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**2023-2024**  
**Annual Report**

Crescendo Academy of Music's mission is to provide individualized music instruction in a positive and supportive atmosphere to all persons regardless of age, ability, or income. The 2023-2024 fiscal year marked 36 years of Crescendo helping students reach their musical potential! Crescendo provided over \$31,000 in need-based scholarships to more than 10% of our students. Students received almost 8,800 hours of instruction across all of our programs. We officially surpassed our pre-COVID enrollment numbers, with over 620 students enrolled in private lessons, Music Together classes, and ensembles. The Marvelous Music outreach program, developed by Crescendo and the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, provided 1,172 Music Together classes to 44 high financial need preschool classrooms in Kalamazoo County, reaching over 750 four-year-olds.

Expansion of our facility, originally planned to start in 2020, finally began in December of 2023 and finished in April of 2024. This project gave us five additional teaching studios. Our space now has two large ensemble rooms, one small ensemble/percussion studio, and 24 teaching studios. We extend our continued thanks to the Irving S. Gilmore Foundation, who provided funds for this project.



Our students and ensembles presented 38 free concerts in fiscal year 2023-2024 to over 4,300 audience members.

After more than two years of work off site, the refurbished Mason and Hamlin grand piano, donated by the family of Jill and Dan Christian, returned to Crescendo. We welcomed it back at our June 2024 annual meeting with performances by Crescendo Teaching Artists and students. This project was funded by generous contributions from individual donors.



## 2023-2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### INCOME

Donations	\$33,509
Grants	\$138,550
Earned	\$570,137
Interest	\$4,835
Total Income	\$747,031

### EXPENSES

Programming	\$536,504
General/Admin	\$189,159
Fundraising	\$9,228
Depreciation	\$12,219
Total Expenses	\$747,110

NET INCOME \$-79

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