Hartland, Holly, Howell, Linden, Perry, Rochester Hills, Saginaw, Swartz Creek and other communities. Since the inception of the FCO, more than 300 musicians have performed with its ensembles.

### HISTORIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Since its founding in 2010, the FCO has grown from 30 musicians to over 145 members. FCO musicians range in age from 8 to 86.
- Musicians commute from all across Michigan, including 20+ surrounding communities.
- In the past 12 years, over 40,000 community members enjoyed FCO offerings through concerts, events and activities.



### COVID IMPACT

The FCO and Simply Strings were excited to return to in-person rehearsals and performances this season. To ensure the safety of its members, FCO implemented a mandatory mask and vaccination policy. With reduced membership, FCO regained its strength and returned to a full season of concerts.

### SEASON 12 SUMMARY

The FCO's Season Twelve provided many opportunities for musicians and community members to be inspired and engaged in the arts. We returned to in-person music activities, rehearsals and concerts that inspired musicians to take part in the cultural richness of our community.

Additionally, the FCO musicians encouraged each other to stay active outside of rehearsal hours by practicing their instruments and improving skills. Musicians would participate in Practice Challenges by uploading and sharing their own rehearsal videos to Facebook. The FCO served a wide range of community members in our twelfth season. The FCO hosted an audience of more than 3,000 attendees between our December & April concerts held at Fenton High School, our annual Concert in the Park, and other community special events.

Simply Strings, Saturday Strings and Summer Strings introduced new members to our organization, giving them a relaxed environment in which to further their skills under the tutelage of a string pedagogue. These groups provided less experienced musicians a platform to learn, grow and perform music. They also allowed the FCO string members to have another group to perform with, and to serve as mentors if desired. Continuing to offer music instruction during these times has allowed the FCO not only to keep providing educational experiences to our community members, but also to ensure the quality of programming and future performances.



# Annual Report

SEASON 12 | FISCAL YEAR 2022



## FCO STRATEGIC PILLARS



**Creating Opportunities**  
for Musicians to participate in a Community Orchestra under qualified artistic leadership.



**Enriching Community Life**  
by sharing the Orchestra experience and performing arts with all citizens.



**Engaging Stakeholders**  
to advance the sustainability of the organization and its mission.

## MISSION

*The Fenton Community Orchestra provides a place for musicians of all ages to connect through music and offers uplifting, educational, and entertaining programs, both for our members and our audiences.*

**The FCO is a 501c3 non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible (Tax ID: 27-3332801).**

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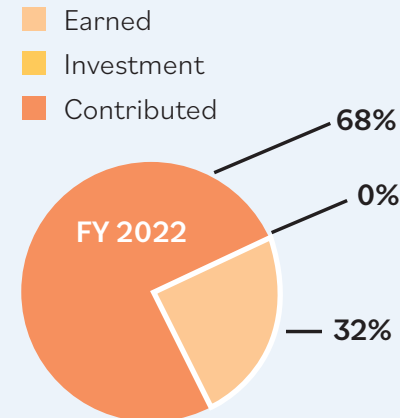
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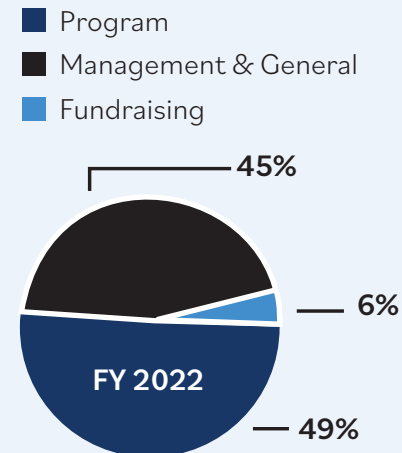


## NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

**Revenue: \$46,890.00**



**Expenses: \$67,406.00**



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