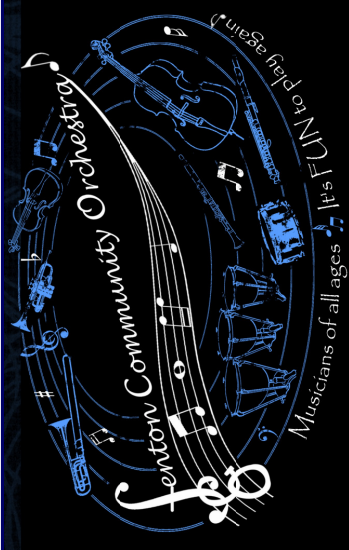


FCO Season 3 Update

June 2013



members of the Orchestra visited children at North Road Elementary to introduce the Orchestra and give them a close hands-on demonstration of stringed and some wind instruments.

The Fenton Community Orchestra (FCO) was founded in August 2010 by three Fenton residents who wished to bring an orchestral experience to their community. The expressed purpose of the orchestra is to provide a place for musicians of all ages to connect through music by offering an educational and entertaining music program for its members and audiences.

of FCO and concert attendance have increased, and the FCO Board has expanded in number and education. The Orchestra was awarded a Grant from the Fenton Community Fund that will help to keep the membership costs stable and will bring more special FCO ensembles to youth and seniors. FCO was also awarded a grant by BEST Project of Flint to strengthen administrative functions.



FCO members perform for 5th grade students at North Road Elementary in December

It is by your donation, that you are helping to ensure this purpose. You also are enabling the Orchestra to achieve financial stability.

As the orchestra has grown, we have been able to form smaller ensembles that entertain and perform at local churches and businesses.

Please accept our deepest appreciation for all you do to provide support and leadership for your Fenton Community Orchestra.

Musicians of all ages are having fun playing again!

Many Donors and Community members have supported the orchestra since its inception. Our third season has shown significant growth in support and skill. The number of donors has increased 200% over season 2, community awareness

This Season, approximately 60 musicians gathered for weekly rehearsals held Thursday evenings at the Fenton High School Band Room. The Orchestra reached out to the community with two FREE performances at Fenton High School with the FHS Jazz Band, and a performance at the Fenton Chamber of Commerce Business EXPO. In addition, 13

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ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013 Season 3



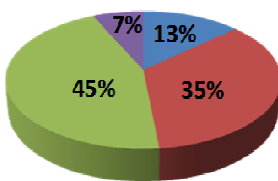
We are grateful to our members of the Fenton Community Orchestra, who continue to promote the music arts, solicit donations and give so much of their time and talents to the success of this organization. It is an honor to gather each week with this group!

TALENTED MEMBERS!!

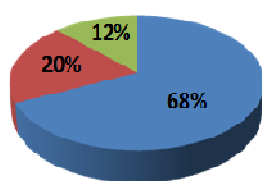
We are thankful for our gifted Music Director, Andrew Perkins, who joined us in Season 2. Mr. Perkins has been "instrumental" in our success. He challenges the musicians and encourages continued improvement. He brings a wealth of talent as a conductor, composer and musician to FCO.

INCOME TOTAL: \$21,662

EXPENSE TOTAL: \$7,662



Membership Dues
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PROGRAM
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Season 3 Financial Highlights: * 22% Increase in Membership * 61% Increase in Donations over Season 2 * FCO received 2 Grants to be used in Season 4 to strengthen administrative functions, keep membership fees stable & bring special ensembles to more schools and senior groups.



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"I've been waiting for an opportunity to continue playing violin and this Orchestra has been my answer. I support the FCO because I know what it fulfills for me, will do the same for others. This unique group of players provides me the challenge I need plus the chance to teach others, which in turn only makes me a better performer."

- Jane Andersen
FCO Treasurer & Musician

"I support the Orchestra because I want children in our area to have access to play string instruments in this setting. My son took violin lessons for years and I was excited for him to have the opportunity to play in a local orchestra. My son is also very involved with school music programs, but area schools do not provide string instrument education. I also think that arts have a very important and positive impact on communities, and plan to continue to support the Orchestra even if my son is not a part of it."

- Kirstin Tesner
FCO Board Secretary & Co-Founder

"This year I got to play in a group with my brothers, mom and friends. It was fun to learn new instruments (especially the gong) and exciting to play in front of a big audience."

- Joseph (Age 11)
Musician

Ages 8 to 80, new musician to experienced, Classical to Rock, haven't played in years to play in many ensembles daily...the Fenton Community Orchestra is providing an amazing opportunity for a diverse group of musicians to come together, make connections and play in an orchestra. It is a chance to work towards something so much greater than the sum of its parts, performing with family members and making new friends. The icing on the cake is to share all that hard work and joy with our spectacular audiences. Live music enhances our community and all of our lives!

We have established partnerships with many businesses and members of the community including the Fenton Area Public Schools. We are very thankful for all these relationships and know they add immeasurably to the strength of FCO.

Rehearsals for our 4th Season begin September 12, 2013. Whether it is as a musician, committee member, donor, board member, and/or concert attendee, we hope you will consider how you can be a part of this fantastic group.

- Jennifer Fleck FCO Board President, Co-Founder & Musician