

— 2023-2024 —

Buffalo Girlchoir

ANNUAL REPORT



ARTISTIC TEAM

Kathleen Bassett
Artistic Director

Jeannine Joseph
Co-Director

Alyssa Agro
Assistant Director

Susan Schuman
Accompanist

One With the Earth



A season overview

This year, 130 girls enrolled in our year-long and summer camp programs. These dedicated singers worked together and in their five individual ensembles to present 15 concerts all over Buffalo. Giocososingers were invited to perform at the WNED studios as part of their new “Live on Stage” series. Giocosos also joined forces with the Women’s choir to collaborate with the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra on a very special eclipse concert!

In February, we celebrated our first-ever full-length recording with an album release party at the studios. **Sing a Song of Childhood** is available on all the major streaming platforms!!

We continued our partnership with the Merriweather Library on Jefferson Avenue, performing there for the third consecutive year and collecting needed items for the community.



The mission of Buffalo Girlchoir is to provide exceptional music instruction to young women from all social strata, culminating in transcendent performances at the highest level of artistic excellence, and facilitating their development into self-assured young women.

Buffalo Girlchoir is a choral organization for young women ages 5 and up, offering a nurturing and joyful environment for singers from diverse backgrounds. We empower our choristers to excel as artists and individuals, helping them find their voices.

*“I love summer camp!
It’s very fun and we get
to go places!”*

Our Core Values

ALL GIRLS can sing if given the proper instruction, time, and encouragement.

ALL GIRLS deserve to feel the pride in performance that comes with hard work, attention to detail, and commitment to excellence.

ALL GIRLS deserve to feel a sense of belonging and acceptance.

ALL GIRLS deserve to be treated with respect while being held to a high standard of behavioral and musical excellence.





Our Finances

Money:

*Where it comes from,
Where it goes*

Our tuition remains donation based. Our mantra is: *pay what you can, when you can, if you can.* We strongly believe that singing is a birthright and want all girls to feel strong and confident using their voices regardless of their families' financial circumstances.

This means that donations and grants are hugely important to our bottom line. We value all donations, large and small.

We also carefully manage our finances and prioritize expenses that directly impact the quality of the experience for the singers.

We are grateful to Erie County, Arts Services, Inc, Gross Shuman, Forward Buffalo Foundation, and Walmart for their generous support throughout our 2023-24 season!

Recurring monthly donations through Paypal are also an important way we can forecast our finances. Visit our site and become a sustaining donor today!

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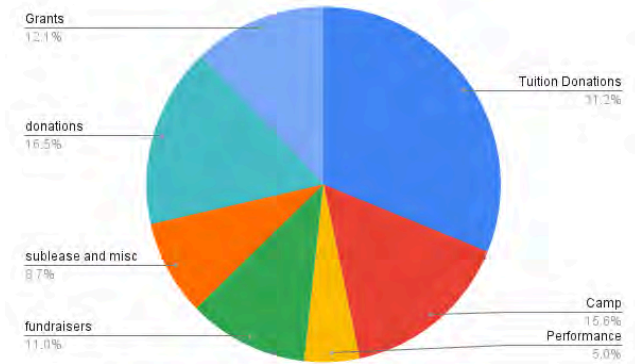
Anthony Pitnell

Members

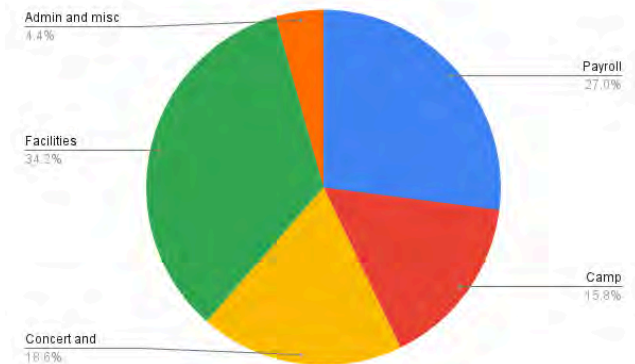
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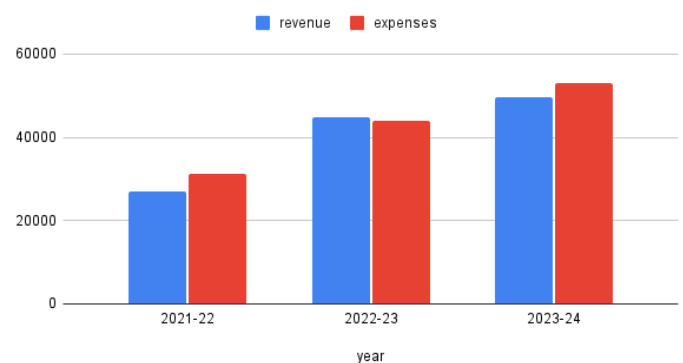
EXPENSES



*“Thank you for
having an
accessible program
for our girls!”*

Yearly funding snapshot

revenue and expenses

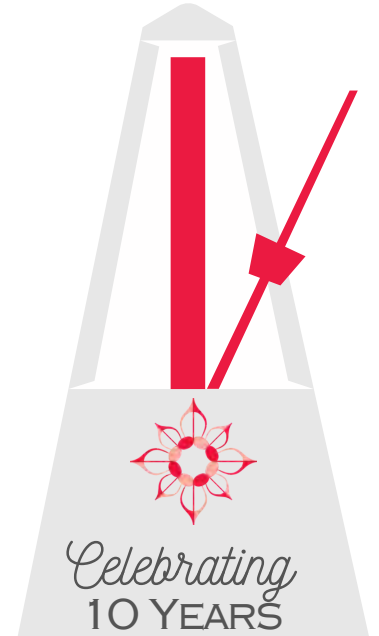




Looking Ahead

Season 2024-25:
A Moment in Time

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Our 2024-2025 season is our tenth!!

What a moment to celebrate all that we have accomplished. Join us at a concert, listen to us on your favorite streaming service, donate to our mission, and follow us on social media to stay up to date on all the latest!

If you would like to make a gift in support of Buffalo Girlchoir, please visit the donate link on our website.

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We also accept Venmo

Thank you for your support!



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