



OrKidstra Annual Report 2021-22



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Music: The Power to Change Lives

Your support is changing kids' lives through the power of music!

OrKidstra gives children and youth from under-served Ottawa communities the opportunity to learn essential life skills — such as responsibility, teamwork, respect, and compassion — through singing and playing music together.

OrKidstra makes an immediate and lifelong positive impact!

**“We are not trying to create virtuoso musicians
but to nurture virtuoso human beings.”**

Tina Fedeski, MSM, OrKidstra Co-Founder and Executive & Artistic Director

Your support makes a BIG impact!



reaching over

600

kids from **5*** under-served neighbourhoods in 2021-22 through our online and in-person programming



students from over

62

cultural and linguistic backgrounds

ages range from
5-18



96%

of students participate for free, including access to musical instruments



100%

of OrKidstra graduates have completed high school and have gone on to post-secondary education



Over **120 hours**

of after-school programming offered every week in 2021-22



100%

of parents said their kids were doing better in school**



after-school Hubs in the Ottawa neighbourhoods of Centretown and Vanier

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).



Programs*

KiddlyWinks is a fun music and movement program. Ages 5-8. (in-school/after-school)	KidSingers is an upbeat choir program. 8 years + (after-school)	KidDrummers explores the world of rhythm, music theory, and creativity. 8 years + (after-school)
KidStringers explores the joy of playing string instruments. 8 years + (after-school)	KidPlayers explores the joy of playing wind and brass instruments. 8 years + (after-school)	OrKidstra senior level students explore playing wind, brass, and string instruments. 12 years + (after-school)

To creatively meet the challenges of ongoing online programming, OrKidstra programming continued to include some new initiatives in 2021-22 including Masterclass, Buddy Mentors, KidComposers, KidExplorers (improvisation) and much more.

*OrKidstra offered a combination of online (OrKidstra @ Home) and in-person programming in 2021-22 and followed all COVID-19 guidelines provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Ottawa Public Health.



Mark Sutcliffe and Tina Fedeski, MSM.

A message from the Chair and the Executive & Artistic Director

When asked to describe OrKidstra, the words we often hear from students are family, love, community, music, fun, and belonging. Although each of us has experienced the pandemic differently, we have all missed the opportunity to experience that sense of belonging that being *together* brings us.

In fall 2021, OrKidstra worked with the community to create our hybrid “Safe & Sound” approach, helping us move towards a gradual and safe return to making music *together*. After a brief return to fully online programming at the beginning of 2022, OrKidstra was thrilled to return to in-person, Hub-based programming for our older instrumental students in March 2022. This return joyously culminated in our first in-person concert in almost two and a half years on June 1, 2022. Seeing the OrKidstra family making and enjoying music together once again was magical.

Thanks to your ongoing support, our nationally acclaimed OrKidstra @ Home online programming has kept the joy of music and community alive for our kids. As we rebuild our in-person programming, the lessons learned through OrKidstra @ Home will continue to guide us as we move forward. And for that, we are truly grateful.

As some of you may know, our values (inspired directly by the “10 Leading Notes”) are **Love, Courage, and Excellence**. In 2021-22, we also fully realized how vital togetherness was to the essence – and success – of OrKidstra. With this inspiring recognition, we added **Belonging** to our values of Love, Courage, and Excellence. We have witnessed over the years that when children feel a real sense of belonging – and the freedom to be themselves – it helps them build true confidence, resilience, and a healthy foundation for learning. And the experts agree: more scientific research is emerging that demonstrates that music education is one of the best ways to help kids improve their literacy and numeracy and build vital life skills. And these positive effects last a *lifetime*.

When we invest in our young people, it helps *everyone* to build a strong future. Music truly has the power to transform lives. From the entire OrKidstra family and both of us, thank you again for your support.

Mark Sutcliffe

Mark Sutcliffe, Chair, 2021-22

Tina Fedeski

Tina Fedeski, MSM, Co-Founder and Executive & Artistic Director

“Being at OrKidstra makes me feel like I’m in a big family.”

Emily, OrKidstra Student

Key Events of 2021-22

- July 12 – August 6, 2021** – OrKidstra offers four weeks of virtual summer programming with OrKidstra @ Home: Summer Edition!
- September 1, 2021** – OrKidstra partners with Will Power, a new national education movement empowering Canadians to create positive change through their Wills.
- September 27, 2021** – OrKidstra begins its 15th season with hybrid programming including both in-person and online classes.
- November 3, 2021** – OrKidstra named a Top 5 Finalist for Best Youth Engagement – Organization (Under 20 Staff) at the national 2021 Charity Village Awards.
- November 20, 2021** – OrKidstra performs at the Vanier Community Services Centre for the National Day of the Child.
- December 16, 2021** – The online premiere of “OrKidstra’s Virtual Holiday Celebration!”
- January 17, 2022** – OrKidstra’s first day of programming in 2022 (fully virtual).

- March 3, 2022** – Tina Fedeski presents at the 2022 National Newcomer Navigation Network (N4) Conference.
- March 21, 2022** – OrKidstra transitions back to in-person programming for instrumental students.
- April 28, 2022** – OrKidstra’s Virtual Spring Showcase featuring KiddlyWinks, KidSingers, KidComposers and more!
- May 5 and 18, 2022** – Vanier Band and Jr. String students perform an in-person Showcase for their families.
- June 1, 2022** – Featured on CTV, CBC, and Rogers, OrKidstra’s first in-person concert since the beginning of the pandemic, “OrKidstra: LIVE in Concert!,” is a big success. Special guest Alexander Shelley conducts and presents graduation certificates to Mobashera, Ariana, Hadi, and Seren!
- June 18, 2022** – OrKidstra performs at Parkdale Park & Minto Park as part of the ArtsPark Festival.
- June 22, 2022** – OrKidstra performs at the Manotick Horticulture Garden Tour.

“First, thank you for donating because what you’re doing is really big. Not only do we get to learn how to play an instrument, but we also learn how to treat people with respect. We also learn how to make friends.”

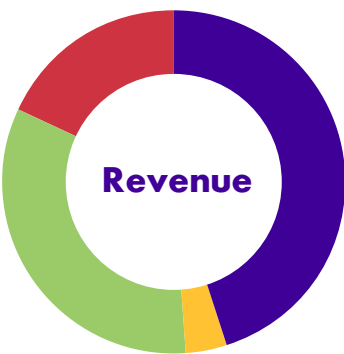
Harvel, OrKidstra Student



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Financial Highlights



Individuals 45%
Corporations **5%**
Charities/Foundations **28%**
Government **22%**



Program 76%
Management/
Administration **15%**
Fundraising **9%**



Professional Teaching Services 29%
Instruments & Program Delivery **16%**
Program Staff & Volunteer
Coordination **53%**
Community Outreach **2%**
Please note that program staff also support teaching.

Statement of Financial Position (as of June 30, 2022)

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	266,381	314,121
Short Term Investments	423,099	330,638
Accounts Receivable and HST	2,704	25,229
Prepaid Expenses	9,099	5,734
	701,283	675,722
CAPITAL ASSETS	65,169	62,598
TOTAL ASSETS	766,452	738,320
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	24,428	16,813
Deferred Contributions	21,760	100,000
	46,188	116,813
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	60,601	57,594
TOTAL LIABILITIES	53,395	174,407
NET ASSETS	659,663	563,913
	766,452	738,320

Please visit orkidstra.ca to view the full audited financial statements.

Our Donors are a special part of our OrKidstra family!

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Please note: donations for the Annual Report are calculated cumulatively based on OrKidstra's fiscal year (July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022).

Our philosophy

OrKidstra was inspired by the renowned El Sistema program that has, over the last 47 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.

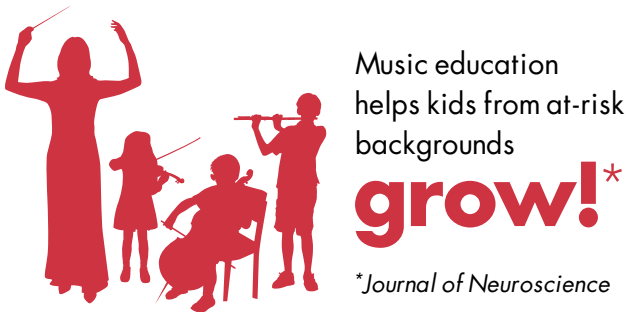
Supports peer-to-peer structure, which breaks down barriers and fosters friendship.

Develops a sense of belonging with joy and fun.

Creates extensive and intensive community connections.

“At OrKidstra, I feel a lot less lonely because there are a lot of people who are very welcoming.”

Sophia, OrKidstra Student



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OrKidstra Staff (as of June 30, 2022)

Tina Fedeski — Executive & Artistic Director

Janath Vesna — Director of Strategy & Advancement

Carrie Olivo Lauzon — Finance & Logistics Manager

Rebecca Russell — Senior Development & Communications Officer

Inga Vitols — Administrative Assistant

Emily Jenness — Program Administrator

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Lucas Olsen-Willford — Program Assistant & Teaching Artist

Sonia Caceres — Teaching Artist & Program Facilitator

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A big thank you to Yasir Naqvi who stepped down from the Board of Directors in 2021-22.

**Mark Sutcliffe began a leave of absence from the Board on June 28, 2022; thank you to Jeff Heynen for taking on the role of Interim Chair during Mark’s leave.*

OrKidstra Founders

Gary McMillen, Margaret Maria Tobolowska and **Tina Fedeski**, MSM

OrKidstra Teaching Artists

Please visit orkidstra.ca for a full list.



“I see myself in every one of these children as a new Canadian who has been given a chance. When you come to (a new country), you don’t want to be a burden but a productive contributor. OrKidstra has given me that chance to be useful by giving back.”

Salim Charabati, 2021-22 Vice Chair



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