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2020



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OUR MISSION

Seattle Chamber Music Society fosters the appreciation of chamber music in our region by presenting performances featuring world-class musicians in accessible and inviting formats, with an emphasis on developing a broad-based sustainable audience through education and outreach.

FRONT COVER: Andrés Díaz, cello; Yura Lee, viola; Kirsten Docter, viola. **INSIDE COVER:** (from upper left) Simone Porter, violin. James Ehnes, violin; Augustin Hadelich, violin; Ani Aznavoorian, cello; Jonathan Vinocour, viola. The Center for Chamber Music. Tessa Lark, violin; Erin Keefe, violin. **BACK COVER:** James Ehnes, violin; Anton Nel, piano. Benjamin Beilman, violin; Orion Weiss, piano; Ani Aznavoorian, cello. Tessa Lark, violin; Stephen Rose, violin; Ronald Thomas, cello; Cynthia Phelps, viola. Andrew Wan, violin; Cecile Licad, piano; Sæunn Thorsteinsdóttir, cello.

THE 2020 SEASON IN REVIEW

WINTER FESTIVAL: JANUARY 17–26

SCMS's 2020 Winter Festival was a huge success! Ticket sales were the highest ever, with over 3,200 people attending the Festival's six main concerts, which averaged 99% capacity. Program highlights included: an exploration of Beethoven's string quartets by the Ehnes Quartet (Part 1 of the complete cycle programmed for the season), two string quintets by Brahms, beloved piano trios by Ravel and Schubert, and to cap off the Festival, a closing concert featuring four concerti by J.S. Bach.

VIRTUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL: JULY 6–AUGUST 17

When the coronavirus made in-person performances impossible, SCMS adapted our 2020 Summer Festival to bring much-needed soothing and joyful chamber music into people's homes during such difficult times. Our Virtual Summer Festival featured 42 artists in 12 original and exclusive performances, recorded locally at our new Center for Chamber Music (following strict safety protocols) and remotely from around the world. Program highlights included: Part 2 of our complete survey of Beethoven's string quartets, three world premieres by SCMS's Commissioning Club composer, Aaron Jay Kernis; along with music by Mozart, Schubert, Dvořák, and Shostakovich. Concerts were available on demand (\$15 single concert, \$125 12-concert subscription) and viewed by nearly 13,000 people near and far, including from 43 US states including Washington state and Washington D.C.; as well as 19 other countries.

NEW CENTER FOR CHAMBER MUSIC

In mid-March, just before the state mandated sheltering at home, SCMS moved into our new home, the Center for Chamber Music, located at 6th and Union, walking distance from Benaroya Hall. The 3,800-square foot Center houses our

administrative offices, an on-site box office, two rehearsal rooms, and the Toby Saks Sheet Music Library. The centerpiece of the Center is the intimate Dr. Kennan Hollingsworth Living Room, which served as the hub for our 2020 Virtual Summer Festival concerts. While Benaroya Hall will still be home for our main Festival concerts once it reopens, the Center will provide year-round chamber music programming and events.

CAMPAIGN FOR THE CENTER FOR CHAMBER MUSIC

In August SCMS completed its \$5 million fundraising campaign to build and endow the Center for Chamber Music. The comprehensive campaign, supported by 271 generous donors, raised \$2 million for facility construction and new program costs along with \$3 million for the Society's endowment to provide sustainable income for increased operation costs. Gilbert S. Omenn and Martha A. Darling made the keystone gift of \$1 million to endow the artistic directorship.



ABOVE: James Ehnes, violin; Andrew Armstrong, piano; Edward Arron, cello.

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ABOVE: Tessa Lark, violin; Cynthia Phelps, viola; Andrew Armstrong, piano; Jordan Anderson, bass; Edward Arron, cello.

2020 SEASON SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

| EVENTS/PROGRAMS | DATES | NUMBER OF EVENTS | NUMBER OF ATTENDEES |
|---|---|------------------|----------------------|
| at Nordstrom Recital Hall, Benaroya Hall | | | |
| Winter Festival Series Concerts | Jan 17-26 | 6 | 3,206 |
| Winter Festival Pre-concert Recitals (<i>free admission</i>) | Jan 17-26 | 6 | 1,765 |
| Winter Festival Post-concert "Meet the Artist" Q&A | Jan 17-26 | 6 | 497 |
| Winter Festival Family Concert | Jan 25 | 1 | 483 |
| Classical Conversation (<i>free admission</i>) | Jan 18, 24 | 2 | 57 |
| Open Rehearsals (<i>free admission</i>) | Jan 18, 24 | 2 | 205 |
| Preview lectures at Skyline, Univ House, Town Hall | Jan 6, 12 | 3 | 189 |
| at The Center For Chamber Music | | | |
| Virtual Summer Festival Main Series Concerts (views) | July 6-Aug 17 | 12 | 18,524 |
| Virtual Summer Festival Main Series Concerts (attendees) | July 6-Aug 17 | 12 | 12,854 |
| Summer Festival Family Concert | Aug 1-17 | 1 | 132 |
| Classical Conversation | Recorded only: no audience | 3 | 0 |
| Preview lecture via Zoom | June 30 | 1 | 90 |
| other venues—additional events | | | |
| Commissioning Club Salons (live or Zoom) | Feb 23, June 16, July 30 | 3 | 78 |
| Young Audience Club Events (live or Zoom) | Jan 25, Feb 29, July 31 | 3 | 75 |
| other venues—outreach | | | |
| Chamber Music in Classroom: Roosevelt High School | Jan 20-31 | 4 | 96 |
| Master Class (Anton Nel): University of Washington | Jan 23 | 1 | 5 |
| Master Class (Anton Nel): Seattle Pacific University | Nov 8 | 1 | 19 |
| special events | | | |
| House Concerts (Tsang/Nel; Moretti/Molloy) | Nov 10, March 1 | 2 | 100 |
| also: | | | |
| Re-broadcast 2019 concert highlights on KING-FM | June 29-July 3 | 5 | c. 10,000/night |
| Live broadcasts of 2020 Winter Festival on KING-FM | Jan 17-26 | | c. 10,000/night |
| Downloads world-wide of <i>Classical Conversation</i> podcasts | October - September | | 3,619 |
| Re-broadcast of concert highlights on APM's <i>Performance Today</i> on 280 stations nationwide | 67 performances broadcast throughout the year | | c. 900,000/broadcast |
| EVENTS/ATTENDEES TOTAL: | | 141 | 19,851 |

**Total Attendance figure does not include KING-FM or Performance Today listeners or podcast downloads*

"Thank you SO much for providing excellent and moving musical experiences, including Q&A with the musicians after the concert. I was introduced to pieces I did not know, so it was educational, emotional, and soul-satisfying during this time of the pandemic. I can't stress what an important gift you have given us!"

VIRTUAL FESTIVAL ATTENDEE

2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

WINTER FESTIVAL

- 352 subscriptions (record number) with average attendance of 99%
- 23% of audience - first time SCMS attendees

VIRTUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

- 732 subscriptions (record number)
- 34% of audience - first time SCMS attendees
- 92 new donors
- Viewers watched in 43 states and 19 countries
- 20 musicians performed at the Center for Chamber Music in downtown Seattle
- 18 musicians submitted performances from 12 cities in 6 countries from around the world

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AND ENDOWMENT

- 5M raised in Completion of Capital Campaign for Center for Chamber Music and Endowment
- Investment Value of SCMS Endowment (Sept 30, 2020): \$4,264,324

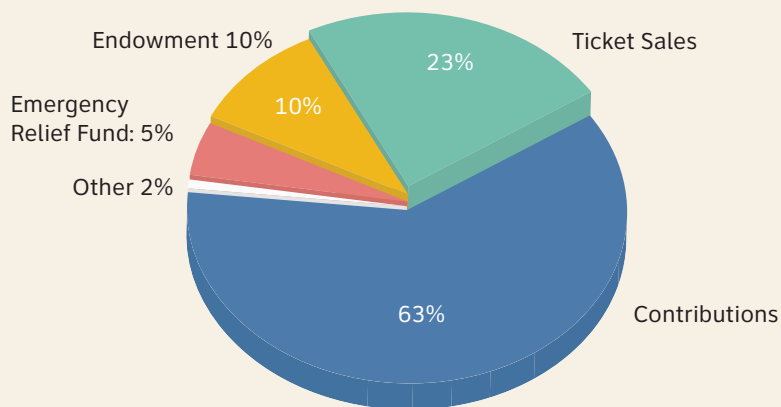
"I was surprised at the extra benefits of the virtual environment - this was like a front-row seat, and for me that added a great sense of engagement to the music."

VIRTUAL FESTIVAL ATTENDEE

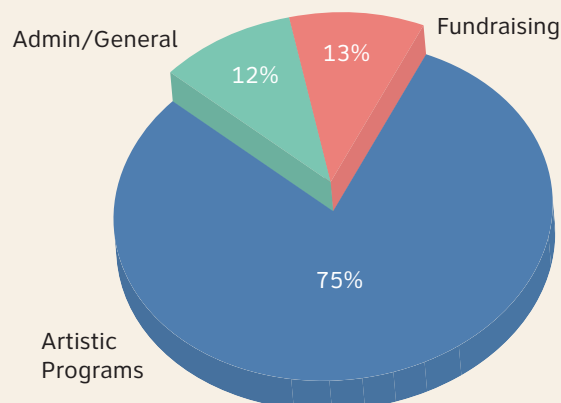
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Annual Operations - preliminary

2020 OPERATING INCOME: \$1,261,840



2020 OPERATING EXPENSES: \$1,283,506



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

for the year ended Sept. 30, 2020 - preliminary

ASSETS

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Cash | \$ 602,323 |
| Receivables* | 733,176 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 17,829 |
| Fixed Assets, net ** | 1,452,831 |
| Long-Term Investments | 516,507 |
| Total Assets | \$ 3,322,667 |

* includes Capital Campaign and Building receivables (\$579,828)

**includes Chamber Music Center leasehold improvements, furniture and equipment

LIABILITIES

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Accounts Payable | \$ 74,735 |
| Deferred Revenue | 0 |
| Long-term Liabilities | 488,054 |
| Total Liabilities | \$ 562,789 |

NET ASSETS

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Unrestricted Net Assets | \$ 705,989 |
| Restricted Net Assets | 2,053,889 |
| Total Net Assets | \$ 2,759,878 |

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|---|---------------------|
| Total Liabilities and Net Assets | \$ 3,322,667 |
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