

2025-26 Annual Report

Discover CMSFW

Bringing world-class chamber music to our community



Chamber Music Society of Fort Worth believes in the transformative power of classical chamber music, sharing it through breathtaking concerts as well as impactful education and outreach programs. Discover how we're shaping the future of music — in the concert hall, the classroom, and the community.

8 Core Concert Series performances, *Subtle Connections Across the World*, featured internationally known chamber groups, such as the Leonkoro Quartet, the Atrium String Quartet, and the Hermitage Piano Trio. A special highlight was the performance of a commissioned work by Pierre Jalbert, who was in attendance for the concert, for clarinet and string quartet performed by the Dover Quartet and clarinetist Romie De Guise-Langlois. The final concert of the season welcomed back Cliburn gold medalist Vadym Kholodenko in a stunning season finale ending with the Franck Piano Quintet in F Minor, Op. 34.

8 Pre-Concert Conversations presented by Artistic Director Gary Levinson along with Dr. Laurie Schulman, musicologist and CMSFW program annotator, and Dr. Till Meyn, TCU professor of composition. Photos and musical examples educate audiences, delving into composers' lives, composition techniques, and historical context.



21 Education and Outreach initiatives reached over **3,600 audience members** through four education programs: Building Blocks of Music, Learning with the Masters, the Emerging Artist Series, and the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra partnership. Outreach programs included the Family Concert Series as well as presentations in retirement communities, memory care facilities, hospital outreach, and museum and gallery concerts.



Education

- Building Blocks of Music
- Learning with the Masters
- Emerging Artist Series
- Fort Worth Youth Orchestra Partnership

Outreach

- Family Concert Series
- Retirement Communities
- Hospital and Memory Care
- Museums and Galleries

Performance

- Core Concert Series
- Pre-Concert Conversations

“*[The Dover Quartet and Romie de Guise-Langlois’s] flawlessly executed rendition of Mozart’s Clarinet Quintet was infused by a distinct light-hearted spirit...nuances of execution abounded...made more evident in the visible enjoyment the players showed.*”

William McGinty
texasclassicalreview.com

3,630

people reached in
21 Education and
Outreach programs



42%

increase in YouTube
views: 248 videos
with 150,125 views

Core Concerts reached

1,365
patrons

100%

audience increase in
two years of the
Family Concert Series

“ Our passion for chamber music is simply an extension of a greater love of meeting good people...in Fort Worth, we were greeted with incredible warmth and generosity through CMSFW. Such kindness we cannot take for granted and hope we were able to return the gesture through our performances.”

Trio Laval
2025-26 featured
Emerging Artist Series

Building Blocks of Music

The program taught the basics of chamber music in a fun, multidimensional way. In 2025-26 Uplift Meridian Prep, Dolores Huerta Elementary in Fort Worth ISD, and Glen Rose ISD elementary students were among the organizations benefitting from the program's folk and traditional music, introduction to instrument families, and beginning music vocabulary.

Learning with the Masters

Guest artist and University of Illinois Professor of Horn Bernhard Scully gave master classes to groups of students from TCU, UNT, and SMU. A group of 10 students benefitted from his coaching, and the video is now on our YouTube channel for other students to view.

Emerging Artist Series

After a nationwide competition, Artistic Director Gary Levinson and staff chose Trio Laval to be the series' featured, up-and-coming young chamber group. A weekend of performances for them included a master class with the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra, a performance at The Stayton at Museum Way, and a patron performance at NeVille Gallery.

Fort Worth Youth Orchestra Partnership

To support our goal to educate and nurture talent in our community, CMSFW presented master classes to members of the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra.

Family Concert Series

In its second year, the Family Concert Series held concerts at four museums — the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, the Kimbell Art Museum, the Amon Carter Museum of American Art, and in the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's Omni Theater. Professional musicians, who interacted with the audience, multimedia storytelling, and student art projections created multisensory experiences. Low-cost tickets provided affordable family experiences. Our audiences doubled in size from the first to second year.

Retirement Communities, Hospitals, and Memory Care Programs

CMSFW Outreach also presented concerts throughout the community, reaching many community members unable to attend concerts.

Museum & Gallery Concerts

Performances by professional musicians showcased music, sculpture, and painting in concerts at the Kimbell and the Modern Art Museums of Fort Worth. A gallery performance emphasized the intimacy of chamber music.



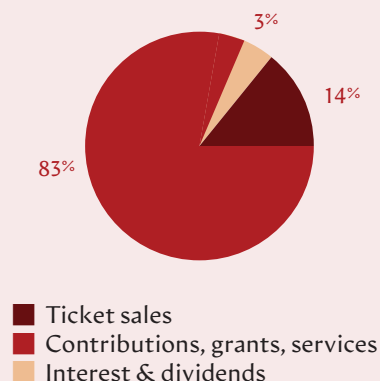
Income and Expenses 2025-26 fiscal year*

* Subject to pending audit

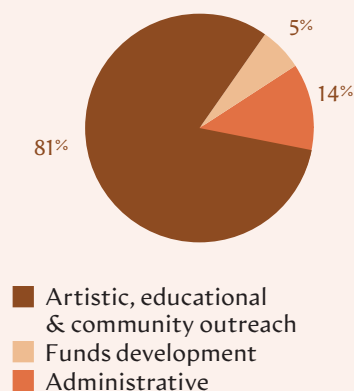
The total income for FY 2025-26 was approximately \$332,000. The majority of our funding, approximately \$283,000, came from contributions and grants. Ticket sales were approximately \$48,000.

Of the total expenses for FY 2025-26, nearly \$306,000 supported our artistic, education and community outreach programs. Of the total program expenses, just over 46% supported our Core Concert Series, 38% financed our Education and Outreach initiatives, and 16% covered shared program expenses such as production, printing, marketing, advertising and other similar costs benefiting all areas.

FY 2025/26 Income



FY 2025/26 Expenses



“ We always have such a great time attending the family chamber concerts. Not only are they entertaining for parents, but there is plenty to keep kids engaged. Our son loves when he is introduced to the instruments before the concert, and it has inspired him to learn more about music and composers. It is so fun that we can do something so enriching as a family!”

Peter and Jessica York
Family Concert Series patrons