



OrKidstra Annual Report 2018-19

Vanier Hub End-of-Year Concert, June 5, 2019.
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Music: The power to change lives



Your support is changing kids' lives through the power of music! When you donate to OrKidstra, you give children and youth from under-served Ottawa communities the opportunity to learn important life skills — such as responsibility, teamwork, respect and compassion — through singing and playing music together. OrKidstra 2019 Graduate Nancy says *“Through the experience of playing in an orchestra, I was able to meet amazing people and gain important life skills that I will continue to use in the future. OrKidstra builds connections that wouldn't be found elsewhere!”*

CAMP OrKidstra string players (KidStringers) show off their instruments — July 11, 2018.
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Your support makes a BIG impact!



reaching over

700

Ottawa kids from under-served areas in 2018-19 through our in-school and after-school programs



students from over

62

cultural and linguistic backgrounds



ages range from

5-18

96%

of OrKidstra students participate for free, including access to musical instruments



100%

of graduates feel that OrKidstra helped them develop essential skills such as **teamwork, communication** and **leadership**



94%

of graduates believe that OrKidstra has helped them to reach their goals



students collectively volunteer over

55 hours

every month to help build community through outreach events

90%

of instruments are donated



Who we are

OrKidstra is a social development program for children aged 5 to 18 living in under-served areas of Ottawa, Canada.

Our mission is to empower kids and build community through the universal language of music. We carry out this mission by providing children from low-income families with free group and individual music lessons and the chance to learn important life skills like respect, compassion, teamwork, and responsibility through playing and singing together.

Our vision is a future where all children and youth have the opportunity to find their voice and build their potential through music.

Our mandate is to give children from under-served communities the opportunity to learn and make music together, and the chance to benefit from the individual skills and community values inherent in music-making.

OrKidstra is a registered charitable organization (83246 7153 RR0001).

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Programs

KiddlyWinks

KiddlyWinks is an energetic music and movement program that's great fun for children ages 5 to 8 years old. (in-school and after-school)

KidSingers

KidSingers is an upbeat choir program that celebrates the beauty and joy of singing together. 8 years + (after-school)

KidPlayers

KidPlayers explores the joy of playing wind and brass instruments in a group, proper technique and the basics of music theory. 8 years + (after-school)

KidStringers

KidStringers explores the joy of playing string instruments in a group, proper technique and the basics of music theory. 8 years + (after-school)

KidDrummers

KidDrummers explores the world of rhythm, music theory, listening, creativity, and collective music making using percussion instruments. 8 years + (after-school)

OrKidstra

Senior level students explore playing together as a full orchestra, along with chamber ensembles and a youth group. 8 years + (after-school)



Tina Fedeski, MSM (left) and Claire Marshall (right).
PHOTO BY VOLUNTEER OTTAWA

A message from the Chair and the CEO

With excellence, courage and love as guiding watchwords, OrKidstra has enjoyed yet another year of growth and joy in 2018-19. The OrKidstra name continues to spread through the community as our students demonstrate their excellence at events ranging from the NAC's Remembrance Day concert, through several Citizenship ceremonies, to tiny drop-in centres. And once again all our grads are going on to post-secondary education. This outcome speaks loudly for the program's success.

This year, we made a promising start on the long-term plans laid out in Crescendo: Strategy 2032. Expansion into a third neighbourhood by late 2020, and stronger presence in local schools mean more students, more teachers, more demands on the Office and volunteers—and on our financial supporters.

Crescendo is ambitious—this is where courage comes in—but, with your help, we are already bringing the promise and possibility of OrKidstra to many more children who otherwise might not have access to the benefits of learning and playing music together. Developments in staffing, Board membership, teacher training, financial stewardship and donor relations—all happening now—provide the under-pinning we need to achieve our goals.

It has been an utter pleasure for us both to work alongside Board members and the Office team, and a delight getting to know so many of you, our donors and supporters, individually. Thank you all for your generosity of spirit and for sharing the belief that, at OrKidstra, we play every note with love.

Claire Marshall, Chair, 2018-19

Tina Fedeski, MSM, CEO & Artistic Director

2018-19 program and community highlights

CAMP OrKidstra, July 9-13, 2018 at the Bronson Centre. Over 35 students from our Centretown and Vanier Hubs join us for this free day camp.

The World Remembers, November 11, 2018 at the NAC. OrKidstra joins Alexander Shelley, the National Youth Orchestra of Canada, the German Youth Orchestra, and local choirs on the Southam Hall stage to perform music in commemoration of the First World War.

Closing Ceremony for Centre Block, November 27, 2018 at Centre Block, Parliament of Canada. OrKidstra Senior KidPlayers perform at this special event hosted by the House of Commons.

OrKidstra Hub Holiday Concerts, December 12 & 18, 2018. OrKidstra performs two free holiday concerts for the community at its Vanier (Ottawa Technical Secondary School) and Centretown (Bronson Centre) Hubs.

Canadian Citizenship Ceremony at the Ottawa Senators Hockey Game, February 24, 2019 at the Canadian Tire Centre. An OrKidstra ensemble joins 186 new Canadians in the singing of “O Canada” following the largest citizenship ceremony in Canadian sports history.

Children’s Corner Concert with the Parkdale Orchestra, April 28, 2019 at Parkdale United Church. OrKidstra’s junior students join the Parkdale Orchestra for a fun family concert.

ConneXXions with Alexander Shelley, May 13, 2019 at the National Arts Centre. The Brent Youth Concert Band & String Chamber Orchestra in London, England and OrKidstra make music together across the Atlantic Ocean via livestream in a celebration of creativity, music making and storytelling.

“Ode to Joy” flash mob and concert in celebration of European Union Day, May 26, 2019, Lansdowne Park. OrKidstra’s senior students perform at this cross-cultural event.

OrKidstra Hub End-of-Year Concerts, June 5 & 13, 2019. OrKidstra performs two free concerts for the community with the Centretown Hub concert taking place for the first time at Carleton-Dominion Chalmers Centre.

Carlington Community Health Centre’s Community BBQ, June 26, 2019 at CCHC. An OrKidstra ensemble performs a free concert for the community.

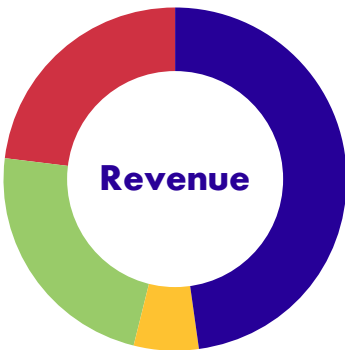
“When young people work together in orchestras, they learn skills that are valuable to our society. Our future is a lot brighter thanks to OrKidstra and the talented young people that they nurture.”

Alexander Shelley, Music Director of the National Arts Centre’s (NAC) Orchestra, Principal Associate Conductor of London’s Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and OrKidstra Ambassador

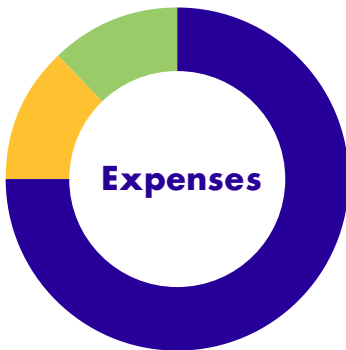


OrKidstra performs at The World Remembers on November 11, 2018 at the National Arts Centre. PHOTO BY FRED CATTROLL, COURTESY OF THE NAC

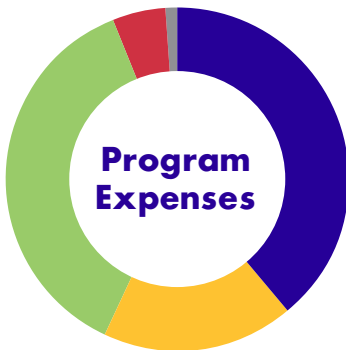
Financial Highlights



Individuals **48%**
Corporations **6%**
Charities/Foundations **23%**
Government **23%**



Program **75%**
Administration **13%**
Development **12%**



Professional Teaching Services **39%**
Instruments and Program Delivery **18%**
Program Staff and
Volunteer Coordination **37%**
Community Outreach **5%**
Other **1%**

Statement of Financial Position *(as of June 30, 2019)*

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	286,098	161,448
Short Term Investment	103,627	135,453
Accounts and HST Receivable	13,732	2,968
Prepaid Expenses	2,013	2,007
	405,470	301,876
CAPITAL ASSETS	89,688	69,537
TOTAL ASSETS	495,158	371,413
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accrued Liabilities	24,266	23,843
Deferred Contributions	75,785	26,583
	100,051	50,426
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	85,910	66,356
TOTAL LIABILITIES	185,961	116,782
NET ASSETS	309,197	254,631
	495,158	371,413

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Our Individual Donors are a special part of our OrKidstra family!

“There are so many things that OrKidstra has helped me achieve and experience. OrKidstra’s success stories are made possible thanks to your generosity.” — Jenn, 2019 OrKidstra graduate

2018-19

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Our philosophy

OrKidstra was inspired by the renowned El Sistema program that has, over the last 44 years, proven to the world that music can be an agent of social change. OrKidstra’s successful adaptation of this philosophy lies in the beautiful combination of musicianship and citizenship, which is ever present in our day-to-day programming.

OrKidstra:

Advocates kid-powered performance — passion over precision.

Encourages playing together to teach kids how to build a harmonious community.

Supports peer-to-peer structure, which breaks down barriers and fosters friendship.

Develops a sense of belonging with joy and fun.

Creates extensive and intensive community connections.



music education helps kids from at-risk backgrounds

grow!*

**Journal of Neuroscience*



Centretown Hub Holiday Concert, December 18, 2018
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2018-19

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OrKidstra student and mentor Sophia helps two OrKidstra students try out the flute at the “Honk, Blow n’ Screech.”
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OrKidstra performs with Parliament Hill in the background.

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