

OrKidstra Annual Report 2022-23



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Music: The Power to Change Lives

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

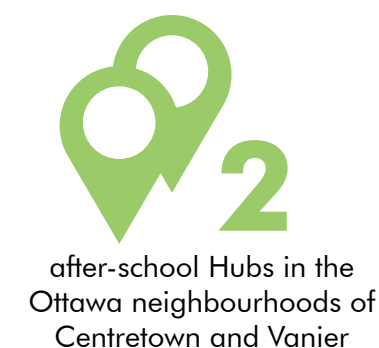
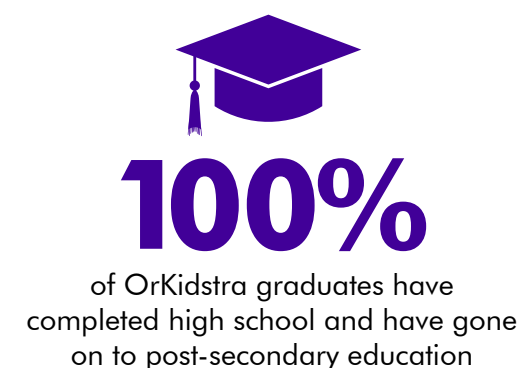
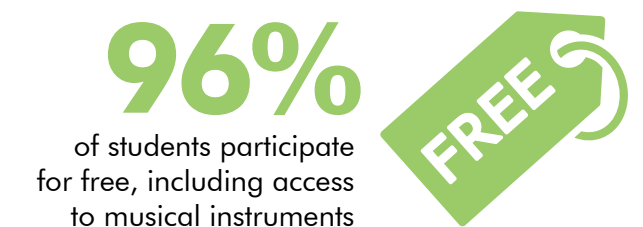
OrKidstra gives children and youth from under-served Ottawa communities the opportunity to learn essential life skills — such as responsibility, teamwork, respect, and compassion — through singing and playing music together.

OrKidstra makes an immediate and lifelong positive impact!

“Without our donors, I wouldn't have been able to spend my life growing up here and enjoying music. Thank you for making my life better.”

Dora, started at OrKidstra in 2011, graduated in 2023 (flute)

Your support makes a BIG impact!



*Centretown, Vanier, Overbrook, Lowertown, and Heron Gate

**2022-23 OrKidstra Student, Parent and Teacher Survey indicating the students' growth from September 2022 to June 2023.


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 such as 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)	KidStarters 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)



Paul Wells and Tina Fedeski, MSM.

A message from the Chair and the Executive & Artistic Director

As we reflect on our 2022-23 season, we are filled with a profound sense of gratitude for our OrKidstra family. Our collective efforts to rebuild and revitalize after the challenges of the last few years have created an even stronger and reconnected community. Guided by our shared values of Love, Courage, Excellence, and Belonging, our full return to in-person programming in 2022-23 brought significant growth for both our students and OrKidstra.

As the opportunity returned to make music together, we were delighted to welcome almost 100 beginner students to our after-school programming at our Centre and Vanier Hubs. For the first time since 2019, we watched our Beginner Instrumental students fall in love with their instruments and learn side-by-side with their peers, building relationships that we know will develop into beautiful life-long friendships. In December, we celebrated our first in-person Holiday Concerts since before the pandemic. It was a meaningful experience for everyone involved, especially for students who had to muster up the Courage to perform live for the first time. It’s been truly inspiring to witness our older students stepping into mentorship roles, guiding younger and newer members through challenges, fostering their musical growth, and showing them that a sense of Belonging can be found at OrKidstra.

Strengthened by your support, OrKidstra was able to provide awe-inspiring opportunities and life-changing experiences for our students by reconnecting with the Ottawa community in 2022-23. Our students showcased their Excellence and dedication to community building at many high-profile events, including having the honour of gracing the stage at the Governor General’s Performing Arts Awards. In the spring, 25 of our senior students also took part in a transformative experience collaborating and performing with musicians from the world-renowned Chineke! Orchestra, deepening their awareness of musicality, teamwork, passion, and possibility.

The success of our 2022-23 season is a testament to the resilience and commitment of our OrKidstra family. Our dedicated students, volunteers, Board, Teaching Artists, staff, Ambassadors, donors, sponsors, and partners are the true conductors behind OrKidstra’s magic. By championing our efforts with steadfast support and unwavering Love, you are playing a key part in empowering children and youth to reach their full potential through the joys and challenges of music-making.

With boundless thanks and appreciation,

Paul Wells, Chair, 2022-23

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

“Having OrKidstra in a room elevates the very room itself.”

Paul Wells, OrKidstra Board Chair

Key Events of 2022-23

July 4 - July 15, 2022 – OrKidstra offers two weeks of in-person summer programming, including mentorship.

September 14, 2022 – OrKidstra begins its 16th season with fully in-person programing at our after-school Hubs in Vanier and Centretown.

November 15, 2022 – OrKidstra performs at the Inauguration Ceremony for the 2022-2026 City Council.

November 19, 2022 – OrKidstra performs at the Vanier Community Services Centre for the National Day of the Child.

December 2, 2022 – OrKidstra performs at the 2022 Christmas Cheer Breakfast.

December 11, 2022 – OrKidstra provides pre-concert music and caroling at the NAC Orchestra Players’ Association’s 2022 FanFair in support of local charities.

December 7 & 15, 2022 – OrKidstra’s Holiday Concerts are held in-person for the first time since 2019 at the Vanier Hub and the Carleton-Dominion Chalmers Centre.

January 11, 2023 – OrKidstra’s first day of programming in 2023.

March 16, 2023 – World-renowned Chineke! Orchestra invited ensembles from OrKidstra to perform in the lobby before their concert.

April 24, 2023 – OrKidstra performs in the NAC lobby prior to a concert in honour of the President of Germany.

April 28, 2023 – OrKidstra’s Spring Chamber Music Concert featuring OrKidstra staff, Teaching Artists, Experiential Teaching Artists Practicum students, and senior students!

May 2023 – OrKidstra students from our Vanier and Centre Hubs perform in multiple Showcases for their families.

May 27, 2023 – OrKidstra performs onstage at the NAC at the 2023 Governor General’s Performing Arts Awards.

June 7 & 14, 2023 – OrKidstra’s Vanier and Centre Hub End-of-Year Concerts were a great success, with the Centretown event attracting 700+ attendees at Carleton-Dominion Chalmers Centre.

June 14, 2023 – Seven new OrKidstra Graduates – Mateo, Dora, Sam, Shan, Nithini, Michael, and Nia – join our “OldKidstra”!

June 19, 2023 – OrKidstra performs at the Ottawa Local Immigration Partnership 2023 Welcome Ottawa Week Breakfast.

“My favourite thing about OrKidstra is all the opportunities we get to perform in many different places.”

Sham, OrKidstra Student (violin)



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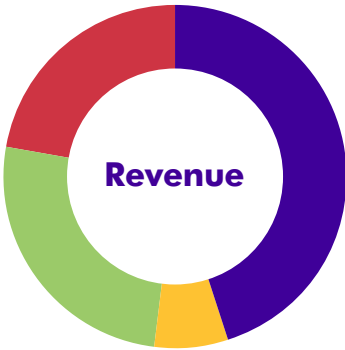
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Financial Highlights



Individuals **45%**
Corporations **7%**
Charities/Foundations **26%**
Government **22%**



Program **89%**
Management/
Administration **7%**
Fundraising **4%**



Professional Teaching Services **20%**
Instruments & Program Delivery **18%**
Program Staff & Volunteer
Coordination **60%**
Community Outreach **3%**
*Includes staff costs. Please note that
program staff also support teaching.*

Statement of Financial Position *(as of June 30, 2023)*

	2023	2022*
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	141,836	266,381
Short Term Investments	245,475	268,950
Accounts Receivable and HST	23,473	2,704
Prepaid Expenses	7,994	9,099
	418,778	547,134
CAPITAL ASSETS	66,283	65,169
TOTAL ASSETS	485,061	612,303
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	33,145	24,428
Deferred Contributions	80,264	21,760
	113,409	46,188
DEFERRED CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS	58,733	60,601
TOTAL LIABILITIES	172,142	106,789
NET ASSETS	312,919	505,514
	485,061	612,303

**restated to provide retrospective comparison due to endowment investments recognized as an asset held with the Ottawa Community Foundation.*

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

Our Donors are a special part of our OrKidstra family!

Inner Circle (\$5,000 and up)

- Casey, Cheryl & Doug
Duck, Gary & Cornelia
Gibb, Ian
- Halpenny, Suzanne
Hendelman, Walter
Hewitt, Angela
- Hopwood, Emily
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Sagar, Peter
- Senecal, Nicole
Sipolins, Anda
Teron, Jean
- Van Dine, David
Wells, Paul

Individuals (\$1,000 to \$4,999)

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Campbell, Margaret
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Ferguson, Karen
Frankowski, Adam
Gagnon, Rachel
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Glossop, Robert
Gray, Charlotte
- Ha, Joseph
Haley, Marlene
Hart, Marilyn
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Higham, Robin & Louise
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Huus, Evan
Jeffrey, Barbara
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Laister, David & Susan
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Laux, Jeanne
Legault, Sandra
Lewis, Matthew
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McDermott, Elizabeth
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Thank you to our generous Corporate, Foundation and Community Supporters for 2022–23

\$3,000 to \$9,999

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Ottawa Community Foundation
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\$65,000+

- City of Ottawa Arts Funding Program

Please visit orkidstra.ca for the full list of our OrKidstra supporters!

Special thanks to Aerographics for generously supporting OrKidstra with design and production services.
Please note: donations for the Annual Report are calculated cumulatively based on OrKidstra’s fiscal year (July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023).

Our philosophy

OrKidstra was inspired by the renowned El Sistema program that has, over the last 48 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.

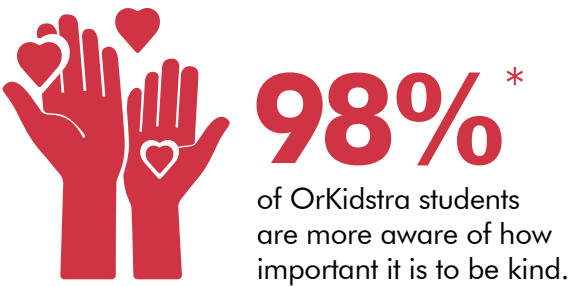
Supports peer-to-peer structure, which breaks down barriers and fosters friendship.

Develops a sense of belonging with joy and fun.

Creates extensive and intensive community connections.

“Music has changed my life. Sometimes you can’t think of what to say, but playing music helps me let my feelings out.”

Beryl, OrKidstra Student (Violin)



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OrKidstra Staff (as of June 30, 2023)

- Tina Fedeski** – Executive & Artistic Director
- Carrie Lauzon** – Director of Finance & Operations
- Rebecca Russell** – Director of Development & Communications
- Inga Vitols** – Resource & Logistics Administrator
- Leslie Noxon** – Development & Communications Coordinator
- Emily Jenness** – Program Manager
- Mark Constantine** – Artistic Operations Manager
- Sonia Caceres** – Teaching Artist & Program Facilitator
- Raina Saunders** – Teaching Artist & Program Facilitator
- Lucas Olsen-Willford** – Program Assistant & Teaching Artist
- Astrid Camarena Correa** – Program Assistant
- Elhaam Namet-Allah** – Program Assistant
- Katerina Dimitrova** – Program Assistant

OrKidstra Ambassadors

- Angela Hewitt**, CC, OBE
- Alexander Shelley**
- Kellylee Evans**

“The OrKidstra program nurtures talent, builds self-confidence and inspires happiness through its spirit of togetherness, kindness and caring.”

Kellylee Evans,
OrKidstra Ambassador
(JUNO Award-winning singer and songwriter)

OrKidstra Board of Directors

(as of June 30, 2023)

- Paul Wells** – Chair
- Riaz Mohammed** – Vice-Chair
- Marie-Josée Lambert** – Treasurer
- Chayanika Abeysekera-Lutes** – Secretary
- Cathy Doolan** – Director
- Jeff Heynen** – Director
- Salim Charabati** – Director
- Sean McGee** – Director
- Shirley Westeinde** – Director

A big thank you to Michael Maidment, who stepped down from the Board of Directors in 2022-23.

OrKidstra Founders

Gary McMillen, Margaret Maria Tobolowska and Tina Fedeski, MSM

OrKidstra Teaching Artists

Please visit orkidstra.ca for a full list.





OrKidstra with the world-renowned Chineke! Orchestra
at the National Arts Centre on March 17, 2023.

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