

# 2024-25 Annual Report

## Discover CMSFW



Reaching out to audiences of all ages throughout the 2024-25 season, the Chamber Music Society of Fort Worth fulfilled its mission to present superior chamber music experiences through education, outreach, and performances that inspire, uplift, and connect with our community.

**8 Professional Concert Series performances,** *Journey Through Textural Colors*, featured internationally known chamber groups such as the Balourdet and Dover Quartets, the Atrium Quartet and the Busch Trio along with noted special guests including pianist Anton Nel, violinist Chloé Kiffer, and cellist Robert deMaine. Of particular note, three years in the making, was the performance of a new work for string quartet written by American composer Jerod Tate. The work was commissioned by our organization, CMSFW, as well as others including the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and Friends of Chamber Music Arizona.

**8 Pre-Concert Conversations** educated audiences by delving into composers' composition techniques, their lives, and their historic importance.

**30 Education and Outreach initiatives,** a 70% increase over our last fiscal year, with total attendance of over 4,215 individuals ranging in age from pre-kindergarten to adults.



### Education

- Building Blocks of Music
- Learning with the Masters
- CMSFW2
- Fort Worth Youth Orchestra Partnership

### Outreach

- Family Concert Series
- Retirement Communities
- Hospital Outreach
- Museum & Gallery Concerts

### Performance

- Professional Concert Series
- Pre-Concert Conversations

*"I thought it was really meaningful and interesting to go and participate in such a special event at the Kimbell Art Museum. My artwork was one of the first 10 to be chosen! It was really cool to see what others had created through their perspectives while listening to the music."*

Emma Prasifka, Glen Rose Junior High School, 7th Grade



70%

increase in education and outreach initiatives

#### ***Building Blocks of Music***

Reached students through Fort Worth ISD masterclasses and Building Blocks of Music concerts including presentations at Glen Rose ISD that teach the basics of chamber music in a fun, multi-dimensional presentation.

## *Learning with the Masters*

Presented master classes at local universities featuring noted guest artists, furthering the connection to the core series concerts for the university student body and faculty.

## *CMSFW2*

Promoted an up-and-coming quartet from Julliard with a weekend of performances featuring a master class with the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra and a performance at The Stayton at Museum Way.

## *Fort Worth Youth Orchestra Partnership*

To support our goal to nurture talent across North Texas, CMSFW presented focused learning opportunities given through master classes to members of the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra.

## *Family Concert Series*

Concerts held at each of the museums—The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, the Kimbell Art Museum, and the Amon Carter Museum of American Art— focused on music for all ages with price breaks for families. Highlights of the series included students performing with professionals, an art contest with students' artwork projected on-screen coordinated with music, and musicians dressed in costume whose pre-concert time was spent engaging with the audience.

## *Retirement Communities and Hospital Outreach*

Programs were presented throughout the 2024-25 season throughout the community with the goal of further outreach in 2025-26.

## *Museum & Gallery Concerts*

Performances by professional musicians coordinated the music that inspired an artist in a museum or gallery setting surrounded by the artist's work.



8

Concert series performances with 8 Pre-Concert Conversations reaching 1,330 patrons



30

Outreach and Education programs employing 125 musicians, a 70% increase in 2024-2025



5,545

Patrons of all ages reached through our Concert Series, Outreach, and Education programs



10

Our Concert Series performers included internationally acclaimed individuals from more than 10 different countries as well as foreign-born U.S. national citizens from 18 different countries

200

YouTube videos with 105,687 views

*“I no longer have to go to New York to hear outstanding chamber music.”*

Judith Norman, CMSFW patron



## Income and Expenses 2024/25 fiscal year\*

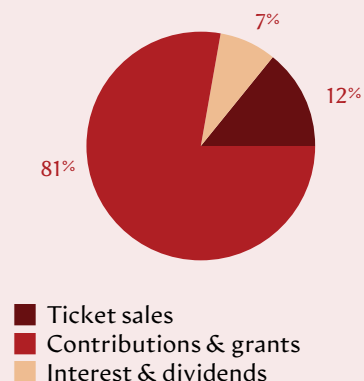
\* Subject to pending audit

The total income for FY 2024/25 was just over \$338,500.

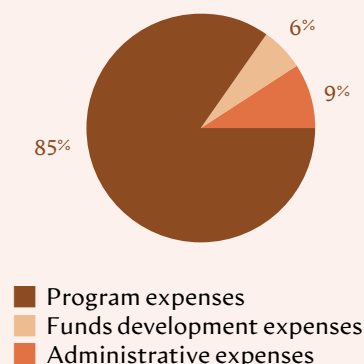
The majority of our funding, approximately \$275,000, came from contributions and grants. The CMSFW board members and patrons provided 55% of the contributions, and 45% was allocated through grants.

Of the total expenses for FY 2024/25, approximately \$353,000, 85% or about \$300,000 supported our programs. Of the total program expenses, just over 50% supported our Concert Series; 32% financed our Education and Outreach initiatives; and 17% covered shared program expenses such as printing and advertising in addition to similar costs benefiting all areas.

### FY 2024/25 Income



### FY 2024/25 Expenses



Photos by Sally Verrando and Holly Stricklin

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As usual, the Fort Worth Chamber Music Society's season ended with an excellently performed concert with a fascinating program... The program ended with a rip-roaring performance of Schumann's Piano Quintet in E-flat major, Op. 44 (1842). ...It is a dazzling work, and it received a dazzling performance by the performers. In fact, it was probably one of the finest performances in recent memory.”

Gregory Sullivan Isaacs, EarRelevant music review