

ECHORCHESTRA

ANNUAL REPORT

2024-2025



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INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

I am delighted to write you this note as the Interim Executive Director at ECHOrchestra! The founding director of the orchestra, Sarah McDonner, an accomplished musician whose vision for a West Houston collaborative orchestra brought forth ECHO. Under her leadership, the orchestra developed strong relationships, discovered its musical “voice,” and performed 11 seasons of beautiful music. As she has departed for a new state, her legacy here will live on.



This is an exciting time for the orchestra. The artistic direction of our conductor, Michael Fahey, continues with innovative and entertaining programming. We have a commitment to audience engagement that transcends the concert halls to include community spaces, a podcast, and more. It is thanks to the generous support of our donors, volunteers, and audience members that ECHOrchestra looks confidently to the 12th Season.

Thank you,
Kelli Soika, Interim Executive Director



ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

It is my pleasure to express my gratitude and excitement about the orchestra's continuing role in igniting the spirit of great music in our community.

With your support and generosity, Echo's 11th Season was a stunning success by any measure. As you know, the 2024-25 Season included 5 exciting concerts ranging in styles from classical to hip hop, jazz, Latin and even traditional Italian folk music!

Audiences were excited and engaged and rewarded the musicians with numerous standing ovations!

I am proud of the continued growth of Echo these past 11 years and thrilled at the exciting opportunities for artistic development and community engagement which lay ahead in the 12th Season!

Musically yours,

Michael Fahey



11TH SEASON

11th Season | 2024-2025

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THURSDAY, OCT 24, 2024 | 7:30 PM
STRAKE JESUIT - PARSLEY CENTER



EDUCATION & OUTREACH

23

Living room concerts at area retirement communities
average attendance: 40 residents

ROSTER OF
100+
LOCAL
MUSICIANS

5 episodes
educational



7TH ANNUAL
YOUTH
CONCERTO
COMPETITION



300+ served by ECHOs in the Park
8 bands 20 local vendors

1,800+

Season audience

NEW!

Youth
Composition
Competition



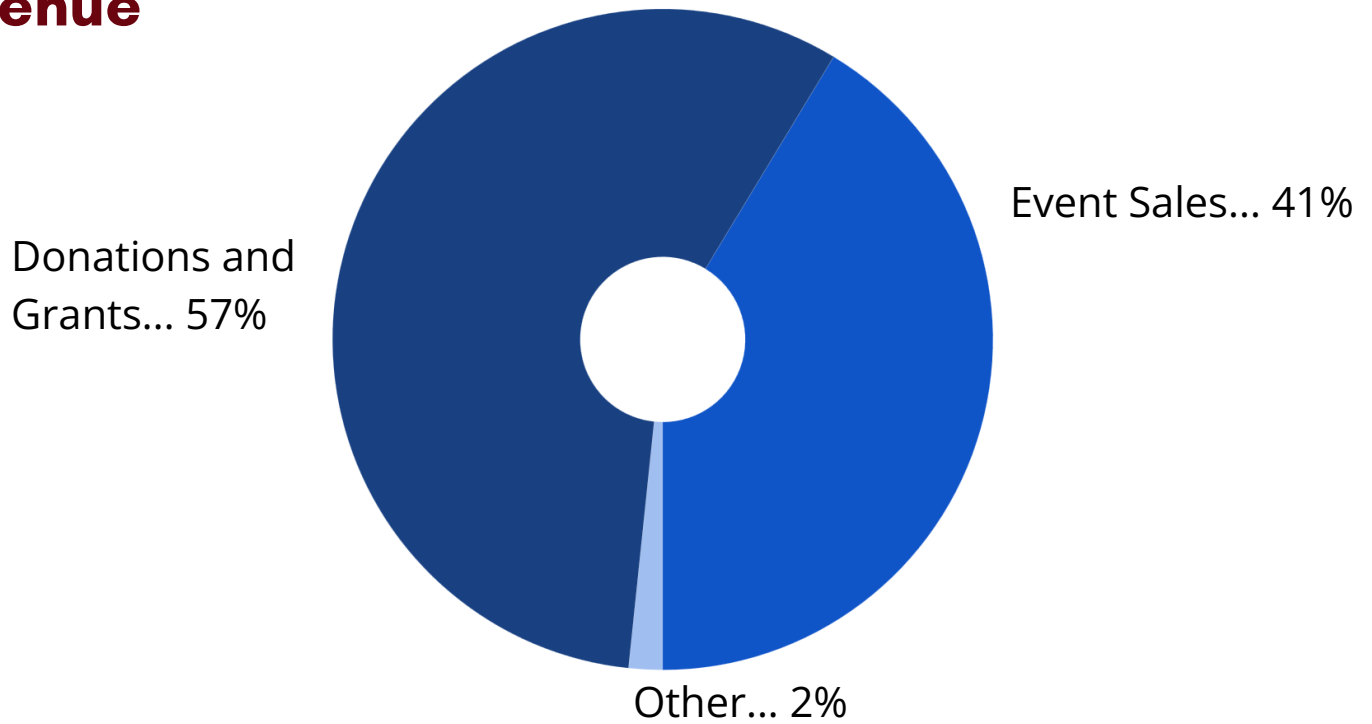
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*Middle & high school
string players at ECHO
Summer Strings Camp*

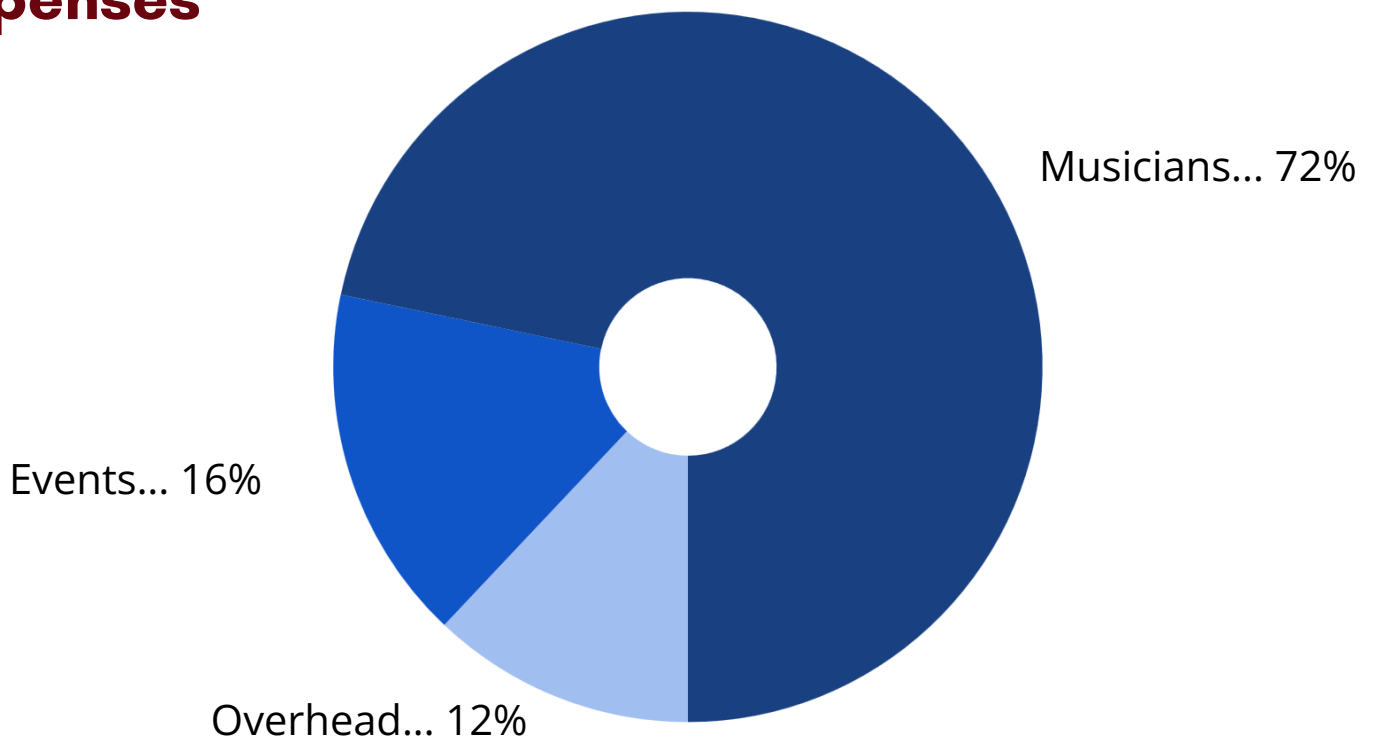


FINANCIALS

Revenue



Expenses



For a more detailed financial information or a copy of ECHO Orchestra's latest tax filing, please contact executivedirector@echorchestra.org

DONATION SUPPORT

SILVER BATON

Ray Patton+
Monica White

MAESTRO'S CIRCLE

Marsha Bower
Diana Brown
Esteban Flores
Michele Higgins
Matt Lisle

Laura and Barry Plunkett
Larry Maple
Mercy Renteria

BENEFACTOR AND FRIENDS

Michele and John Askounis
Janet Hawkins
Julie Heil
Brian and Kindra Krueger
Larry and Betty Olson
Ana Palmai
Jeannine Perrot
Mary Peterson
Vickie and David Plunkett

Er'Ron Robinson
Mike Simon
Randy Snyder
Debbie Timmerman
Sam West and Charles
Tittsworth
Garry and Margaret
Schoonover
Felicia Wilkerson

Silver
Transparency
2025

Candid.

+principal baton
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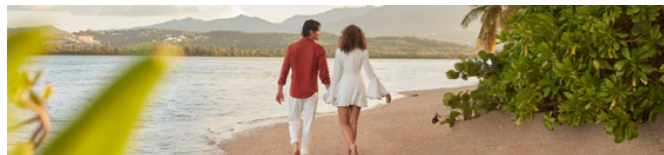


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ECHO²⁵₂₆ join us for our 12th season!