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Hochstein Community,

The 2024-2025 season has been a powerful testament to what is possible when passion, community, and opportunity come together.

This year, we celebrated remarkable momentum across every corner of Hochstein, continuing strong onsite lesson enrollment, expanding both onsite and community-based Expressive Arts programs, and sustaining the outstanding quality of our Chamber Music Connection and large ensemble offerings.

Our partnerships throughout the Rochester community have continued to deepen and flourish. Our relationships with RCSD Charles T. Lunsford School #19, Nativity Preparatory Academy, Renaissance Academy Charter School, and many others have not only allowed us to provide transformative music and dance experiences directly where students live and learn, but also to create onsite opportunities at Plymouth Avenue for students from these schools through our Bridges at Hochstein program.

Each day, I am inspired by the extraordinary dedication of our faculty and staff. Their commitment to meeting every student where they are, nurturing individual strengths, and building a vibrant, inclusive community is what makes Hochstein truly special.

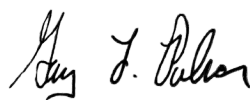
I am grateful for the steadfast leadership and generosity of our Board of Directors and Advisory Directors, whose vision and support ensure the preservation and growth of the enduring legacy of David Hochstein.

All of our successes over this past year were not accidental - they were made possible by you. The generosity of our individual donors, foundations, and corporate sponsors fuels every lesson taught, every ensemble rehearsal, and every moment of artistic discovery. Your support ensures that Hochstein can continue to fulfill its mission: providing students of all ages and backgrounds with access to the life-changing power of music and dance education.

With your continued partnership, we can expand access, strengthen our programs, and reach even more individuals whose lives can be transformed through Hochstein.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey. Together, we are shaping a more creative, connected, and compassionate community.

With gratitude,



Gary L. Palmer, Ph.D.
President & Executive Director





MEET JOSHUA

Joshua is a 15-year old violin student who has been studying the violin at Hochstein for 8 years. He receives tuition assistance for lessons and currently participates in the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra.

“Hochstein provides a very friendly environment where kids can learn. It also has kind staff, professional teachers, and gives you a lot of opportunities to perform so everyone will love it here!”

JOSHUA LIN

Number of years at Hochstein: 8

Classes taken: Suzuki, Violin, Hochstein Concertino Strings, Hochstein Sinfonia Strings, Hochstein Philharmonia Orchestra, Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra

MEET DAVID

David has only been playing the saxophone for one year in his lessons with Expressive Arts Faculty Eliza Shriver, but after exploring the guitar, piano, and clarinet, he’s finally found his musical voice.

“Coming to Hochstein is the best thing because it can bring you out in the community where you can show your talent. Even if you don’t know what your talent is yet, they’ll help you find it so you can have a good old time!”



DAVID SABASTRO

Number of years at Hochstein: 6

Classes taken: Guitar, Piano, Inclusive Choir, Clarinet, Saxophone



MEET SKYLAR

Skylar is 9-years old and is in her first year of dance classes at Hochstein which she attends with the help of tuition assistance from donors like you. She chose to enroll in year-round classes after having a great experience at the Arts in Action summer camp.

“I love Hochstein because I can learn new things and new ways to dance. Being in dance class makes me feel free to move around my space and environment.”

SKYLAR FELTON

Number of years at Hochstein: 1

Classes taken: Hip-Hop, Afro-Caribbean Dance

MEET JANET

When Joe Werner called her in from the hallway for her first piano lesson in 1983, Janet was nervous. But from the moment he warmly said, “Janet? Hi, I’m Joe!” it became clear that she was in the right place.

“Joe is someone who is a great person and a great teacher. I’m not a great pianist, but I love music and I do what I can. Joe always emphasizes what I do well and points out areas where I can improve. He is truly a dear friend.”



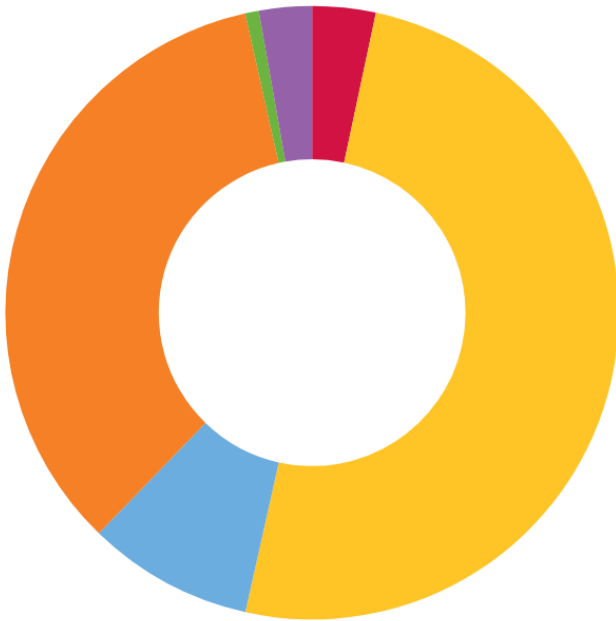
JANET FERRANTE

Number of years at Hochstein: 44

Classes taken: Piano

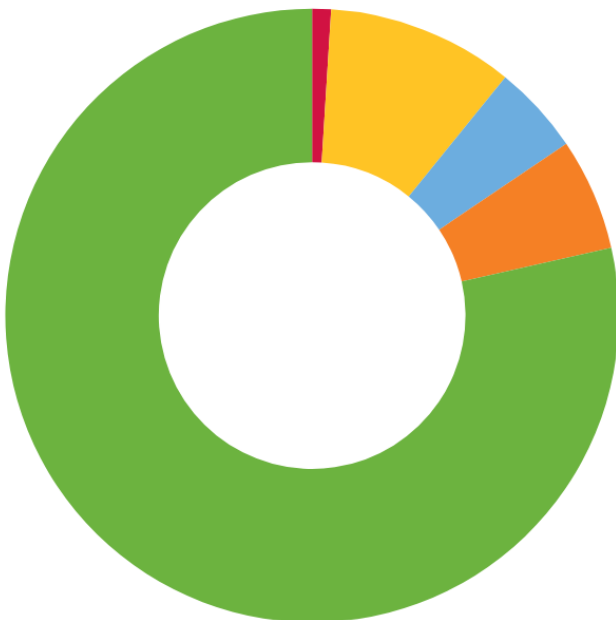
A YEAR IN NUMBERS

FINANCIAL REPORT



REVENUE

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| ● Rental & Other Income..... | \$159,379 |
| ● Tuition & Fees..... | \$2,394,929 |
| ● Tuition Assistance | \$417,482 |
| ● Gifts, Grants, Contributions..... | \$1,635,983 |
| ● Gifts In-Kind..... | \$34,194 |
| ● Special Events..... | \$133,077 |
| TOTAL REVENUE..... | \$3,940,080 |



EXPENSES

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| ● Program Supplies & Services..... | \$37,804 |
| ● Occupancy..... | \$376,088 |
| ● Outside Professional Services..... | \$179,466 |
| ● Promotion & Other Expenses.... | \$1,635,983 |
| ● Wages, Salaries & Benefits..... | \$2,999,567 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES..... | \$3,818,330 |



DID YOU KNOW?

56% of Hochstein students received tuition assistance in 24-25

3,818 TOTAL STUDENTS
ENROLLED

124 TOTAL CLASSES
OFFERED

34,110 INDIVIDUAL LESSONS
TAUGHT

43 TOTAL ENSEMBLES

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

“During the 2024-2025 school year, the Expressive Arts (EA) Department expanded their depth and breadth of offerings to include additional off-site community groups, an additional off-site satellite location, and additional on-site inclusive class offerings. This expansion of accessible offerings was made possible by generous donations and grant funding from local organizations.

True to its mission of accessibility, EA faculty provided community-based group sessions to 1,548 individuals across Monroe, Ontario, and Wayne counties during the 2024-2025 year and also provided on-site individual lessons and group class offerings to an additional 132 students, many of whom were enrolled in multiple offerings. Altogether, the EA team provided around 104 hours of off-site services and an additional 120 hours of on-site services each week during the 2024-2025 year.”



- Jennifer Phillips
*Assistant Dean/Chair of Expressive Arts and
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