



Powers Music School
Annual Report
2017-2018



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**Annual Report
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A Few Words from the Director...

Dear Friends and Supporters of Powers Music School,

I may be leading the charge, but together we are accomplishing so much!
This year...

We raised a record amount – over \$166,000 - in support of financial aid and our community programs. Led by a \$100,000 anonymous gift to establish the Music Box Endowed Scholarship, the funds raised went where they are needed most – our students and our community.

We reimagined the Powers experience. The work of the Faculty Advisory Committee led directly to many program enhancements to be implemented in FY19, including a revised recital format, Workshop Weeks, and faculty department chairs.

We made improvements to our facilities and systems, including a refurbished faculty lounge, new paint and artwork, a new phone system, and a document center.

We created a five-year strategic budget to inform decision-making, and we entered into an agreement with our payroll provider ADP to provide expanded HR services and support.

We grew our voice department, piloted programs with the Wildflower Montessori School, and entered into two partnerships with Belmont Public Schools to establish the Belmont Scholars program and to see Powers assume responsibility for Saturday Morning Music School.

In a year marked by transition, we made remarkable progress and set the stage for a bright future. Thank you for your part in making Powers Music School a special place!

- Gavin Farrell
Executive Director

Our 2017-2018 Highlights

Facilities Updates

New phone system,

New printer/copier in
396 Concord building,

Faculty lounge
renovation completed,

Transformation of
common spaces
(painting, artwork, and more)

Program Updates

New partnerships with
Belmont Public Schools:
Saturday Morning Music School
& Belmont Scholars program,

Pilot programs with
Wildflower Montessori,

Expanded voice department (including
classes for kids and
adults with Dr. Greta Feeney)

Instrument Updates

New harpsichord,

Refurbished cello collection

**Music Box Endowed
Scholarship Fund**
from an anonymous donor
\$100,000

**Total Raised for
2017-2018 Annual Fund**
(9/1/17 - 8/31/18):
\$167,758.57

Mildred Freiberg Piano Festival

Our highest number of student
and teacher participants!
276 participating students
(30 more than last year),
54 participating teachers,
20 concerts over 2 days

Stein Chamber Music Festival

130 performers and attendees

Musical Storytelling Program

Our highest number of attendees!
1,300 total estimated attendees
9 events (16 concerts)
provided free to venues in 5 towns

Neighborhood Concert Series

500+ total estimated attendees,
9 free concerts provided free
to venues in 5 towns

We are impressed by the quality of the instructors.

Powers feels very trustworthy.

Good local music options

Nice variety of class offerings

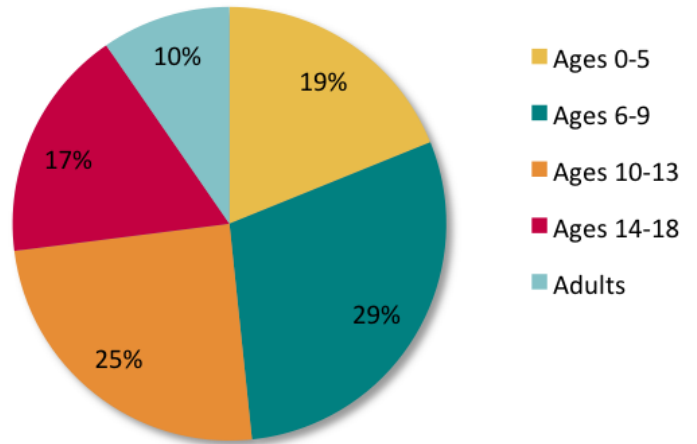
Very organized private lesson program

Very high caliber performances!

A love of music is the highest priority.



FY18 Students by Age



Our Students

Total Unique Students in FY18:

860

FY18 Students from Belmont:

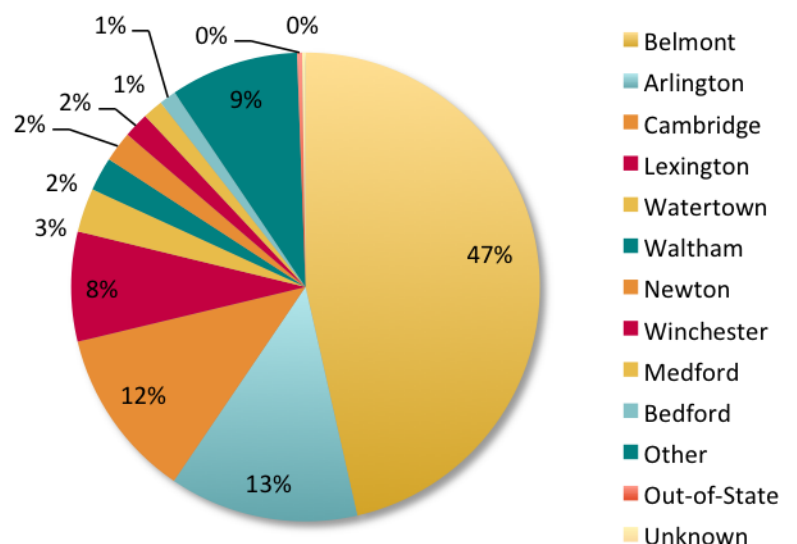
47%



Unique Students by Program

Program	FY17	FY18
Private Lessons	449	437
Semi-Private Lessons	2	4
Suzuki Lessons	69	79
Suzuki Group	65	67
Suzuki Musical Kids	4	11
Music Pups	54	53
Eurhythmics	40	53
Hi-Five Piano	30	18
Keys for Kids/Piano Partners	41	48
Singing for Kids	14	14
MYPSP	33	40
Ensembles	58	50
Theory	13	12
Reed-Making	6	8
Pow-Wow	81	88
Music on the Hill	32	22
Fiddlin' on the Hill	19	14
Suzuki on the Hill	18	13

FY18 Students by Town





FY17 Key Financials

OPERATING INCOME

Tuition and Fees	\$1,324,472
Endowment Allocation	\$146,685
Annual Campaign & Grants	\$89,645
Community Activities & Services	\$9,260
Other Income	\$762
Total Operating Income	\$1,570,824

OPERATING EXPENSES

Instruction & Program Expenses	\$940,959
Management & General Administrative	\$542,221
Financial Aid & Merit Awards	\$57,357
Fundraising	\$45,731
Community Activities & Services	\$24,013
Total Operating Expenses	\$1,610,281

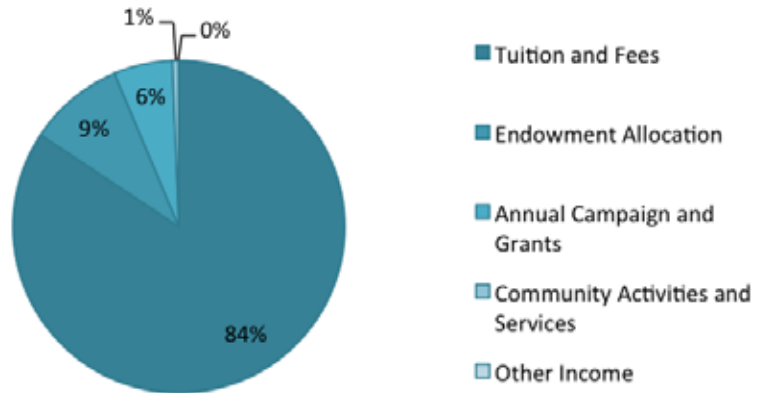
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT

(\$39,457)

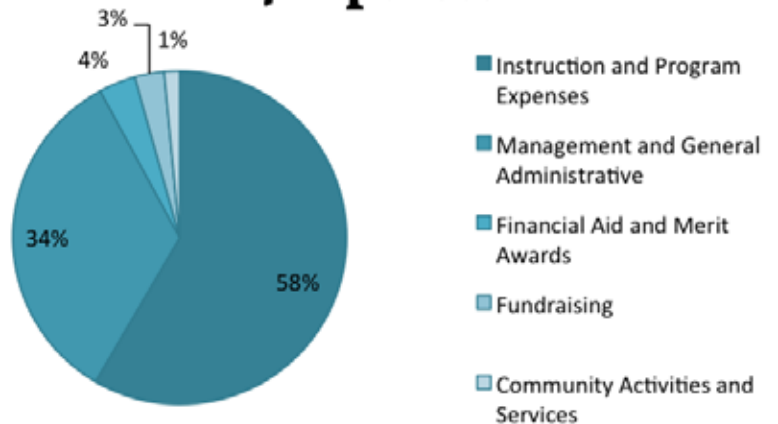
ENDOWMENT ACTIVITY FY17

Beginning Balance (9/1/17)	\$1,471,855
Contributions	\$3,702
Return on Investments	\$145,332
Board Appropriation of Temporarily Restricted Assets	(\$146,685)
Ending Balance (8/31/18)	\$1,474,204

FY17 Income



FY17 Expenses



Those who made it possible in 2017-2018...

Board of Directors

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Specialist

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Accountant

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Banjo, Ukulele

Christopher Hersch

Tev Stevig

Brass

Spencer Aston

Ryan Noe

Andrew Sorg

Sarah Sutherland

Dulcimer, Harp, Penny Whistle, Recorder

Lucy Joan Sollogub

Early Childhood

Sarah Bacon

Jennifer Choe

Linda Emmanuel

Susanna Fiore

Yas Ishibashi

Guitar

Daniel Acsadi

James Doran

Christopher Hersch

Dylan Mowry

Lucy Joan Sollogub

Tev Stevig

Jazz Ensemble

Todd Brunel

Music Theory

Rebecca Sacks

Music Therapy

Trish Jonason

Andrew Krahn

Olivia Overton

Orchestra

Spencer Aston

Jacques Lee Wood

Percussion

Gary Spellissey

Piano / Keyboard

Elizabeth Chladil

Susanna Fiore

Yas Ishibashi

Svetlana Krasnova

Lisle Kulbach

Tamara Medoyeva

Peter Morelli

Natacha Rist

Kathryn Rosenbach

Jei-Yern Ryu

Michael Shea

Lyubov Shlain

Collaborative Piano

Levon Hovsepian

Leah Kosch

Alix Pollack

Kathryn Rosenbach

Rock Band

James Doran

Tev Stevig

Strings

Robinn Alfieri

Sarah Bacon

Madalyne Cross

Noah Dresser

Sarah Freiberg

Erica Klein

Ellery Klein

Sam Ou

Olga Patramanska-Bell

Morgan Scagliotti

Jenny Shallenberger

Colleen McGary Smith

Sophia Sogland

Jacques Lee Wood

Suzuki Program

Sarah Bacon

Robin Alfieri

Madalyne Cross

Erica Klein

Guan-Ting Ku

Jay Rosenberg

Voice

Greta Feeney

Emily Romney

Viola Da Gamba

Jane Hershey

Woodwinds

Judith Bedford

Todd Brunel

Mary Cicconetti

Mary Cunningham

Carol Hunt Epple

Ben Fox

Faith Hutchison-Williard

Meghan Jacoby

Summer Day Faculty & Staff

Sarah Bacon

Yas Ishibashi

Meghan Jacoby

Ellery Klein

Jane Parkhouse

Daniel Acsadi

Spencer Aston

Judy Bedford

Todd Brunel

Madalyne Cross

Ben Fox

Ariel Friedman

Andrew Goodridge

Adam Grossman

Guan-Ting Ku

Peter Morelli

Dimitar Petkov

Emerald Rae

Kathryn Rosenbach

Dawn Scaltreto

Jacques Lee Wood

Donors & Supporters

September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018

Director Circle

\$100,000+

Anonymous

Composer Circle

\$10,000+

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\$5,000-\$9,999

Anonymous

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\$500-\$999

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Principal Circle

(continued)

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Member Circle

Up to \$99

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Anne Marie Lambert and Arvydas
Mackevicius
Sheela Maru
Amy and John Matias
Lindsay Miller and Peter Ambler

Member Circle

(continued)

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Nolin
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Melanie Sheffield
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Kelly and Greg Webber
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Sylvia K. Whitney
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In-Kind Gifts

Helen Clapp Stevenson

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Watertown Savings Bank

Matching Gifts

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East Boston Savings Bank Charitable
Foundation, Inc.
The Edmund and Betsy Cabot
Charitable Foundation
Virginia Wellington Cabot
Foundation

Government Grants

Belmont Cultural Council
local agency supported by the
Massachusetts Cultural Council,
a state agency



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