



**YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
PHILHARMONIC**  
OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

**Annual Report**  
**2017-2018**

# **General Information**

## **Organizational History of the Young People's Philharmonic**

The Young People's Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley was founded in 1976 by Jerry T. and Nancy S. Bidlack, and incorporated in 1985. It was originally composed of two orchestras; one, a full symphonic orchestra made up of 85 talented high school students and the other, a string orchestra made up of 45 middle school students. These young musicians continue to come from all over the Lehigh Valley -Lehigh, Northampton, Monroe, Carbon, Bucks, and Berks counties- and Western New Jersey to audition for a seat in the orchestra. Since its founding, the Young People's Philharmonic Organization has grown to include a chamber music program for intermediate and advanced players; and is laying the groundwork for a wind symphony for 6th-9th graders, beginning fall of 2018.

## **Mission Statement**

The Young People's Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley (YPP) is organized for the purposes of providing the youth of the greater Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas with a musical organization where they may study and perform symphony orchestra literature. Our goal is to serve the fifth through twelfth grade youth of the community, and cooperate with the schools in nurturing and developing high quality musicianship. Members of the Philharmonic will be encouraged to participate in their own school music programs. Our goal is also to increase the awareness and appreciation of symphonic music throughout the area.

## **Organizational Structure**

The Young People's Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes provided under section 501 (c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit incidental or otherwise. The YPP is an approved Educational Improvement Organization in Pennsylvania.

A working Board of Directors composed of parents, alumni, local music teachers and community members are responsible for the organization's finances and governance. This body collectively works on infrastructure, policies, and contracts for professionals to administer programs. Board meetings are held on the second Monday of each month, September through June. Executive Committee meetings are held as needed.

Membership in the organization is made up of parents/guardians of current program participants, Board Members, and all staff and volunteers. The Annual Meeting of the Membership is held in May.

# **Young People's Philharmonic of the Lehigh Valley**

## **Program Offerings**

### **Young People's Philharmonic (YPP)**

*For symphonic instrument players from grades 9-12*

The Young People's Philharmonic Senior Orchestra, performs entirely from original symphonic scores and is under the direction of Kenneth T. Bean, professional trumpeter and youth music educator. Maestro Bean is assisted by a stringed instrument coach, Dr. Michael Jorgensen, who holds the position of professor of Practice at Lehigh University. Our students rehearse weekly for 2 1/2 hours and have at least two sectional rehearsals per year with professional coaches appropriate for their instrument. Each student receives over 65 hours of instruction per year. Every year, several graduating seniors go on to professional music study and nearly all remain actively involved in music.

The program includes two public concerts held at the end of each semester. The students also spend a full day traveling to area schools to perform for their peers. In the spring semester we hold the Senior Concerto Competition, where high school seniors can audition to play one movement of a concerto with the orchestra, and perform that piece on the Spring Concert. Unaffiliated professional musicians judge the competition to ensure it is fair and that the quality of the program is superior.

### **Junior String Philharmonic (JSP)**

*For stringed instrument players grades 5-9*

The Junior String Philharmonic plays both original orchestral compositions and advanced arrangements. It provides focused training in string performance under the guidance of Conductor Domenick Fiore, bass teacher and acclaimed Suzuki teacher. In addition, Ms. Connie Trach, violinist, has been working as the stringed instrument coach for this group for over 20 years, helping the students learn technical and musical elements. Like the YPP, the JSP holds two concerts a year and engages on a school tour to perform for local school audiences. The students also perform at community venues like retirement communities and Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

Working in the JSP offers students an introduction to the nuances of playing in an orchestra. Students learn standard orchestral repertoire, play new music produced by living composers, including works commissioned especially for our group. Students are given the opportunity to move around in the section and play solo parts.

## **YPP Chamber Players**

*For intermediate and advanced string players; advanced wind players*

Chamber music is a form of small ensemble, where each musician plays a unique musical part. Started in 2012, this program is still a new endeavour for the YPP organization. Each year the number of groups we can host grows and our program can now host, on average, two string quartets (4 players) and one brass quintet (5 players) and one woodwind quintet (5 players). Students must audition and are accepted based on skill, interest and availability of space. Because only one player plays each part, it is necessary to have a high level of commitment, as the group cannot rehearse or perform without all the players present.

Chamber music takes learning in a group setting one step further by placing the responsibility of musical management, interpretation and direction in the hands of the players, guided by a coach rather than a conductor. Learning these skills builds confidence, technique and musicianship, which our students bring back into their large ensemble experience as outstanding leaders and overall performers.

Each group holds at least 15 rehearsals with a professional coach and at least two performing opportunities. Auditions take place in the spring to form groups for the following season. The Chamber Players have performed all over the Lehigh Valley in retirement communities, fund raisers, for school and public audiences, and more.

### *The critical difference...*

Students who chose to audition for and participate in the Young People's Philharmonic programs have a deep interest and desire to focus on their instrumental and musical education. Since our program is open to students from a wide geographic region, the overall level of playing is higher than an individual school. Our outreach programs to area schools, which include educational performances for student audiences during the school day, allow our students to showcase their talents for peers, and act as musical leaders in their home school ensembles. We expect our students to return to their school ensembles with a sense of pride and a sense of responsibility to role model high quality musicianship for their musical peers.

# Program Highlights

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S PHILHARMONIC

KENNETH BEAN, MAESTRO AMY CHRYST, MANAGER



65 STUDENTS

Holiday Concert - December 10th

Empie Theater, Muhlenberg College

School Tour - November 17th

Saucon Valley HS, Nitschmamm HS

Spring Concert - May 13th

Foy Hall, Moravian College

Senior Concerto Soloist, Sarafina Schultheis, Clarinet

## JUNIOR STRING PHILHARMONIC

DOMENICK FIORE, MAESTRO BRIANNA BORTZ, MANAGER

37 STUDENTS

Holiday Concert - December 10th

Empie Theater, Muhlenberg College

School Tour - November 10th

Sacred Heart MS, S.S. Palmer Elementary School

Spring Concert - May 6th, Wesley Church

Philadelphia Field Trip - April 26th

Philadelphia Orchestra rehearsal of *Pines of Rome*



## YPP CHAMBER PLAYERS

YPP String Quartet (2)  
Michael Jorgensen, Coach

JSP String Quartet (2)  
Sharon Fischer, Coach

Brass Quintet  
Lawrence Wright, Coach

Woodwind Quintet  
Nancy Beitler, Coach

### Featured Performances

March 10th  
Young at Art LVAC Expo

April 5th  
Hopewell Elementary School

April 20th  
PMEA Conference, Lancaster

May 22nd & 29th

Final Concerts

First Presbyterian Church,  
Bethlehem



# Organizational Highlights

## THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S PHILHARMONIC WIND SYMPHONY

The YPP has been expanding its offerings in the past few years, to give music students in the Lehigh Valley a fuller array of ensemble experiences. Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Nancy Beitler, and the Board committee, the YPP Wind Symphony is becoming a reality.

The Young People's Philharmonic has always had a robust string section, in part due to the students who start in JSP and move up into the symphony orchestra. One goal of the Wind Symphony is to attract young students to the organization, and prepare them for the full symphonic experience.

We have been able to lay the groundwork for the first regional student concert band in the area in over 20 years. We are excited that auditions for the Wind Symphony brought out enough students to move forward with rehearsals in the upcoming season.



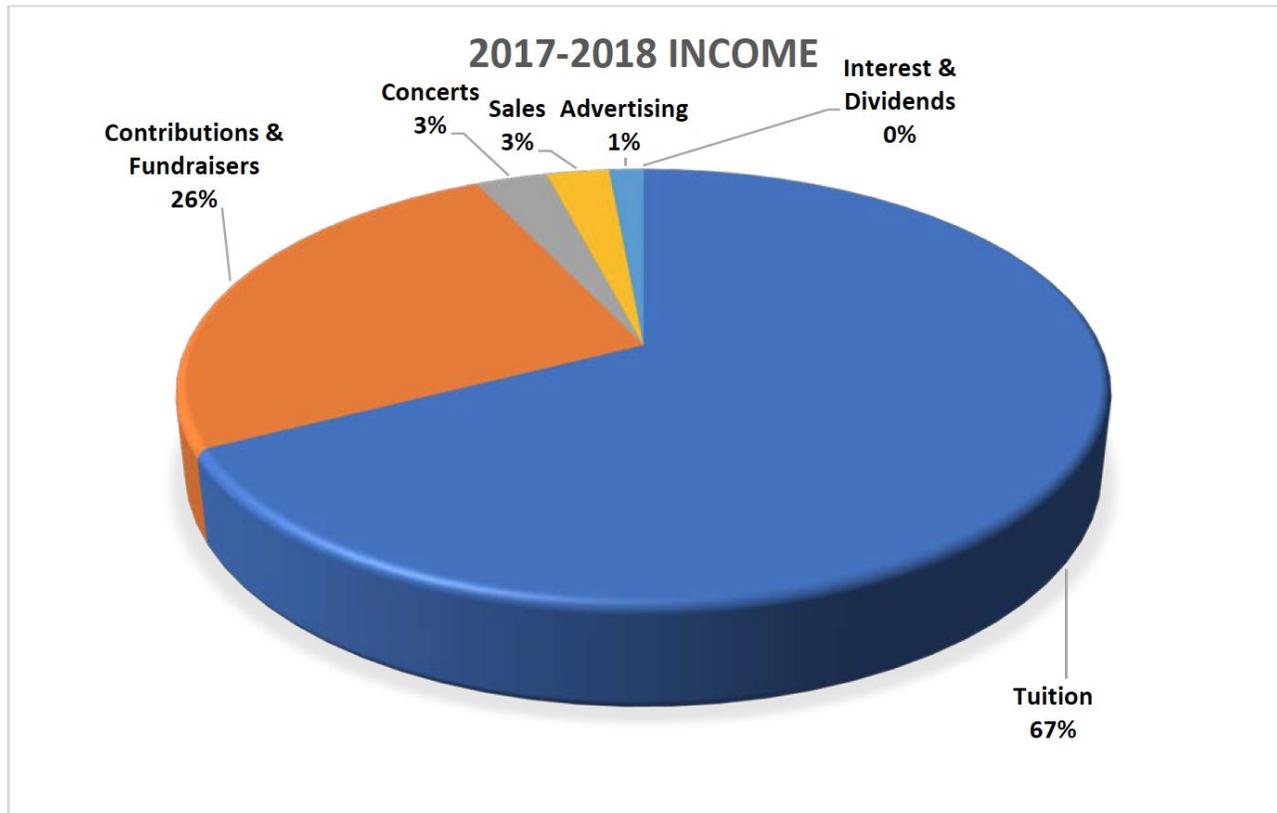
## PROGRESS ON POLICIES AND GOVERNANCE

- ✓ Passed the first ever Family Handbook including program information for Members
- ✓ Passed the most comprehensive Board and Administrative Policy Handbook for the smooth operation of the organization
- ✓ Passed a comprehensive YPP Chamber Player Charter, detailing the scope of the program, and delineating all policies and procedures for all personnel involved.
- ✓ Codified a policy to evaluate and disseminate Financial Aid to participants.
- ✓ Held the first ever Organization-wide Retreat in July 2018 to have conversations on direction, Mission and Vision of the YPP organization.

# Financial Summary

## Income

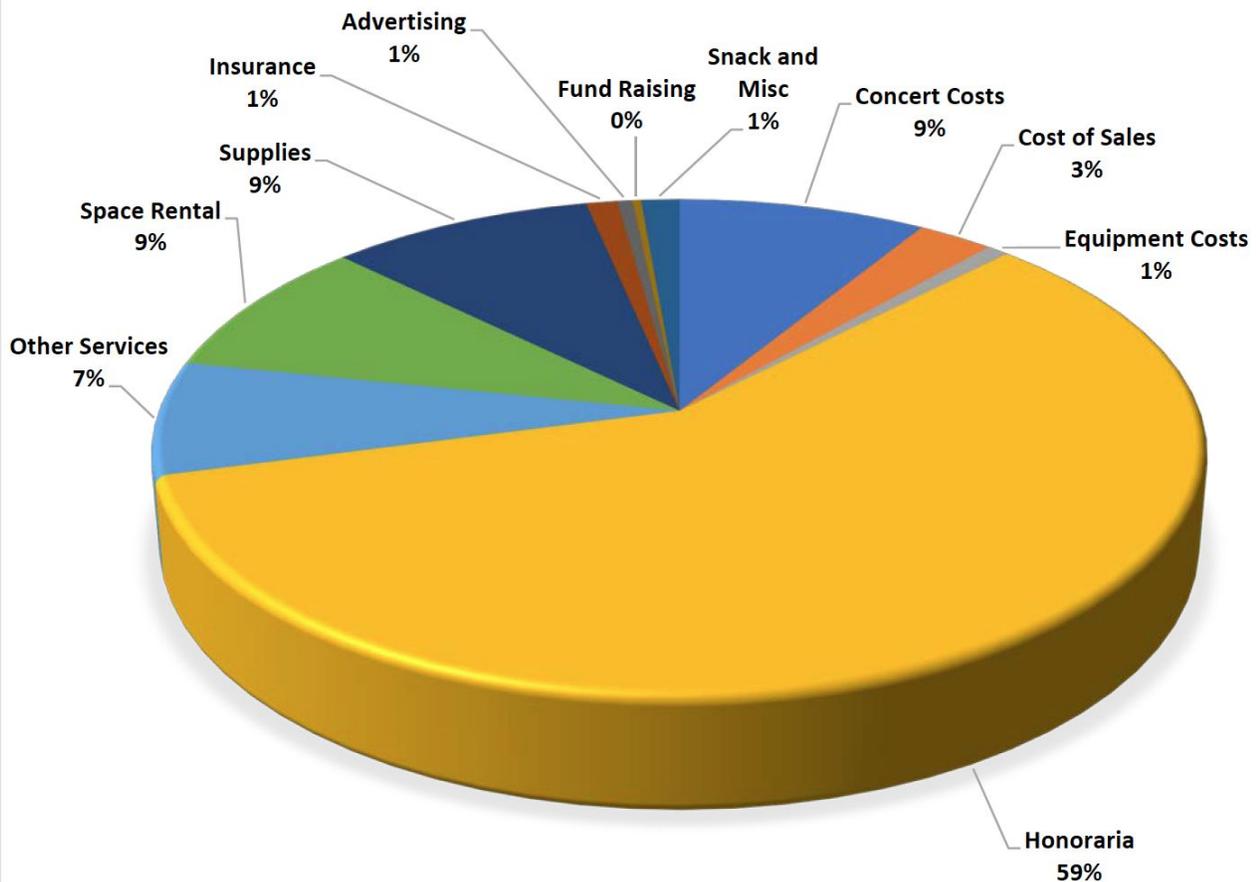
INCOME	2017-2018	2016-2017
Tuition	\$58,316	\$60,523
Contributions & Fundraisers	\$22,059	\$19,239
Concerts	\$2,606	\$3,738
Sales	\$2,265	\$3,285
Advertising	\$1,245	\$920
Interest & Dividends	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$86,491</b>	<b>\$87,706</b>



## Expenses

EXPENSES	2017-2018	2016-2017
Concert Costs	\$7,864	\$5,436
Cost of Sales	\$2,412	\$1,837
Equipment Costs	\$713	\$612
Honoraria	\$52,355	\$46,450
Other Services	\$6,627	\$5,125
Space Rental	\$8,089	\$8,084
Supplies	\$8,393	\$5,743
Insurance	\$986	\$924
Advertising	\$486	\$0
Fund Raising	\$270	\$60
Snack and Misc	\$1,215	\$1,531
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$89,408</b>	<b>\$75,802</b>

2017-2018 EXPENSES



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April 2017 - March 2018

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