



ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015 Season 5



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 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.

The reality is that this orchestra is doing so much more for our musicians, our schools and our community. **We had a record 75 musicians on stage in December** and our complexity of music offered continues to increase. Our musicians come from Fenton and 15+ surrounding communities. The age range is 12-77 years. Family members play together; area students choose to spend Thurs-

day evenings making music; lives are enhanced.

Our audience attendance is increasing!

Nearly **1,200** attended our 2-main concerts in Season 5 which were held at Fenton High School with the FHS Jazz Ensemble. Thanks to a generous support from Vic Canever, The Laundry and The UPS Store over 1,400 area elementary school students were served by our outreach ensembles that performed at 3 area elementary schools. With the performances at the Business Expo, Fenton Art Walk, churches (& more), more than 3,000 were able to enjoy our music this season!

In January 2015 **FCO received an \$8,000 matching grant from the Michigan**

Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts to hire an Executive Director to guide and run the orchestra. The board hired FCO co-founder Jennifer Fleck for this position.

We are beginning Season 6 with a solid foundation and exciting concert plans. An influx of more musicians, and our developing partnerships with schools and area business help strengthen us and prepare for further growth. Dreams of an intermediate string orchestra, a wind symphony and additional concert opportunities for the Fenton area are within reach...with your continued support.



FCO members perform for Tomek, North Road & State Road Elementary students in April 2015

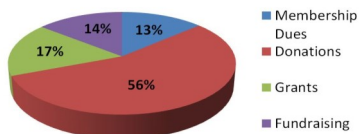


We are grateful to our members of the Fenton Community Orchestra. It is an honor to gather each week with this group!

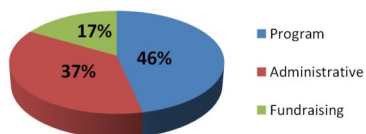


FCO Firebird Breakfast May 2015
On May 5, we celebrated our 5th season sharing our history and potential future with community members and leaders.

INCOME TOTAL: \$28,272



EXPENSE TOTAL: \$23,530



Season 5 Finance Highlights: * 46% Increase in Donations over Season 4 * FCO Received an \$8,000 matching grant in January 2015 from Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts! Please note: We could use supporters who would like to donate to MATCH those funds.



Nothing like family members playing together!



2014-2015 *THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!* Music in the Community Supported by Generous Donors

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We are getting ready for a fabulous season! Please add the following dates to your calendar and check out our website, Facebook and Twitter for additional details!

Season 6 Rehearsals Begin: Thursday, September 17 (6:30-8:30pm)

Main Concerts: Friday, December 11, 2015 & Friday, May 6, 2016

Special Events: Saturday, February 27, 2016 & June 3, 2016



**7 different FCO Small Ensembles
Entertained audiences at Fenton
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We'll see you at the Concert!