

## Annual Report 2023–2024

Schubert Club Mix: Violinist Daniel Hope and the AIR Ensemble

Thank you for your interest in this annual report which reviews Schubert Club's many activities during the 2023–24 season. It was another good year for the organization with improved concert attendance building on restoring attendance since the pandemic and some memorable concerts and events.

It would be easy to fill this whole front page with concert highlights (see page 3 for those), but instead we want to reflect briefly on our programs and activities for students and families.

Our recent endowment campaign focused on music education and scholarships. Thanks to the generosity of 170 contributors to that campaign, we have been busy improving and expanding our impact on youth. In the ensuing pages, you will learn more about our first season providing free tickets for students and under-18s, a growing number of Musical Promise Scholarship students, our revamped KidsJam and FamilyJam programming, a new Student Connections Club exclusively for students and a record number of Schubert Club Music Museum visitors.

These programs for young people and all our concert presentations wouldn't be possible without the generous support of many individuals, foundations, and corporations whose names we are honored to include in this report. Schubert Club once again received a federal grant from the NEA, operating funds from the State of Minnesota and a grant from the City of Saint Paul's Cultural STAR program. We are sincerely grateful for this support. We were also humbled to receive several generous bequests which enable the Board and staff to plan Schubert Club's future with confidence. Thank you for being part of our family and please do read on.



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Courtroom Concert Series: Gaia Daniel and Alex Rodriguez, piano



Student Connections members enjoy Miloš in recital



FamilyJam attendee plays a drum she made





2024 *An die Musik* Award recipient  
Libby Larsen



Schubert Club Mix: *Parivaar*,  
by Shruthi Rajasekar



International Artist Series :  
Golda Schultz and Jonathan Ware



Student Connections members  
meet Vikingur Ólafsson.

## Notable Moments in Our Season

### Libby Larsen receives the 2024 *An die Musik* Award

Attendees of the June 2024 Annual Luncheon, held at Como Lakeside Pavilion, enjoyed live music by guitarist, Miloš Soćanin and baritone / piano collaboration between Zhicheng He and Hannah Mae Swanson. Attendees also enjoyed a speech by Featured Guest Dr. Patrick R. Warfield, Professor and Director of the University of Minnesota School of Music. This year's *An die Musik* awardee was to Libby Larsen, not only in recognition of her creative, thought-provoking energy as a Schubert Club Board member, but also because she is a leading musical voice in our country.

### Parivaar

Minnesota-based South Asian American composer Shruthi Rajasekar curated a program for Schubert Club Mix, which included a set by Maithree, food, a musical flash mob at intermission and the premiere of a new work, *Parivaar* (the Sanskrit word for *family*). Between filmed sequences and live performers on stage, over 100 South Asian performing artists of all ages were involved.

### Golda Schultz & Jonathan Ware Recital

South African soprano Golda Schultz performed a debut recital at the Ordway with collaborative pianist Jonathan Ware. Their program included a new set of songs, *This Be Her Verse* by Kathleen Tagg. We are thankful to the artists and the composer for giving us permission to record the songs and share them on our website over the summer.

### Student Connections

Last season, we launched a new club just for students, Connections. There were some memorable meetings and masterclasses with Orion Weiss and guitarist Miloš. A student guitar ensemble performed in the Ordway lobby before an International Artist Series recital, and Connections members enjoyed two pre-concert social events and post-concert backstage visits.

## 2023–2024 in Review

### Concerts

The **Maud Moon Weyerhaeuser Sanborn International Artist Series** at the Ordway featured recitals by **Jean-Yves Thibaudet**, piano, **Lisa Batiashvili**, violin, & **Gautier Capuçon**, cello • **Miloš**, guitar • **Víkingur Ólafsson**, piano • **Golda Schultz**, soprano & **Jonathan Ware**, piano • **Daniel Hope**, violin & **Simon Crawford-Phillips**, piano

The **Julie Himmelstrup Music in the Park Series** artists and ensembles performed at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ:

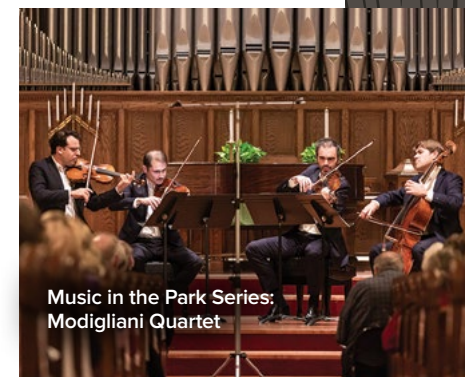
**Ariel Quartet** with **Orion Weiss**, piano • **Modigliani Quartet**  
**La Morra** • **Eunice Kim**, violin & **Xavier Foley**, bass • **Heath Quartet**

We presented **Schubert Club Mix** at Landmark Center, the Ordway, Minnesota Opera's Luminary Arts Center, the Parkway Theater, and the Walker Arts Center:  
**Stile Antico** • **Sandbox Percussion** • **Parivaar: A Celebration of Community as Family** by **Shruthi Rajasekar**, composer • **Daniel Hope**, violin & the **AIR Ensemble**  
**Gabriel Kahane** & **Pekka Kuusisto**

String ensemble **Accordo** celebrated its 15th season with concerts at the beautiful Westminster Hall in downtown Minneapolis, as well as Icehouse, Green Room, and the Ordway. Programs featured chamber music favorites performed throughout four concerts. Pianist and composer Stephen Prutsman returned for the popular annual Accordo with Silent Movies.



International Artist Series:  
Vikingur Ólafsson



Music in the Park Series:  
Modigliani Quartet



Accordo at  
Westminster Hall



Schubert Club Mix: Stile Antico



Schubert Club Mix: Gabriel Kahane & Pekka Kuusisto



**Bruce P. Carlson Student Scholarship Competition**

The 101st Scholarship Competition took place in March at Macalester College. 180 students participated with video submissions. 75 were advanced to finals that were judged by Deborah Voigt, Lawrence Dutton, Anne-Marie McDermott, Russell Peterson and Nicholas Goluses. Following each final round, the judges spent a half hour with all finalists. This proved to be a rewarding experience for both students and judges. Prize winners performed at the *Musicians on the Rise* recital in the Ordway Concert Hall.

**Musical Promise Scholarships**

We added a fourth student to this program, which provides resources and mentorship to young musicians with promise and commitment. The newest scholarship recipient is a young pianist nominated by Hopewell Music Cooperative. In addition to her lessons, the scholarship allowed her to attend a piano camp at MacPhail over the summer. Other community partnerships to date are Walker | West Music Academy, MacPhail Center for Music and the GTCYS Harmony program.



FamilyJam at Landmark Center



KidsJam students build and play their own dulcimers



Miloš leads a masterclass



Musical Promise Scholarship recipient meets Víkingur Ólafsson



Musical Promise Scholarship recipient Mukuhi Njoroge and her sister Wacheke



Bruce P. Carlson Student Scholarship Competition Winners Recital

**Music Educational Programming**

Project CHEER continues to provide after school instrument lessons to about 100 young students. The program began at the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center in 1969 and continues there today. Recently, Project CHEER expanded to the Mount Airy Boys and Girls Club in East St Paul.

This past year, we made some significant changes to the education program schedule. Teaching artists and ensembles were in residence for intense weeks of activity which included *KidsJam*, *FamilyJam*, schools visits and often a video recording for the Museum Minis online series. *FamilyJam* is bringing dozens of families to the Schubert Club Music Museum on Saturday mornings for mini-concerts and participatory activities.

Participation in the *Let’s Make Music* program has skyrocketed; every session offered was filled.

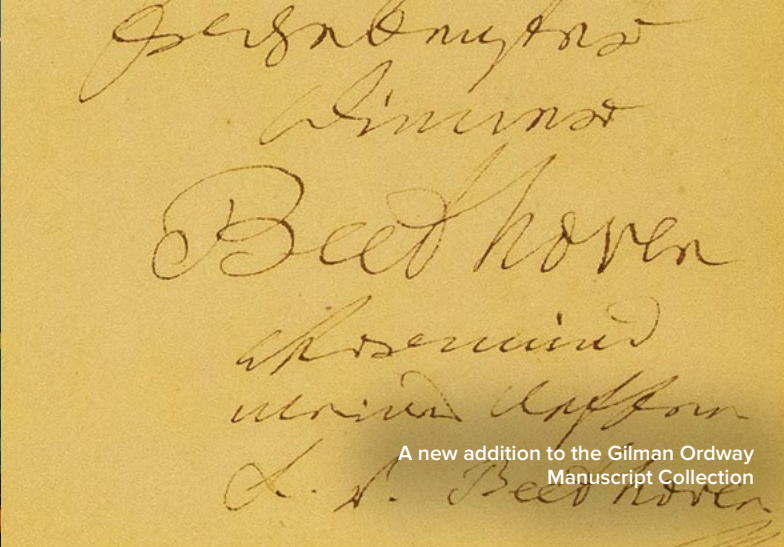




Music Museum visitor explores our percussion wall



Museum Minis: Chi-Chi Bestman shares the Erhu



A new addition to the Gilman Ordway Manuscript Collection



The soon-to-be restored Streicher and Sohn's piano

## Schubert Club Music Museum

We have embraced a clear vision of the Schubert Club Music Museum as an educational tool first and foremost. It supports our mission and commitment to music education by offering inspiring musical experiences and exposure to the musical instruments from many different world cultures. Museum visitor numbers last year exceeded 10,000 for the first time ever.

Work is well underway on a multi-media exhibit to celebrate the **Gilman Ordway Manuscript Collection**. A book featuring ten new letters donated to the Schubert Club recently by Margaret Ordway is also close to completion. We are working to complete a full set of transcriptions of all letters in the collection. This past year we have been grateful for significant help from the Italian Cultural Center and the Germanic-American Institute.

The **Historical Keyboard Instrument Collection** continues to be a highlight for many Schubert Club Music Museum visitors. Thanks to a recent bequest from longtime Board member James Callahan, work will soon begin on the cleaning and restoration of one of our 19th century Viennese pianos.



Music Museum visitors play an organ

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Selby Brass Band with Tomasina Petrus



Courtroom Concert Series:  
Cléa Galhano & Don Livingston



Schubert Club at Crooners  
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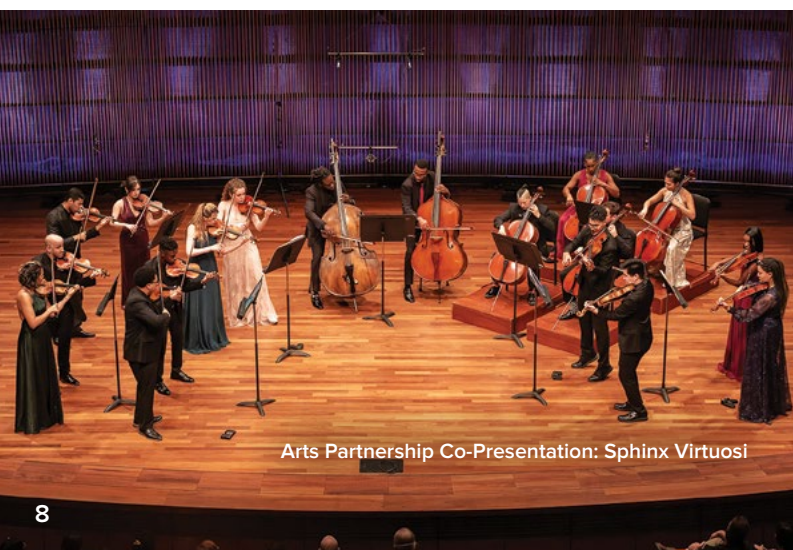
## Courtroom Concert Series

Composer Abbie Betinis hosted our free Thursday lunchtime Courtroom Concert Series at Landmark Center. The 19-concert season included some of the best local ensembles and soloists in Minnesota, including music by a variety of Minnesota-based composers. Highlights include Clara Osowski, mezzo soprano; Irina and Julia Elkina, duo piano; Artaria String Quartet; Isles Ensemble; ANCIA Saxophone Quartet; Third Coast Percussion; Maria Jette, soprano; and the Selby Brass Band with Thomasina Petrus.

## Arts Partnership Co-Presentations

As a member of the Arts Partnership, we welcomed back string ensemble Sphinx Virtuosi to the Ordway. Their fourth performance on the Ordway stage featured a virtuosic double Double Bass Concerto performed by its composer, Xavier Foley, together with fellow bass soloist, Kebra-Seyoun Charles.

Ordway Inside Out, recorded concerts from past Ordway performances shown on a giant screen in Rice Park over the summer months, included Víkingur Ólafsson's 2022 performance of works by Bach and Philip Glass.



Arts Partnership Co-Presentation: Sphinx Virtuosi



Ordway Inside Out



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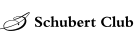
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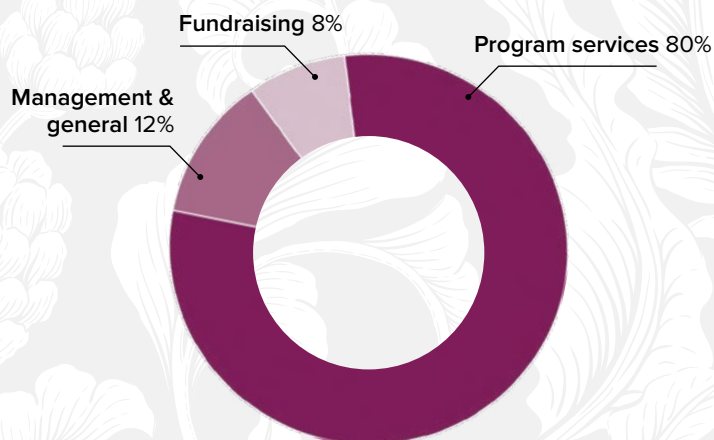
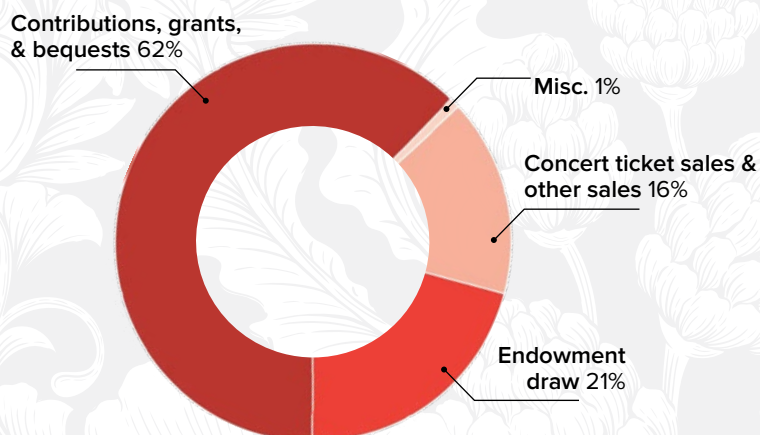
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#### Revenue

Concert ticket sales & miscellaneous sales	\$539,744
Contributions, grants, & bequests	\$2,319,308
Endowment draw	\$786,558
Miscellaneous	\$30,318
<b>Total support &amp; revenue</b>	<b>\$3,675,928</b>

#### Expenditure

Program services (concerts, education & museum)	\$2,253,956
Management & general	\$324,439
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