



# ROCKY RIDGE MUSIC



**2024 COMMUNITY REPORT**

# Leadership



Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past fiscal year, we are filled with gratitude for the many people that make Rocky Ridge Music so special. As you will see on the following pages, our impact extends well beyond our historic Estes Park home, nestled in the Rocky Mountains.

Students travel across the country and the globe to study with our brilliant faculty; generous donors fund scholarships that make our programs accessible to aspiring musicians; and performances from our Estes Park concert hall and nearby communities allow us to share the gift of music across the region.

This year we celebrated many milestones that keep our work exciting and relevant. Our Música Mariachi program, the first fully residential Mariachi program in the country, continues to grow.

We made significant improvements to our summer camp, including a new water system; upgrades to our commercial kitchen; fire mitigation tree removal; renovations to practice rooms; and other building upkeeps.

Visionary partners and foundations help us dream big and we are fortunate to work with an amazing governing board, advisory council, faculty, and staff.

The future of Rocky Ridge Music has never looked brighter. Together, we look toward the future and welcome you on this journey: cherishing the power of music to change lives and improve our world.

Melvina Carrick  
Board President

SoYoung Lee  
Executive & Artistic Director

# Key Metrics

15

Different instruments represented, plus voice - from the Violin, to those less common, like the Vihuela

50%

Students receiving some form of merit and/or need-based aid

Student age range

10 to 87

220

Total participants

States represented

22

## International

Students and Staff from

Singapore  
China  
Sweden

Costa Rica  
Taiwan

Callins Bird

# Student & Faculty Highlights

“ Fantastic program, thanks to the smart, kind, talented, fun crew.

I enjoyed every minute!  
The faculty was fantastic!

LOCATION!! The environment here is STUNNING.

It's easy to improve fast – every summer I get ten times better!

It's an oasis in the mountains: the nature, the people, and the music are so beautiful. ”

“What I find most rewarding is how Rocky Ridge helps students feel connected and motivated. It creates a sense of belonging and excitement around music.

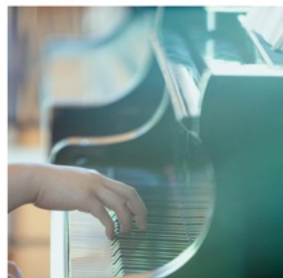
What drew me to Rocky Ridge was the excitement of being part of one of the first Mariachi summer camps, and creating a space where students could finally come together through Mariachi.”

— Priscilla Arasaki  
Música Mariachi Violin Faculty



“I've never had an experience like Rocky Ridge: they made sure I had the resources I needed to thrive, and changed my life forever. I can't thank the faculty enough for everything they've done to see me succeed.”

— Maddie  
2024 College Intensive Student



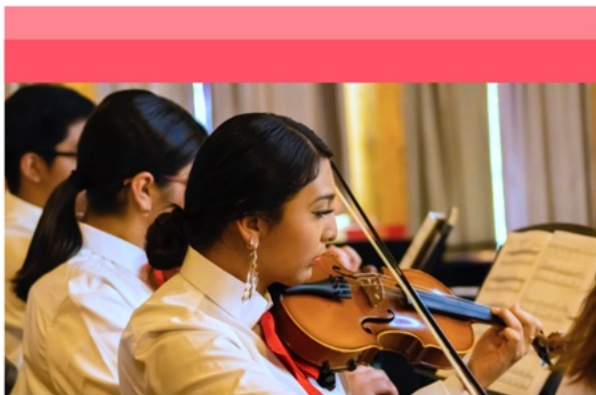
# Program & Partner Highlights

Rocky Ridge is committed to making world-class music education accessible. Much of our programming collaborates with other organizations in Boulder County and throughout Colorado to support artists; engage young people; strengthen culture; and inspire the public.



Our newest program, Música Mariachi, boasted the highest enrollment yet in its 3rd year. Our first partner, Latino Cultural Arts Center, was integral to this program's development, and we have continued to build a community of partners who enrich it with their expertise, including Colorado Youth Mariachi, Upbeat Colorado, and El Sistema Colorado.

We also continued our highly-anticipated masterclass and recital series at First Congregational Church of Boulder, which featured Sergio Gallo, Steinway Artist and Adult Piano Seminar faculty member.



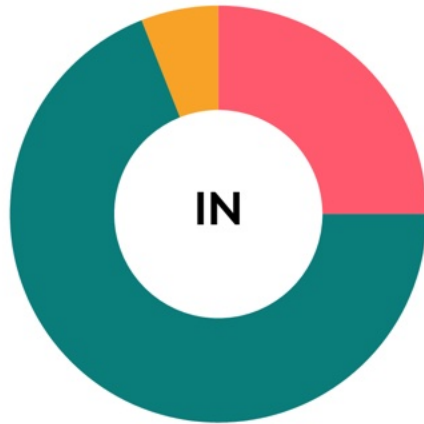
## Other vital partnerships:

- Students performed in Estes Park's iconic Presbyterian Church and The Old Gallery in Allenspark
- Began a partnership with Skyline High School's respected Mariachi program
- Provided talented Strings musicians to coach orchestra sectionals for Boulder High School students

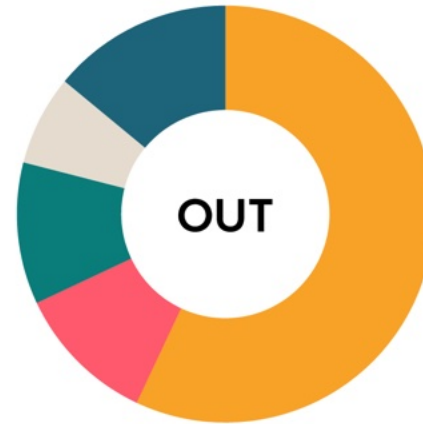
## Program highlights:

- Welcomed acclaimed Callisto Quartet as our Quartet-in-Residence for Junior Artist Intensive
- Held 30+ summer concerts, with Livestream access provided for over 30 performances in our campus Concert Hall
- Laid the groundwork for our unique Adult Guitar Seminar to begin in summer of 2025

# Finances 2024



- 69% Tuition & Fees
- 25% Contributions & Grants
- 6% Other Income



- 57% Programming
- 14% Scholarships & Financial Aid
- 11% General Operating Cost
- 11% Facilities
- 7% Admin

Revenue was offset by expenses including a 3% COLA for staff; new water system; commercial kitchen upgrades; fire mitigation tree removal; and renovations to practice rooms.

Our cash reserves are healthy, allowing us to continue awarding scholarships, offering free community performances, and updating our facilities.

## REVENUES & EXPENSES

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Contributions & Grants | \$164,732        |
| Tuition & Fees         | \$458,035        |
| Other Income           | \$39,974         |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>   | <b>\$662,741</b> |

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Scholarships & Financial Aid | \$120,306        |
| Facilities                   | \$96,961         |
| Administration               | \$64,313         |
| Programming                  | \$503,803        |
| General Operating Expenses   | \$94,575         |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>    | <b>\$879,958</b> |

## BALANCE SHEET

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Cash                      | \$ 220,000       |
| Fixed Assets              | \$ 627,000       |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS:</b>      | <b>\$847,000</b> |
| Long-term Debt            | \$ 162,000       |
| Equity                    | \$ 685,000       |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES:</b> | <b>\$847,000</b> |

# Who We Are 2025

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### VOICE

Daniel Ihasz

### COMPOSITION:

Maggie Polk Olivo

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