Welcome

Dear CSMA friends and supporters,

I am delighted to present our Annual Report for fiscal year 2022, which showcases the incredible impact we made with your support. I am inspired by the tireless efforts of our staff, faculty and board of directors to provide access to the arts for all and by the achievements of our students. I hope you are as well.

This year was particularly significant for CSMA – a number of milestones were reached and long-term goals were accomplished. Please see pages 6 and 7 of this report for details and photos.

One accomplishment will affect the School’s future for years to come. We completed the Roy and Ruth Rogers Wing on the adjoining property. This project allowed us to expand our facilities and create additional program space to grow and serve more students.

Our programs continued a steady and encouraging recovery from the setback of the pandemic. We served over 50 schools in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, providing music and art education to more than 20,000 students during their school day and experienced strong growth in our onsite programs. We also sustained our commitment to financial aid, providing nearly $400,000 to students and schools in need. We believe that every student should have access to quality arts education.

In March 2022 we were honored to present the world premiere of ‘Imagine Our Future,’ a new musical work by jazz great Taylor Eigsti. A wildly enthusiastic crowd of nearly 500 enjoyed the performance commissioned by the Hewlett Foundation and crowd-sourced from ideas and art submitted to CSMA by Bay Area youth.

These achievements affirm our commitment to creating an inclusive center for the arts, where all people can explore and develop their creative potential. Thank you for your continued support. Please know it truly makes a difference.

Warm regards,

Vickie Scott Grove
CSMA Executive Director
Our Impact

The Community School of Music and Arts (CSMA) inspires excellence through art and music education for people of all ages and abilities.

28K participants served by CSMA music and art programs

20K students receive music and art instruction during their school day

$400K financial aid for qualifying students

CSMA relies on our generous donors to support our commitment to Arts4All. Your tax-deductible gift provides:

- Financial aid for music and art students
- Program subsidies for Music4Schools, Art4Schools and Artistic Intelligence programs
- Free Community Concerts and art exhibitions

91% of every dollar received is spent on programs

- 5% Management & General
- 4% Fundraising

FY22 Financial Results

Support and Revenue* $7,829,848
Net Investment Income (loss) $(261,926)
Total Support and Revenue $7,567,922
Expenses $7,034,033
Change in Net Assets $795,815

*Includes bequest
FY22 Top Achievements

- New Roy and Ruth Rogers Wing completed
- In-School Program served 50+ schools
- Artistic Intelligence program offered in-person and online
- Annual Gala featuring CSMA alumnus Taylor Eigsti held at Filoli
- Art students returned to campus at pre-COVID level of enrollment
- $400,000 in financial aid provided to students and schools
- 16 free Community Concerts presented in Tateuchi Hall
- World premiere of commissioned work "Imagine Our Future" by Taylor Eigsti

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Anthony's Story

CSMA's financial aid program is central to our mission and greatly extends the reach of our programs and number of students served. In FY22 nearly $400,000 was invested in music and art programs for over 50 schools, in programs for students with disabilities and in over 150 awards to individuals.

One student's story is very special because it connected five lives and made a difference for everyone involved. Educational consultant and CSMA board member Judy Crates again stepped up last year to serve as an Interim Principal at an elementary school in our local district. In the role of Principal, she witnessed first hand the enormous stress on families from the mental health and economic effects of the pandemic, pushing children and working parents to their limits. One young student caught her eye for his energy, charm and need for engagement. Anthony's situation was like so many students Judy saw struggling during the school year. His father having passed away, his mom was working two jobs to provide for him and his little sister.

Sharing the challenges of the school year with friend and CSMA donor Jan Boelke, Judy found a kindred spirit. Jan knew the power of creative self-expression for children and was familiar with CSMA's programs. She decided to make a gift to our financial aid program and asked to be introduced to the young student after he was awarded aid and found a spot in CSMA's summer camp program. Anthony's mom was open to the introduction and eager to thank Jan for the donation. Enjoying several meetups facilitated by Judy, the family and Jan have become friends, and the young artist is back at camp, developing drawing, cartooning and storytelling skills. Anthony's younger sister is looking forward to going to camp with her big brother.

Please note: The student's name has been changed to maintain anonymity.

Financial Aid Testimonials

“I always wanted my four kids to have a musical education to give them opportunities to make their lives better. But it is financially a big burden for me. My kids were able to start their musical education journey with CSMA's generous financial support. The application processing is very easy, and Emma always gives me very quick responses. Thank you so much, CSMA!”

“I applaud CSMA in their efforts to make these classes available to everyone. My granddaughter is of Hispanic descent. She is getting the chance many of us were denied, and flourishing because of it. Thank you.”

“Each teacher is talented and dedicated to the craft of teaching music/art. The music program is inclusive, and the children's recitals are always memorable, with each teacher creating a sense of community for their students.”

“My son is a private piano lesson student. He has an intellectual disability, but is able to play piano. He is very proud of his talent. Thanks to CSMA's financial aid program, my son is able to continue taking lessons. I hardly manage to give him other necessities. Thank you so much for your generous support to someone who really needs it.”

“I grew up in poverty, so I couldn't achieve my dream to become a musician. For a single mom, your financial support contributes to a meaningful life for all of us. The support generates a foundation for my son to develop his potential in the best possible way. I am really grateful for your support – because of you, we are able to transform our daily stumble into something more aesthetic.”
Artistic Intelligence Art Show

As part of our commitment to Arts4All, CSMA partners with AbilityPath, Morgan Autism Center, and the Adult Transition Program (ATP) at Mountain View Los Altos High School District to bring weekly art, music and dance to teens and adults with developmental disabilities.

Students participate in hands-on arts experiences in a supportive, encouraging environment. They are given a wide variety of projects, such as drawing, painting, printmaking, collage and mixed media. Lessons include fundamental art concepts, such as value, line, symmetry and pattern, while also allowing the students to experiment and express their own ideas.

At the end of each session, the students are celebrated through an art exhibition, which highlights their hard work and provides a sense of belonging within the community.

Artwork from the Artistic Intelligence program was on display in the Sobrato Hallway at Finn Center.
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