

FCO Season 6 Update

SEPTEMBER 2016



FENTON COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016 Season 6

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 are breaking our musician count, audience attendance and donation records** and our complexity of music offered continues to increase. Our musicians come from Fenton and 15+ surrounding communities. The age range is 13-79 years. Family members play together; area students choose to spend Thursday evenings making music; lives are enhanced.

New Events Held:

Season 6 saw FCO partici-

pate in a special Community Event to honor area Veterans; FCO held it's first fundraising gala (FCO performed music written by Andrew Perkins LIVE to a showing of Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*); and FCO performed with the FHS Jazz Orchestra in the Fenton Concert in the Park series on June 3.

Audience Attendance:

More than **4800** attended our concerts in Season 6 which include December & May concerts held at Fenton High School with the FHS Jazz Ensemble, a November Veterans Day Community Concert, the February Birds Gala event, March Business Expo show, Music in the elementary schools, Fenton Art Walk, the June 3 Concert in the Park and more! We are thrilled so many were able to enjoy our music this season!

In September 2015 **FCO received an \$10,000 match-**



FCO members perform for 1400+ students at Tomek, North Road & State Road Elementary in April 2016 thanks to generous support from *Vic Canever and The Laundry!*

ing grant from the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts to continue our Executive Director position.

We are beginning Season 7 with a solid foundation and exciting concert plans. A new opportunity for musicians (*Simply Strings*), and our developing partnerships with schools and area business help strengthen us and prepare for further growth. FCO will continue to grow with your continued support.

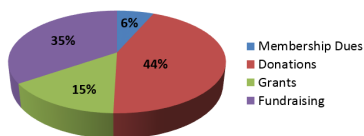


June 3: Our first outdoor concert was a huge success! Wonderful weather and more than 700 people gathering to enjoy the orchestra & FHS Jazz kicking off Fenton's Concert in the Park Series

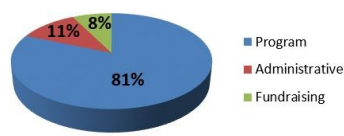


FCO Birds Gala February 2016 First ever fundraising gala was a huge success due to exceptional talents of composer & director Andrew Perkins, the efforts of musicians & volunteers and generous sponsors.

INCOME TOTAL: \$61,460



EXPENSE TOTAL: \$56,119



Season 6 Finance Highlights: * 72% Increase in Donations over Season 5 * FCO Received an \$10,000 matching grant in September 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.



Community Veterans' Day Concert, November 2015

Find us on Facebook

Hollywood Came to Fenton for FCO Red Carpet Gala!

FCO Performed LIVE to a showing of Alfred Hitchcock's *The Birds*

The Fenton Community Orchestra performed an original film score LIVE to a screening of the 1963 Alfred Hitchcock film *The Birds*. This was a world premiere of the composition written by FCO Music Director, Andrew David Perkins.

The Red Carpet Gala was held on Saturday, February, 27th in the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. Doors opened for the Gala at 6pm for guests to enjoy a cocktail party, a display of works by local artists, photo opportunities, and a Silent Auction. The show was followed by a Q&A with the composer.

"This was a completely unique cultural experience," said Jennifer Fleck, FCO Executive Director. "It is rare to have an orchestra perform live to a movie. Enjoying a classic film with ORIGINAL music in a Hollywood movie premiere-style event made an evening we will all remember."

"Having composed primarily concert works, it has always been a dream of mine to score a feature film," said FCO Music Director Andrew Perkins. "Composing music for a cinematic mas-

terpiece like *The Birds* is a dream come true. The decision not to score the film in 1963 was unconventional and experimental, and it made me wonder; 'how would Bernard Herrmann have treated the film if Hitchcock had asked him to score it?' The music I've composed offers a possible answer to that question, paying tribute to Herrmann's style, and allowing audiences to experience the film in a whole new way."

FCO's Red Carpet Gala was a fundraiser for the orchestra and sponsored in part by Tanglewood Home Care, Gerych's and the Fenton Community and Cultural Center. Many area businesses generously donated to make this event possible.

If you missed the World Premiere show (or you want to enjoy again), watch for another opportunity to experience the magic of the live music with the classic film. **(COMING SOON!)**

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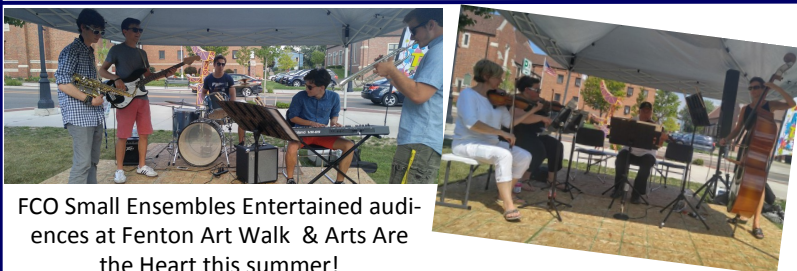
Have You Heard the Orchestra?

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 15 (6:45-8:45pm)

Main Concerts: December 8 & 9, 2016 & April 27&29, 2017 (tentative)

Special Event: Friday, October 21 & Saturday, October 22, 2016



FCO Small Ensembles Entertained audiences at Fenton Art Walk & Arts Are the Heart this summer!

Simply Strings

This year there is a NEW option for musicians on Thursday evenings. *Simply Strings* is an intermediate level orchestra experience for violin, viola, cello and bass. Musicians ages 14 and up are welcome to come try it out. *Simply Strings* rehearsals will be 5:30-6:30pm in the Fenton High School band room under the direction of Jane Ball. Mrs. Ball has a Bachelor's of Music Education with a minor in String Education from Miami University (of Ohio). **Full Orchestra** rehearsals follow from 6:45-8:45pm with Mr. Andrew Perkins. Registration form for both **Full Orchestra** & *Simply Strings* is online at www.FentonOrchestra.org



FCO is open to musicians who want a fun community experience. Pull out your instrument and start practicing!

FULL ORCHESTRA & Simply Strings
NEW! - Intermediate Level Violin-Viola-Cello-Bass

For more information:
www.FentonOrchestra.org



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We'll see you at the Concert!

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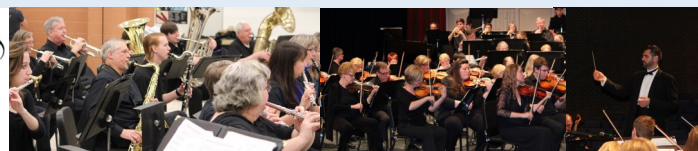
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Circle Benefits Valid for 12 months

Chairman Circle: \$5000+ * Allegro Circle Benefits + A Director Circle Social Event

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Largo Circle: \$50-\$249 * Listing in Program & on Website

Patron: Up to \$49 * Much appreciation

Thank You for your 501c3 Tax Deductible Donation to FCO!



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2015-2016 *THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!* Community Partners and In-Kind Donations are Essential!



FCO Rehearsals at the FHS Band Room



Andrew B. Perkins
Composer of original film music score
"The Birds"

FCO Music Director



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Thank You to all who supported our FCO Gala held this past February. It was an incredibly unique event and required effort from so many people... musicians, volunteers, businesses who donated items & services, advertisers, donors and an audience to purchase tickets and attend. It was an unequivocal success!

FCO Birds Gala Event Sponsors

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