MONTANA CHAMBER MUSIC ANNUAL REPORT

2025-26 SEASON

A Year of Music, Gratitude, Connection, and Growth



Bringing People Together in Concert



The mission of Montana Chamber Music is to advance chamber music by delivering the highest quality performances in the Big Sky country, and to expand ongoing cultural relevance for all by engaging a diverse public.

A Message of Gratitude

Every note we share is an opportunity to connect.
This year, Montana Chamber Music continued to bring exceptional artistry and meaningful musical experiences to communities across our state. From intimate performances and major concerts to school classrooms, university seminars, and rural gathering places, our musicians did more than perform. They inspired discovery, encouraged learning, and created meaningful connections.

Live music belongs to everyone. Whether introducing a toddler to the sounds of chamber music, inspiring a young student, or welcoming longtime patrons to a performance, we strive to make every musical encounter memorable and joyful.

As our organization grows, so does our gratitude. Our accomplishments are made possible through the generosity of donors, the dedication of artists and volunteers, the support of community partners, and the enthusiasm of audiences across Montana.

Thank you for helping us bring people together in concert.

With appreciation,

Angella Ahn
Artistic Director

Valerie Oppenhimer
Managing Director

2025–2026 BY THE NUMBERS

3,850 Total Audience Attendance	**1,150** Children & Students Reached
48 Performances & Engagements	**35** Free Musical Events
16 Montana Communities Reached	**62** Professional Artists Featured

Exceptional Music. Extraordinary Reach.



Five Programs. One Mission.



Season Series

Five series each year connect intimate events, school outreach, university seminars, rural performances, and a culminating ticketed concert.



Summer Festival

Six summer concerts bring exceptional chamber music to communities across Montana, including rural towns, culminating in a major performance in Bozeman.



Noon Notes

Eleven multigenerational concerts bring 5th graders, teachers, and older adults together in concert for guided learning during the school year.



Community Outreach Concerts

Nine free chamber performances in Montana towns, presented in churches and community gathering spaces.



Petite Concerts

Three seasonal introductory chamber music experiences for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and their caregivers.

2025–2026 Featured Artists

Montana Chamber Music proudly welcomed internationally acclaimed musicians and ensembles to Big Sky Country:

Caroline Shaw · Attacca Quartet · Angella Ahn · Xavier Foley · Volterra
Amer Hasan · Albert Cano Smit · Kenji Bunch · Monica Ohuchi

Beyond the Concert Hall



Unexpected!

"When I moved to Montana, I assumed that I would no longer experience the quality of music that I experienced in Chicago, but I was wrong! Montana Chamber Music, concert after concert, offers some of the finest musicians and composers in the world. And the musicians talk with the audiences, infecting us with their passion. To experience Attacca Quartet, Caroline Shaw, Bruce Adolphe, and Xavier Foley in the same year is unheard-of!"

—Season Series Patron

Joyful!

"The violin and cello concert at Noon Notes was so much fun! I can tell they love to play. I have been playing the cello for three years, and their concert and study guide made me want to be the best I can be. I want to practice and be as good as these people. Thank you for playing for us and thank you for bringing Noon Notes to the library."

—Homeschool Student

Growing With Purpose

More Music. More Communities. More Connections

Operating Budget

+ 46% growth



Performances

+ 26% growth



Audience Attendance

+ 39% growth



Investing in Tomorrow's Musicians

Each year, Montana Chamber Music awards two Young Chamber Artist Scholarships to promising performers or composers entering or attending college. Candidates may be nominated by private music teachers, university professors, school music teachers, or board members.

These scholarships recognize artistic promise and support the next generation of chamber musicians.

Looking Forward

Our growth reflects a growing enthusiasm for chamber music across Montana. During the 2025–2026 season, four of our five Season Series sold out both their Intimate Events and Reynolds Hall ticketed concerts.

With an approved operating budget of $263,000 for 2026–2027, Montana Chamber Music is positioned to build on this momentum, strengthening artistic programming, expanding educational opportunities, and bringing exceptional live music to more communities across the state.

Our goal is not simply to grow larger,
but to become more meaningful in the lives of the people we serve.

Gratitude & Financial Stewardship

Total Revenue

$225,943

2025-2026

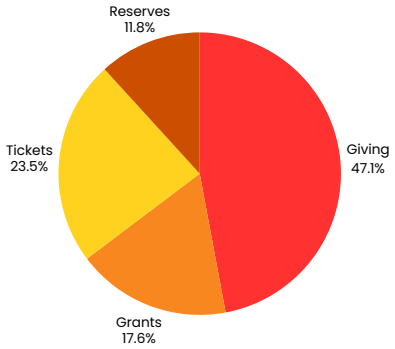
Total Expenses

$223,799

2025-2026

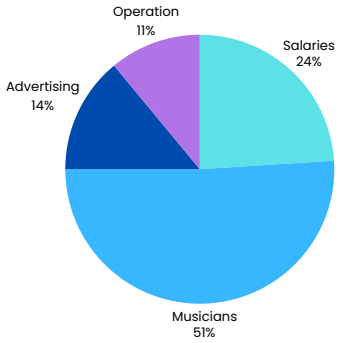
Where Our Support Comes From

Individual Giving	46%
Grants and Sponsorships	18%
Ticket and Program Income	24%
Reserves and Investment Income	12%



How Our Work is Funded

Salaries and Contractors	24%
Musician Fees, Travel, Lodging, Meals	51%
Advertising and Printing	14%
Other Operating Expenses	11%



Financial figures reflect Montana Chamber Music's 2025–2026 fiscal year.

A Community of Generosity

Every performance, educational experience, and outreach concert is made possible by people who believe in the power of live music.

We are deeply grateful to our donors and sponsors for their generosity; our extraordinary musicians for sharing their artistry; our board members and volunteers for their dedication; and our community partners for opening doors.

Together, you make exceptional chamber music accessible to communities across Montana.

Thank you for being part of the music.

The Music Continues Because of You



The Next Chapter Begins With You

From a child's first encounter with live music to a lifelong patron's treasured concert experience, Montana Chamber Music brings people together through the extraordinary power of music.

As we look to the future, our commitment remains steadfast: exceptional artistry, meaningful educational experiences, and accessible concerts for communities across Montana.

Your generosity, participation, and enthusiasm make it all possible.

Together, we are nurturing the next generation of music lovers and keeping the music playing for generations to come.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

- Attend a Concert
- Make a Gift
- Volunteer
- Introduce a Friend to MCM

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