



OUR 49TH SEASON // 2024-2025 SOUNDSCAPES

How do you paint a SYMPHONY?

With the flick of a brush, painters can manipulate elements of color, contrast, and texture to craft meaning from visual inputs and create powerful emotional experiences from everyday tools and images. EYSO's 49th season used visual art as a metaphor to explore how composers transform simple soundwaves into extraordinary art. Students considered how an artist's CANVAS and their PALETTE of material shape a final composite IMAGE.



ABOUT THE SEASON THEME

EYSO builds each season around a specific cultural, historical or social theme, choosing repertoire for its aesthetic quality and artistic significance as well as its ability to teach aspects of history, cultural theory, philosophy, worldview, and aesthetic trends.

SPARKING TRANSFORMATION THROUGH MUSIC

2024-2025 IMPACT

The 2024-2025 season brought tremendous opportunities for young musicians to embrace their curiosity, flex their creativity, and practice collaborative leadership in performance. Ensembles from the youngest Primo to the most advanced students in Youth Symphony explored the Art Institute of Chicago, and Philharmonia students made new friends across the country in a collaboration with the Golden Valley Youth Orchestra.

344
4th-13th Grade
Students Served

68
Cities

\$35.7k
Tuition Assistance
Awarded

~23k
Total
Served

30 ENSEMBLES

5 Orchestras

4 Sectional Ensembles
Includes Brass Choir,
Flute Choir, and two
percussion ensembles

16 CMI Ensembles

4 Honors Chamber Ensembles

2 Starter Strings programs



18 CONCERTS

10 Orchestra Concerts

8 Chamber Concerts

>100 Total performances
this season

Across 18 concerts, 44 community performances, and the Summer Chamber Music Camp, EYSO musicians engaged 4,477 audience members in-person at the Elgin Community College Arts Center and 1,222 online.



30+ EXCEPTIONAL STAFF

8 Conductors

16 Coaches

6 Administrative Staff



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Hundreds of community members, volunteers, and supporters helped to make EYSO's 2024-2025 season a success. EYSO's vision is for a community that engages with music as an integral part of life. This community of supporters is bringing that vision to life.

757 Donor

91 Volunteers

1478 Volunteer Hours

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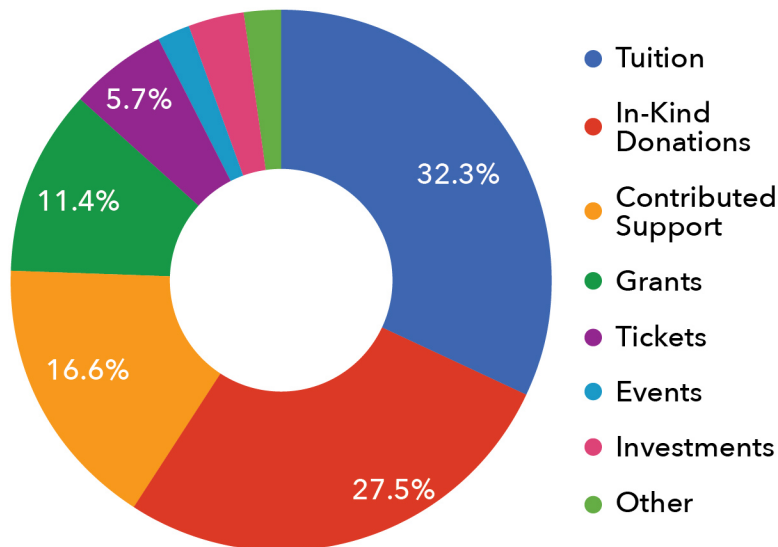


*Dr. Perla Benrubi
& Joel Cohen*

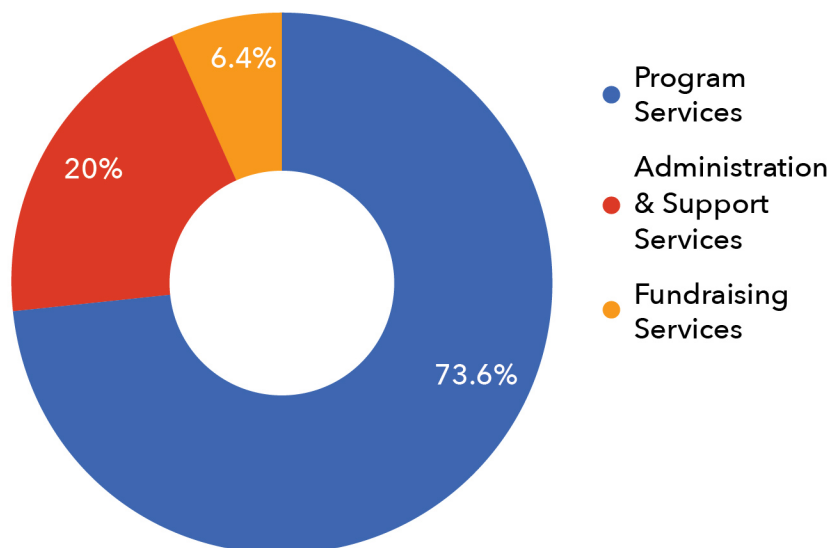
EYSO has been an in-residence ensemble for Elgin Community College (ECC) since 2002.

FINANCES

2024-2025 REVENUE: \$1,080,911



2024-2025 EXPENSES: \$1,126,864



There is nothing I love more than to see what happens when young people are set free enough to really show what they can do. Thank you for fostering an environment in which this can happen. The world needs our young people to thrive, it is an honor to witness when that happens."

Marty, EYSO parent

