

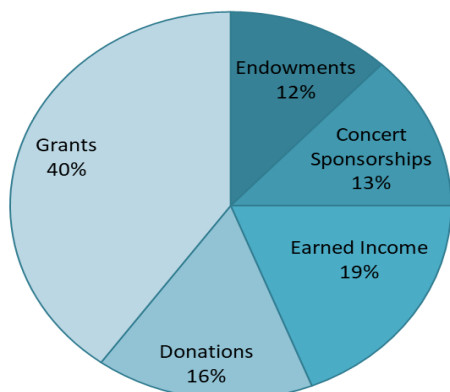


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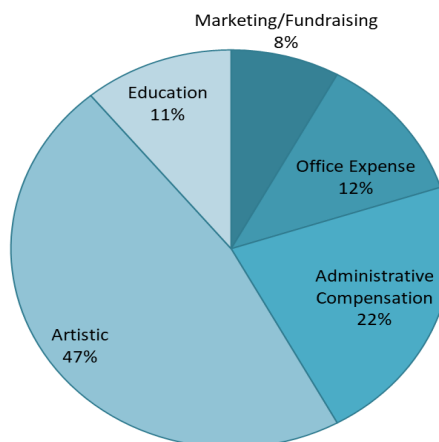
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The mission statement of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra is to educate, entertain, and inspire the citizens of the Fayetteville, North Carolina region as the leading musical resource.

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Expenses



Endowments

Conductor's Podium

The Fouad K. Fakhouri Endowment for Artistic Excellence

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2017-2018 Gifts

Second Trumpet

The Marion Cusak Vonnegut & Norbert Josef Vonnegut Chair

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Youth Orchestra Scholarship Endowment

Given by Gillie Revelle

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9.14.2017

Symphony in Your Neighborhood

Select musicians of the symphony went to Westover Park in Fayetteville to perform a free concert of Dixieland Jazz. Funding for this program was provided by The Terri Union and Carlos Zukowski Endowment for the Arts of Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc. and the Elaine M. and Johnny L. Bryant Family Fund of Cumberland Community Foundation, Inc.



12.2.2017

A Carolina Holiday

The symphony performed their annual holiday concert, but this time alongside the Fayetteville Academy Chorus, resulting in a near sold-out concert!

9.21.17

Picnic at the Hollow

One of two fundraisers for the symphony, Picnic at the Hollow featured the food of pitmaster and Fayetteville native Wyatt Dickson of Picnic Restaurant in Durham, NC. This fundraiser was held at Fox Hollow, the private home of Kathy and Daniel Fitch.



JAN. 2018

St. John's Chamber Concerts

Musicians of the symphony performed two chamber music concerts at St. John's Episcopal Church. The first featured the string quartet performing Ravel's String Quartet. The second featured the woodwind and brass quintets performing American works, including ones by Gershwin, and Bernstein.

10.14.17

Cape Fear

Nefarious pirates and treacherous seas! The first concert of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra 2017-2018 season explored the Carolina coastline, home to pirates and shipwrecks. With new music director, Stefan Sanders, the symphony performed pieces such as Wagner's *Overture to the Flying Dutchman*, Music from *Hook*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and many more!



2.10.18

A 150-Year Celebration!

In celebration of the sesquicentennial of Fayetteville State University, the symphony performed with guest artist, the world-renowned soprano Angela Brown. The concert featured the influence of African Americans on music composed during the 150-year time period the university had been in existence.

3.10.18

Americana

The symphony performed a concert in celebration of being American, from the military to the movies, performing pieces such as *American Salute*, *Apollo 13*, and *Forrest Gump*. Portions of this concert included a side-by-side performance with the Fayetteville Symphony Youth Orchestra, as well as a solo performance by the winner of the Harlan Duenow Young Artist Concerto Competition.



4.6.2018

Jazz Fest

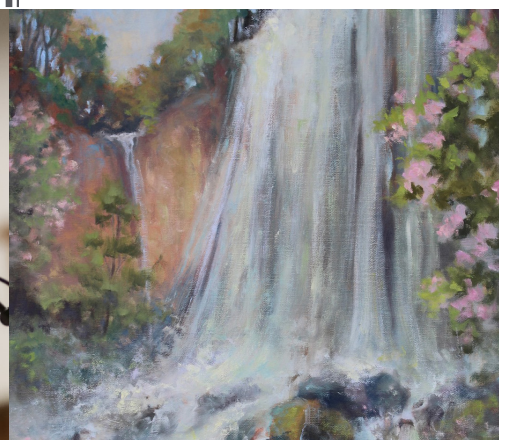
We held our third annual Jazz Fest in Festival Park. The evening included performances by Elon, Fayetteville State University, FTCC, Methodist University, NC State, UNC Chapel Hill, and UNC Pembroke.



4.21.2018

Appalachian Spring

In the last concert of the season, the symphony performed works that would help you imagine you are hiking the Appalachian Trail such as Copland's *Appalachian Spring* and Sibelius's *Finlandia*. This concert also featured a solo performance by guest artist, Alex Jokipii, Principal Trumpet of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra, as he performed a new work composed for him.



JUNE 2018

Summer Music Camps

In June, the symphony hosted two summer music camps: an Elementary String Camp for string students ages 5-11, and an Advanced Summer Music Camp for advanced instrumental students ages 13-21.



7.1.2018

Independence Concert

Presented by the City of Fayetteville, the symphony performed in Festival Park on July 1st in celebration of Independence Day. The concert included patriotic and popular works complete with fireworks at the end. This concert was sponsored by the City of Fayetteville, PWC, Fayetteville Parks & Recreation, and the Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County.

Educational/Community Engagement

Fayetteville Symphony Youth Orchestra



The Fayetteville Symphony Youth Orchestra, originally founded by Cumberland Community Foundation, had **over 70 students participating** this past year. The group includes instrumental students ages 13-21 from public, private, and home school. These students are from all over southeastern North Carolina, including the counties of Cumberland, Moore, Sampson, Robeson, and Harnett. **Schools represented in FSYO include:** Aaran Lakes West Academy, Berean Baptist Academy, Cross Creek Early College HS, Cumberland Polytechnic HS, Douglas Byrd HS, Fayetteville Academy, Fayetteville Christian Academy, Freedom Christian Academy, FTCC, Grays Creek HS, Harnett Central HS, Jack Britt HS, John Griffin MS, Lumberton MS, Mac

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Directed and conducted by Dr. Larry Wells, the program consists of three ensembles: Concert Band, String Orchestra, and Full Orchestra. Students are able to participate in either Concert Band (for woodwinds, brass, and percussion participants with Dr. Wells), or String Orchestra (for string participants with string coach Mrs. Monica Thiriot). All students were able to participate in Full Orchestra. They performed two end-of-semester concerts, one in December and one in May, as well as a side-by-side concert in March where they were able to play side-by-side with the professional musicians of the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra. They ended the year with an outdoor party with food, games, and pool time!



www.fayettevillesymphony.org/youth-orchestra

Third Grade Classroom Visits

In November 2017, we presented two concerts for all **4,000+** third graders in the Cumberland County Schools to introduce them to the purpose and power of a live symphony orchestra. Our own musicians also went into **30 elementary schools** over the month of October to present the third graders an engaging and informative Q&A session about the symphony orchestra and *Peter and the Wolf* (the main piece of the Third Grade Concert in November). These educational sessions helped prepare the students for their upcoming trip to our concert with a deeper knowledge and understanding of a live symphonic concert experience. The musicians who helped with the classroom visits were Dr. Larry Wells (Trumpet), Ms. Julia Atkins (Clarinet), and Mrs. Monica Thiriot (Violin).



Summer Music Camp

In the last two weeks of June 2018, the FSO held two summer camps at Fayetteville Academy: an Elementary String Camp June 18-22, and an Advanced Music Camp June 25-29. The Elementary String Camp is a morning day camp for elementary aged students (ages 5-11) who play violin, viola, cello, or brass. Mrs. Monica Thiriot led the camp, teaching the students about fiddling and music history, as well as having them play in orchestra and chamber ensembles. The Advanced Music Camp was led by Dr. Larry Wells, Mr. Nate Leyland, Mr. Darrin Thiriot, and Mrs. Monica Thiriot. Unlike the traditional band or orchestra camp, the FSO advanced music camp is an individualized instruction, and masterclasses/lectures on fundamentals and advanced technique. Students were assigned to chamber ensembles for the week and worked closely with the instructors and other students in a fun and inviting musical atmosphere. The Advanced Music Camp had close to 35 participating students who played a string, woodwind, or brass instrument.



www.fayettevillesymphony.org/summer-music-camp



Head Start Program

During the months of October through February, Mrs. Monica Thiriot (Director of Strings Education) went to the Head Start Program of Cumberland County to teach young pre-school students about music. Many of the classes were centered around deciphering different musical instruments and associating well-known classical works to everyday life. They learned songs to sing, and the different families of instruments were also demonstrated by having a few other symphony musicians show them the different sounds they make.

After School String Program

The After School String Program is a new educational program that started this year. Taught by Mrs. Monica Thiriot, this program helps educate young children in basic music concepts through the traditional Suzuki Violin program, as well as provide 30-minute private lessons for violin students of all ages. Students may choose to be enrolled in a Beginning Violin group, or be in enrolled in a private 30-minute lesson. All programs are held at Fayetteville Academy after school hours. This program is intended for children ages 5 to 11. For more information, visit www.fayettevillesymphony.org/after-school-string-program



Harlan Duenow Young Artist Concerto Competition

The Harlan Duenow Young Artist Concerto Competition is a competition hosted by the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra for high school and college instrumentalists in the state of North Carolina. The scholarship is named in honor of the orchestra's longest serving conductor, the late Harlan Duenow. The competition is open to different instrumentalists each year. This past year was opened up to woodwind, brass, and percussion applicants. The first round required candidates to submit a video recording of a pre-approved solo on their respective instrument. The music director then reviews those videos and of the multiple entries we received, five were chosen to perform in the live round audition. The live round audition required the chosen students to perform in front of the music director and a select group of FSO musicians here in Fayetteville. Of those five, one was chosen as the winner. This year's winner was Morgan Short, a 20-year-old harpist from UNCSCA (University of North Carolina School of the Arts). Morgan won a \$1,000 cash prize to help continue her musical endeavors, and also performed a solo with the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra on their March 10th, 2018 concert.

A second and third place were also named. Jacob Warren, a 20-year-old saxophonist from UNCG (University of North Carolina at Greensboro) won second. He received a \$500 cash prize to help continue his musical endeavors. Jonathan McGarry, a 19-year-old french horn player also from UNCSCA, won third place and received a \$300 cash prize.

Yi Sak Kim, a 16-year-old clarinetist from Berean Baptist Academy won an honorable mention.

The 2018-2019 season will include the Harlan Duenow Young Artist Concerto Competition again, but this time the competition will be open to piano and string applicants.

For more information, visit www.fayettevillesymphony.org/concerto-competition

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