

COLORADO SPRINGS CONSERVATORY

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Dear Friend of CSC,

Greetings from the Colorado Springs Conservatory!

As this year comes to a close, I am grateful for the opportunity to connect with you and share a bit about the impact of our life-affirming, transformative, and vital programming.

It is a profound experience to walk the halls of CSC and encounter the multitude of creative disciplines being studied and mastered. On any given day, in the span of five minutes, you may encounter a young student playing the piano for the first time, a high school senior being mentored on their college audition material, an entire theatre class rehearsing a rousing opening number for their upcoming production, a guitar student finally playing that elusive chord that had evaded them for months, a recording arts class editing a song written by a fellow student from a composition class, and so much more!

This is an impressive list of accomplishments for one day but, even more importantly, you will also discover students, mentors, and staff alike lifting each other up, challenging one another, and pushing each other past their perceived limits. The magic of what we do is in the community that we build and how we honor each individual person for who they truly are.

There have been many successes to celebrate this year. We launched the first annual Musical Theatre Intensive program that featured twenty-five local high school students and culminated with a quadruple sold-out production of *Titanic: The Musical*.



Our long partnership with Harrison School District 2 was re-imagined to provide week-long music and theatre workshops in every elementary school in the district, as well as field trip opportunities to CSC for middle and high school students. This change provided over 700 students in the district with access to our programming - an increase of 700%.

Our summer programming offered 22 different camps and increased enrollment from the previous summer by over 100 students. This fall, after a year of intense introspection, our new curriculum was unveiled with a unifying philosophy of education that applauds the bravery and artistry of all of our students. We felt you cheering us on through all of it and we deeply appreciate the support.

It has also been a year where contributions have been down and have become increasingly difficult to predict. In our current economic climate, it is understandable why many organizations and individuals are proceeding with caution. However, our work depends on the support of our community for survival. As you may know, tuition and ticket sales cover less than half of our operating expenses. Without the support of grants, foundations, sponsorships, and individual giving we simply cannot provide the excellent and necessary programming for which we have been known for nearly three decades.

Here are just a few examples of what a contribution would help us accomplish:

- Individual Scholarships: \$500-\$3000
- Monthly Utilities: \$1600
- Performance Rights: \$2500
- Venue Rentals: \$5000-\$10,000

A community rich in arts and culture is a community rich with empathy, imagination, and possibility. Our aim is to be the premiere multi-disciplinary arts education space in the Pikes Peak Region; a place where dreams become a reality, everyone is welcome, and future leaders of our community are discovered.

As you think about your end-of-year giving, I sincerely hope you will consider supporting the mission and students of the Colorado Springs Conservatory.

We wish you a happy, healthy, and joyous holiday season! If you need to get in the spirit, please join us for our Second Annual *Holiday Extravaganz!* on December 16 at Ent Center for The Arts | 2pm and 7pm. The entire school will be represented in a not-to-be-missed holiday celebration.



With appreciation,

Nathan Halvorson
Chief Executive Officer

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