

— 2024-2025 —

Buffalo Girlchoir

ANNUAL REPORT



ARTISTIC TEAM

Kathleen Bassett
Artistic Director

Jeannine Joseph
Co-Director

Alyssa Agro
Assistant Director

Kate Leo
Assistant Director

Tim Socha
Accompanist

A Moment In Time

A season overview



This year, 120 girls enrolled in our year-long and summer camp programs. These dedicated singers worked together and in their five individual ensembles to present concerts all over Buffalo. The Senior Division Singers were invited to perform along side the Buffalo Gay Men's Chorus in December as well as returning to Shea's for 3 performances of the Nutcracker! Our spring concert took place at Babeville and we packed the house! What a fabulous way to close out a decade of singing!

Building community is just as important to us as maintaining our high artistic standards. This year we once again sang at the Kaely's Kindness annual Gala. We were also invited to appear on the Variety Kids Telethon! Our Junior division sang at the Merriweather Library on Jefferson Avenue, continuing our partnership there for the fourth year in row by performing 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.

At Buffalo Girlchoir we offer a nurturing and joyful environment for singers where, through the transformative power of music, young women from diverse backgrounds unite their voices and affirm their value!

*"I love Girlchoir
so much!!"
-current singer*



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, and West Herr for their generous support throughout our 2024-25 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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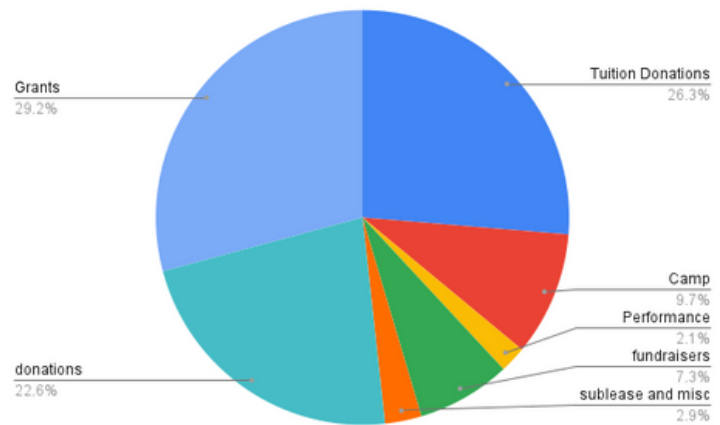
Anthony Pitnell

Members

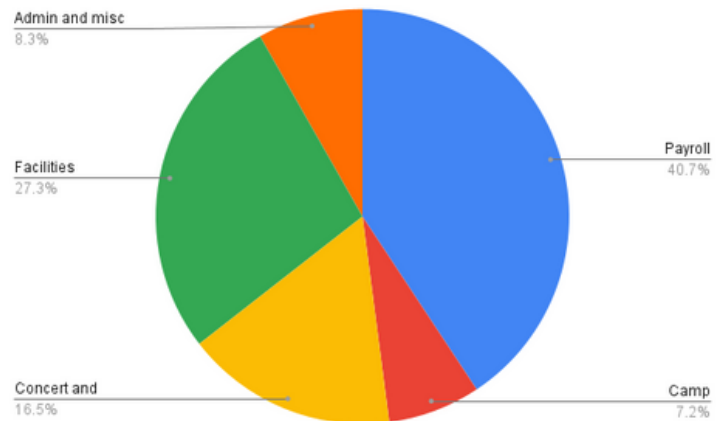
David Frieder Nicole Morris Johnson

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INCOME



EXPENSES



**Buffalo Girlchoir is
“a marvel, a true gift
to Buffalo”**

-Grandparent of a singer

Yearly funding snapshot

revenue and expenses





Looking Ahead

Season 2025-26:
We Are the Dreamers



Our 2025-2026 season is already off to a momentous start! We have welcomed a record number of new singers to our fall session. Additionally, our retention rate this year is over 90%!

Welcome new board members!

David Frieder, president
Nicole Morris Johnson, vice-president
Leslie Nickerson
Rachel Beerman
Julie Verger

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