



# SAN DIEGO YOUTH SYMPHONY

Part of the **KeyNote** Music Education Family

2022-23 ANNUAL REPORT



# WELCOME

Our 2022-23 season has been filled with inspiring moments. We've had the chance to see new artistic leadership take hold — breathing new energy into our flagship program. We've seen our dreams for our community programs come into focus — impacting new communities across the county. We've expanded our offerings for our youngest musicians — completing the cradle to college strategy. And we're laying the groundwork for exciting new changes at SDYS — paving the way to an evolution that our founder, Leo Scheer, could have never imagined nearly eighty years ago.

And inspiring it all? Gratitude. We're grateful for the continued support of the San Diego community — a community that recognizes the need for arts education and for what it contributes to the lives of young people. We're grateful to the families and students who make music education a priority in their lives and who fill our rehearsal spaces with music every week. We're grateful to the dozens of partners and colleagues who help us reach our goals.

Looking back, it's been a challenging year. But it's been worth it. SDYS **enriches the lives of young people through music**. Those words continue to matter in what we do every day. Thank you for helping us do what we do best.

Sincerely,



Dr. Michael K. Remson  
President & CEO



Sameer Patel  
Artistic Director



John Lipsey  
Chair, Board of Directors

# SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



Artistic Director **Sameer Patel** celebrates his first season at SDYS

**The Opus Project** expands to San Diego Unified and Santee school districts



SDYS launches **Music Discovery** curriculum to bridge our early childhood and youth orchestra programs

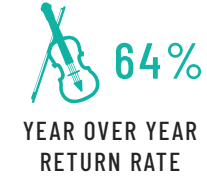


SDYS' **Early Childhood** curriculum forges exciting new community partnerships



# YOUTH ORCHESTRA

## BY THE NUMBERS

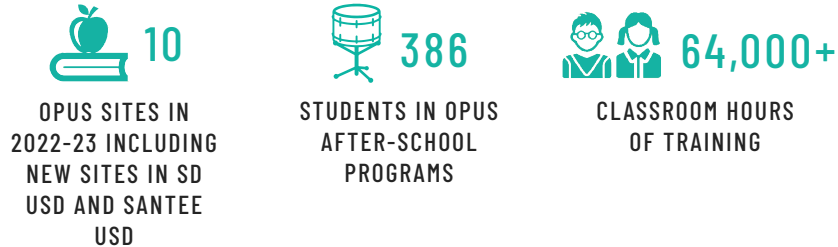


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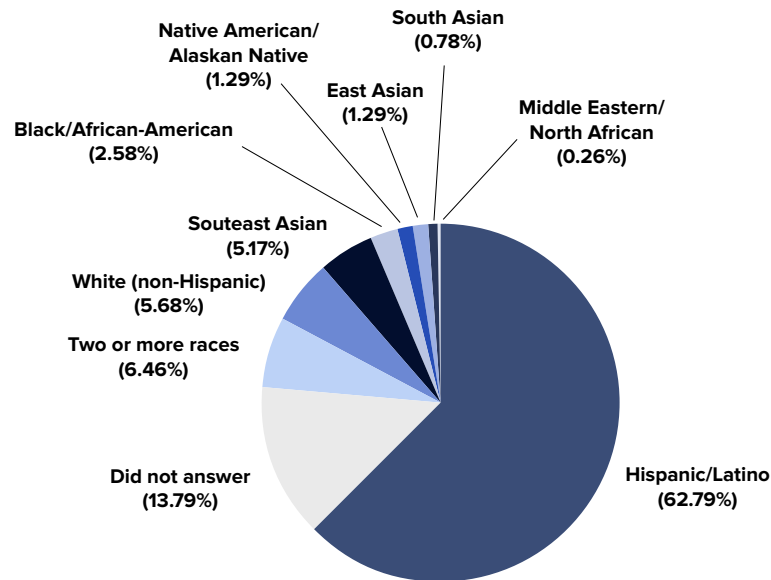
- The Encore! Fund provides tuition assistance to 27.6% of participating students
- No qualified student is turned away due to their inability to pay for the program
- The Encore! Fund supports group and private lessons, instrument loans (including maintenance and repairs), concert attire, free concert tickets for families, parent workshops and more
- Students from community program partner schools receive 100% automatic tuition and fee waivers
- Value-based scholarships are available to any student by application

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

## OPUS PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS



## ENROLLMENT BY ETHNICITY



## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- We continued our partnership with Price Philanthropies supporting in-school programs in City Heights
- Opus students participated in YOLA with the LA Phil
- Opus offered summer camps through Level Up, supported by the San Diego Foundation the San Diego Unified School District, and Chula Vista Elementary School District

# EARLY CHILDHOOD

- **570** families participated in ChIMES classes offered in Balboa Park and Liberty Station
- We reached **325** children in thirteen different TK classrooms in the Chula Vista Elementary School District
- **48** children in two different kindergarten classrooms participated through NTC Foundation's Liberty School program
- **10** families attended a weekly ChIMES class at The Monarch School's Chrysalis Center
- **595** families attended once a month classes at the Encinitas Library through the San Diego County Library program
- **15** families were enrolled in Garfield High School's Teen Parent program in San Diego Unified through the California School and Families Education program (CAL-SAFE)
- We successfully piloted SDYS' newest curriculum, Music Discovery, with **10** families participating in the first year of our two-year curriculum

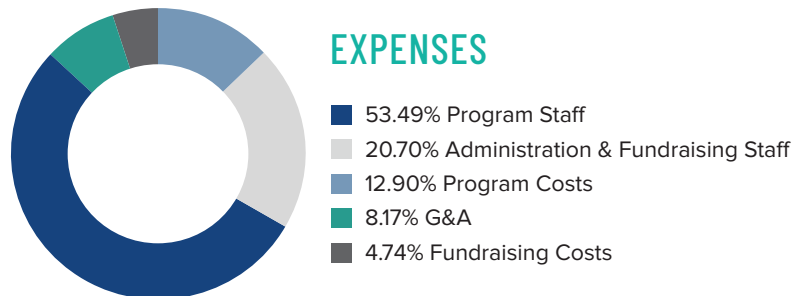
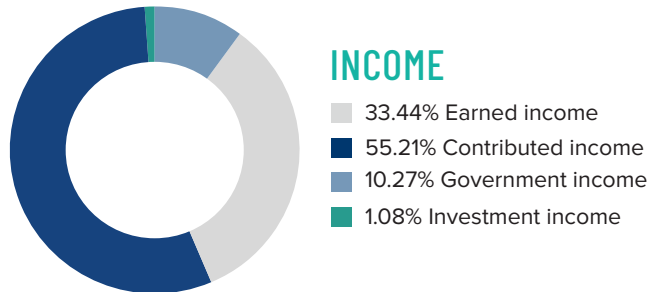
## COMMUNITY PARTNERS



# FINANCIALS

- Earned income of **\$930,302**
- Contributed income of **\$1,536,133**
- Government grant income of **\$285,867**
- Investment revenue of **\$30,015**
- Total operating revenue of **\$ 2,782,317**

In FY2022-23, SDYS continued to benefit from government support through the American Rescue Plan. We returned to 100% operations and exceeded pre-pandemic revenue and activities as a result of careful planning for recovery. These unaudited financials will be updated when our audit is complete and will be posted on the SDYS website.



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A recurring giving program, Music Makers ensure SDYS students and programs are supported throughout the year. This support provides resources to our current music programs and helps create new opportunities, reaching even more youth in San Diego.

Karen & James Botticelli  
Sara & Ed Franqui  
Jon Gilbreath  
Frank Megna  
Ann Zahner



## LEGACY CIRCLE

SDYS thanks the following generous Legacy Circle members for providing lasting support for our students and programs through planned giving. Legacy gifts impact generations of young people through scholarship support, instrument loans, private lessons, and other special opportunities.

James Algert\*  
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### \$10,000-24,999

California Arts Council  
County of San Diego

# Angels' Angels

Angels' Angels are passionate supporters of SDYS who believe that music education is a gateway to opportunity and that every young person deserves access to quality music education programs. Annual membership includes invitations to three private events, preferred concert seating, and fellowship with other members who believe in the lifelong value of music education.

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# Encore!

## 15TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

Encore!, SDYS' annual scholarship fundraiser, was held at the Hyatt Mission Bay in April 2023. Guests experienced a special evening of student performances and stories, audience interaction, and dining with friends. All gifts to the Encore! Fund provide tuition assistance for families in need, value-based scholarships, instrument loans, free lessons, and more. We celebrated our new Artistic Director, Sameer Patel, and heard from our student musicians about what makes SDYS such a meaningful experience.

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