



ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

From the Executive Director

Dear NOYO Community,

It's my pleasure to share with you this report on NOYO's 52nd concert season. I'm proud to affirm that our tradition of high-quality, accessible music education continues even in the face of the strong headwinds and unprecedented instability that have frustrated so much musical activity all over the world in the past year.

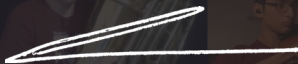
Our 2020-21 concert season was unlike any in NOYO's half-century history: rather than meet in person, we held weekly online rehearsals via Zoom. Instead of live concerts, we assembled composite performance videos featuring our musicians and conductors. (Check them out on our YouTube channel!)

Our exceptional artistic staff developed and refined new pedagogies for ensemble-based music education in a virtual format. We found ways to offer excellent teaching to any young musician in northeast Ohio with an internet connection and a computer or mobile device, and we reduced tuition and allocated financial aid to make our programs affordable for everyone. We recognize that the availability of first-rate music education is still not as equitable as it must become, but our commitment to closing that gap remains central to NOYO's identity.

Among the many lessons this challenging year taught us, we learned that even an excellent online orchestra program can't quite deliver the same immediacy, vividness, and camaraderie that in-person NOYO rehearsals provide. As we prepare to resume live activities in the Fall, we'll never again take for granted the value of making music together.

Something I've been waiting a long time to say: I look forward to seeing you soon.

With best wishes,



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Executive Director

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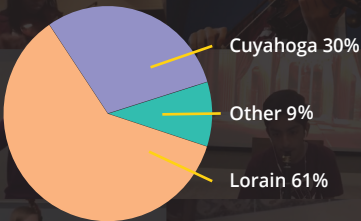
Sinfonietta Strings Conductor

Participant information

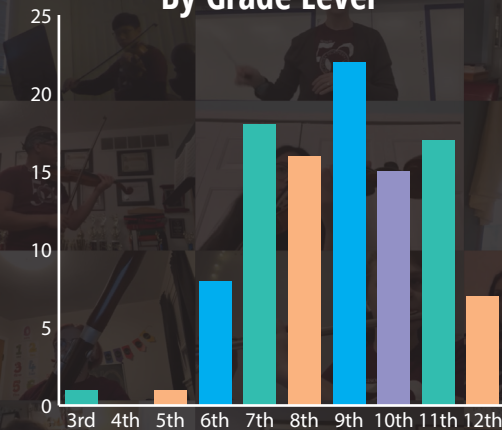
Program enrollments

Amati Strings.....	15
Lab Group.....	4
Philharmonia Orchestra.....	36
Sinfonietta Strings.....	31
Symphonic Band.....	15
Wind Symphony.....	5
Virtual Summer Music.....	57
Deduplicated total.....	145

By County



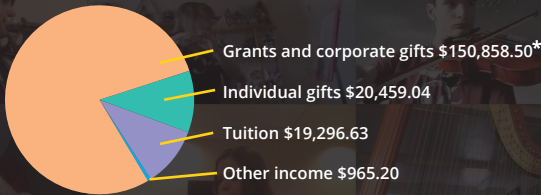
By Grade Level



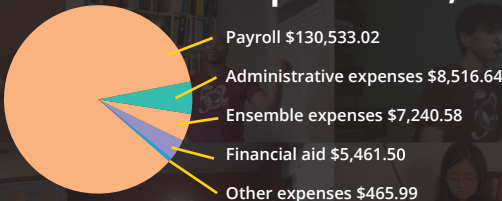
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Financial summary

Income \$191,579.37



Expenses \$152,217.73



Full financials available on request. *This figure includes CARES Act funds via a passthrough from the Ohio Arts Council.

Special thanks

The last page of this report includes a list of individual supporters whose belief in the value of arts education nourished NOYO during a difficult year. If you share that belief, you can become a supporter by visiting www.noyo.org/donate.

We also want to recognize NOYO's Sustainers, participants in our new recurring giving program whose commitment to our long-term stability is deeply appreciated. To join them, visit www.noyo.org/sustainers.

Our 2020-21 grantmaking partners—the Community Foundation of Lorain County, the Bill Long Foundation, the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, the Nord Family Foundation, the Nordson Corporation Foundation, the Oberlin Business Partnership, the Ohio Arts Council, the Puffin Foundation West, and the Stocker Foundation—deserve special gratitude for seeing us through the challenges of the past season.

A long and energetic round of applause is due for music teachers in Lorain County and the surrounding counties, who gave so much to our shared students under extremely tough conditions.

"Great job this season! I am really impressed with all the kids and conductors and what they were able to accomplish. We are so looking forward to next season!"

"We appreciate all the hard work and relearning that has been done to make this possible—also the positive attitude and encouragement from the leaders."

Our peer arts organizations, including the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, the MAD* Factory, the Oberlin Center for the Arts, and the Oberlin Choristers, have been a vital source of solidarity and fellowship.

Finally, NOYO thanks our musicians and their families for sharing their time, talent, and love of music with us.

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