

COLORADO SPRINGS CONSERVATORY

2023-2024 Annual Report

Colorado Springs Conservatory (CSC) is the premiere multidisciplinary arts education space in the Pikes Peak Region. A space where students are encouraged to find their own voices and pursue the visions they have of their futures.

We believe that exposure to performing arts studies creates more empathetic, thoughtful, confident young people who will have lasting impact on our community as they grow and become the change makers of the future. CSC fosters a robust, inclusive, and joyful learning environment for all students, from the curious to the serious.





A Note From Nathan Halvorson, CEO

We set a goal for ourselves this year to increase our impact in our community and create more gateways of access to our lifesaving, necessary, and vibrant arts education curriculum. We are happy to report that we have done just that! This year, our fall enrollment was at its highest rate since before the pandemic, our school district partnerships have continued to grow with expansion of our offerings in Harrison School District 2 and new pilot programs in Districts 11, 12, and 8, and our community partnerships, such as Inside Out Youth Services, are thriving. In the next year, we anticipate engaging nearly 2000 students through all of our programs, more than tripling the number of students we were serving just two years ago.

We have also re-calibrated our performance calendar to provide more opportunities for the practical application of what our students are learning each day in their classwork. Every month, there is at least one performance celebrating the growth and development of our students. First Friday events and recitals augment larger performances like the Holiday Extravaganza and the Conservatory Festival. Our first summer musical, Titanic, was a major success with record attendance, increased production value, and significant growth in the participating students.

We often hear from our students that the Conservatory provides them with a safe space to share their stories, connect with others, and dream of their futures. Our work goes beyond classes and performances, we are creating a space of belonging. In fact, 100% of parents surveyed told us their child is more confident after participating in CSC classes. We look forward to celebrating the bright future of the next generation for years to come.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nathan Halvorson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Nathan Halvorson

CEO

Colorado Springs Conservatory

By The Numbers



1400+
Students served

Continuation of successful programs at CSC and with area schools: Harrison School District 2, D11, Thrive HomeSchool, Head Start, Early Head Start, Inside Out Youth Services, and OneBodyEnt



82
Performances

- Holiday Extravaganz!
- Conservatory Festival
- First Friday Showcases
- Titanic: The Musical
- Summer Camp Performances
- Partner Program Showcases
- Community Performances



2500+
Audience Members

CSC performances reached over 2500 audience members in a variety of venues from the Conservatory to Bancroft Park to Ent Center for the Arts.



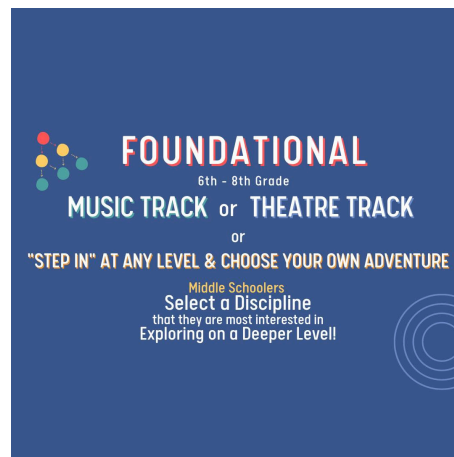
70
Scholarships

CSC provided 70 scholarships to students in need totaling more than \$47,500

Impact & Outcomes



- Students ages 0-3 showed a 30% increase in Total Protective Factors (initiative, self-regulation, attachment/relationships).
- Students ages 4-5 showed a 20% increase in Total Protective Factors.
- 95% of students ages 6-7 demonstrated average or above average level scores in self-awareness; self-management; social awareness; relationship skills; goal directed behavior, personal responsibility; decision making; and optimistic thinking.



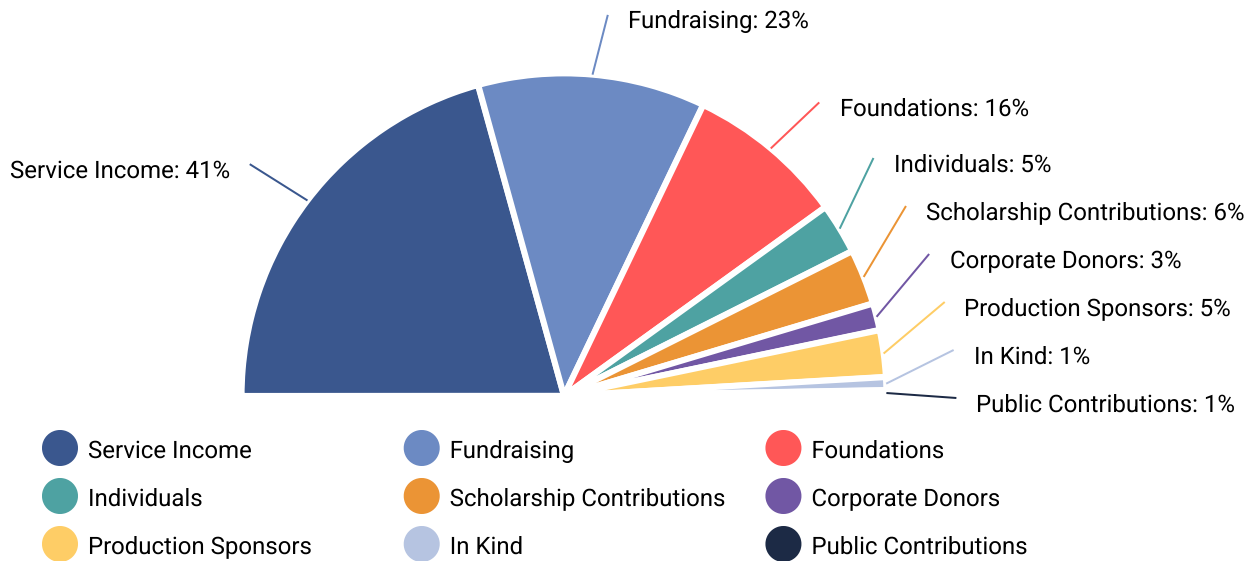
- Students ages 8-18 reported an increase in the areas of attachment, academic investment, self-confidence, self-efficacy, empathy and teamwork.
- Semester Evaluations for Theory - students averaged 75% on their end of semester evaluations; and for Ear Training - students averaged 81%.

Parent Feedback

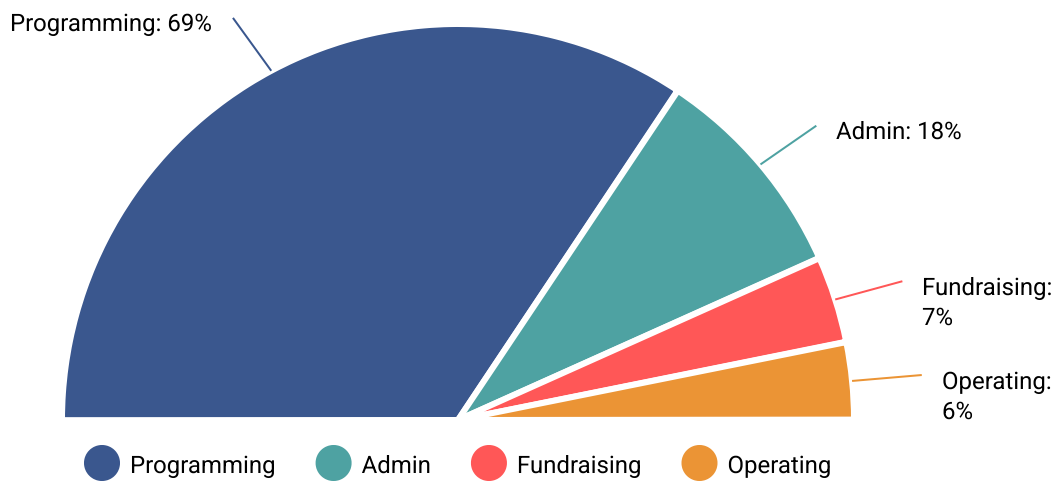
- The majority of parents (85%) reported that attending the Conservatory, "Greatly or Positively contributed to their student's overall social emotional wellbeing".
- 100% of parents felt their student learned valuable life skills applicable outside of the Conservatory.
- 92% felt that their students set higher goals for themselves; had a higher sense of self-worth and self-efficacy; had a valuable relationship with a mentor; and saw a positive impact in their academics from being at the Conservatory.

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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.

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