

2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT

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Musicopia is thankful to our students, schools, and teaching artists, whose resilience and energy inspired us to continuously innovate programming, allowing us to meet the varying needs of our schools and students during everchanging COVID-19 school operations. Programs were delivered in-person, virtually, and via hybrid models.

We are thankful to our funders who enabled Musicopia to produce 62 high-quality video lessons utilizing our existing toolbox of cultural content, curriculum guides, and our network of education advisors. While students watched the videos, teaching artists also watched in real-time, answered students' questions in the virtual chat, and shared cultural and historical curricular connections.

Musicopia also offered workshops and resources to our teaching artists to help prepare them to teach in a virtual environment. In August 2020, in a series of workshops, Board member Dr. Dennis W. Creedon provided guidance on curriculum planning for online learning; staff member Taia Harlos shared online teaching and editing tools; and Board member Greg Offner shared tips for lighting, sound, and camera placement for optimized online presenting and teaching.



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#### **ABOUT MUSICOPIA**

Musicopia's mission is to provide opportunities for children to experience, learn, perform, and appreciate music. Founded in 1974, Musicopia's unwavering vision for 47 years is centered on equity, the accessibility of the arts, and to offer all children, regardless of circumstance, the opportunity to have their lives changed through music.

Musicopia builds long-term partnerships with school districts, working collaboratively to provide equitable access to music programming for youth attending underresourced schools. Our steadfast commitment to sharing diverse perspectives and introducing students to new experiences is reinforced through our teaching artist roster. Over 100 professional ensembles and solo teaching artists of the highest caliber make up Musicopia's roster, representing musical traditions from around the globe. Students are able to see their unique heritage celebrated, they learn to honor the culture of others, and everyone is welcomed into the experience. In the 20-21 academic year, these teaching artists brought 144 programs to 66 locations totaling 3,832 program hours serving 8,883 students.



## A Letter from the Executive Director

Catherine Charlton (right) with Denise Kinney

#### Dear Friends,

It is an honor and privilege to begin my service as Executive Director of Musicopia and partner organization Dancing Classrooms Philly. While it has been an extremely challenging year for all, I am thankful for the strong organizational foundation that allows us to confidently reemerge, poised for growth. I am amazed by our Teaching Artists and staff who have repeatedly re-invented themselves this year, driven by a shared passion for transforming children's lives through music.

Musicopia was founded 47 years ago by an all-female string guartet comprised of Barbara Murray, Hazel Mickley, Gael Abbasi, and Welthie Fitzgerald. Welthie led the organization until her daughter Denise Kinney took over the reins as Executive Director. During her tenure as Executive Director from 2005-2020, Denise poured her heart and soul into expanding after school opportunities for students. Denise guided the growth of the Musicopia String Orchestra (MSO) and the creation of the Musicopia Drumlines network, providing safe spaces for students to come together, interact with peers, and find joy in music. Under Denise's leadership, the Gift of Music Instrument Donation Program was able to collect, repair, and place over 5.000 instruments. Denise created a clear vision for the synergies that would emerge from a powerful partnership with Dancing Classrooms Philly, and led the formation and cultivation of our shared Board of Directors.

It was because of the resiliency of our Teaching Artists, school partners, and staff that we were able to innovate and meet the varying needs of our students throughout this extraordinary school year when over two-thirds of our programming was delivered virtually. Drumline students were given drum sticks, drum pads, and specialized vibraphone and marimba practice pads for learning at home, MSO students received instrument repairs and supplies at home through an "Instrument Tune-Up Day," and many in-school students experienced the benefits of one-on-one private lessons for the first time. Teachers also came directly to our instrument storage facility to hand-select instruments for students and their programs through our inaugural "Instrument Give-Away Days."

An accomplishment that makes me especially proud this year was the creation of our Board of Directors' Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee. The DEI Committee is tasked with the focused integration of formal DEI policies and initiatives into all areas of our organization and programming, deepening our commitment to equitable access to music education.

I am eternally grateful for the Board of Directors' belief in my vision for the future of Musicopia. Finding ways to express myself through the piano has been an essential part of my development as a human being, and I believe deeply that every child deserves the opportunity to explore music as an outlet for creative expression, joy, and dedicated discipline. I am also thankful for you – our supporters, community members, and friends – for your continued engagement and support throughout this virtual year. We all know music brings people together and changes lives, and your partnership in this journey makes all the difference.

Warmly,

Catherine M. Charlton

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#### **LEADERSHIP TRANSITION**

In September 2020, the shared Musicopia/Dancing Classrooms Philly Board of **Directors appointed Catherine** Charlton as the new Executive **Director. The appointment** took place after a thoughtful and rigorous transition process upon the retirement of Denise Kinney. Catherine served as Musicopia's and **DCP's Grants & Corporate Development Director from** 2017-2020. Earlier in her career, she served as Assistant Vice President in Market Research and technology management for a global credit card company. She holds a B.S. in Engineering with Distinction and a minor in Music, and an Executive **Certificate in Financial Success** for NonProfits, from Cornell University. A recording artist on the prestigious roster of Steinway Artists as pianist and composer. Catherine currently serves on the Board of **Governors of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Recording** Academy.

### 2020-21 In-School Teaching Artists

**Kris Alutius Christosomos Argerakis Chris Aschman Jhazmin Bigelow Andy Blackman Hurwitz Joseph Bryant** Jim Burkhardt **Swati Chaturvedi Chris Covle Josh Cruz Alexandra Dav James Dell'Orefice Nazir Ebo David Fishkin Gloria Galante Paul Giess John Gore** Orlando Haddad **Alfred Hardy Renee "Oyin" Harris-Hardy Shawn Hennessey Doug Hirlinger Cachet Ivev Jordan Jarrett Terrell Johnson** Leon Jordan Sr. Annija Kerno **Christian King Patricia King Bill Koutsouros Daniel Levine Dendê Macêdo Sean Markey Bill McCoy Alex Mitnick Rhonda Moore Dariel Peniazek** Sinta Penvami Storms **Tony Royster Raimundo Santos** James Stager **Emily Stewart Monnette Sudler Suzanne Sweeney** William Valencia **Quadell Wallace Vince Wilson** 

## In-School Programming

Musicopia programs provide literal safe spaces where students who face significant challenges in their personal and school lives can learn to manage stress, gain confidence and resilience, and find a joyful outlet. Eighty percent of Musicopia's students and their families lack financial security, living in neighborhoods throughout Philadelphia where safety and access to opportunity are major barriers. Musicopia also provides this space for students with special needs, and this year, of the 8,883 total students served via our in-school programming, 432 were students with special needs via 18 programs totaling 326 program hours at 9 schools.

#### **Adopt-A-School**

The Adopt-A-School (AAS) program helps twelve Title 1 schools bring the many benefits of music education to their students. This year we received renewed three-year funding from lead AAS sponsor The William Penn Foundation. Each partner receives a strategic assessment of its existing music program, and a customized year-long plan of programs is created to meet the needs of each school. Offerings include residency programs; instrument donations, repairs, and purchases; vocal and instrumental music coaching sessions; music teacher support; and dance residencies from partner organization Dancing Classrooms Philly.

The 2020-21 Title 1 schools in the Adopt-A-School program included: General George G. Meade, St. Martin de Porres, Fanny Jackson Coppin School, St. Cecilia, Visitation BVM, Kensington Creative & Performing Arts High School, Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School, The Philadelphia Charter School for the Arts and Sciences at H. R. Edmunds, Joseph W. Catharine, Philadelphia Montessori Charter, William Cramp, and Lindley Academy at

General David B. Birney Charter School (Lindley Academy), our newest member.

#### **Residency Programs**

Each multi-part residency begins with an assembly for the entire school. A core group of students participate in workshops that allow students to go indepth and play music with concepts of the residency theme. The program concludes with an assembly where the core group performs with the teaching artists for the school. In 2020-21 we continued to diversify our offerings with two new programs: Indonesian Dance from the Island of Bali and a literacy program, Philly Loves Jazz.



#### **School Programming Innovations!**

School scheduling upheavals due to COVID-19 were formidable challenges for our FAME instrumental music classes. And, playing music together with others synchronously via virtual platforms such as Zoom is not widely viable due to sound latency issues. In order to address this, online group classes were often restructured into individual student lessons. Many of those students had never before experienced the benefits of one-on-one private lessons.

#### **Fostering Artistry and Musical Excellence**

The Fostering Artistry and Musical Excellence (FAME) program provides year-round in-school and after-school instruction for ensembles, helping to support bands, choirs, and provide coaching for students studying sound engineering and instruments including voice, guitar, bass, percussion, and violin.

#### **Gift of Music Innovations!**

In order to continue to place instruments with schools during COVID-19, this year we kicked off "Instrument Give-Away Days." Teachers came directly to our instrument storage facility to hand-select instruments for students who may not be able to access school instruments, or to obtain instruments needed to start or supplement a school music program. Our first instrument give-away day took place in January as a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service Event, at which we gave away nearly 140 instruments. The give-away was featured on 6ABC Action News. In total across three donation days in 2020-21, we placed more than 500 instruments and supplies with 50 schools and organizations.

"Having the opportunity to work with Musicopia and their giveaway program was a fantastic experience...There's something magical about receiving your first instrument, and to share that magic with our students is a joy untold..."

- School administrator



Eagle Scout Julian Lu

# **Instrument Donation**Program

Over the course of a decade, Musicopia has collected and repaired more than 5,800 donated musical instruments through its Gift of Music Instrument Donation Program and placed over \$1 million worth of new and repaired instruments with those students who need them the most. This year, Musicopia received 335 donated instruments, 200 of which were collected by Eagle Scout Julian Lu. Julian chose Musicopia for his service project as something meaningful for himself as a musician, and to positively impact other young musicians. Julian also collected donations to go towards instrument repairs. This year the Gift of Music program was featured on WHYY, on 6ABC Action News and in *The Patch*.



#### **INSTITUTIONAL GROWTH**

**Under Catherine Charlton's leadership** as Board President, the Musicopia and **Dancing Classroom Philly Board of Directors** created the Diversity. **Equity, and Inclusion** (DEI) Committee. This committee includes Board representatives from **Programming (including** active school Principals and Teaching Artists), **Finance, Development** and Marketing, and **Governance. Having** begun with a DEI pulse survey of the Board in June 2021, the committee will survey stakeholders and assess all aspects of Musicopia's and DCP's programming, **Board recruitment. HR** policies, messaging, and more, with the intent to integrate a **DEI lens into formal** policies and strategic goals throughout the organizations. The April 2021 Board and Staff **Retreat featured keynote** facilitator Mauricio **Velásquez of the Diversity Training Group, and** staff participated in a June 2021 workshop on internal bias, with David **Dylan Thomas.** 

## After-School Programming

2020-21 Musicopia String Orchestra Faculty

Taia Harlos, Artistic Director and Conductor

Coaches: Gia Angelo Adam Brodnitsky William Valencia Ashley Vines Andrea Weber

**Grace Busser, Alumna** intern

#### **Musicopia String Orchestra**

The Musicopia String Orchestra (MSO) program is an out-of-school program for students ages 7-18. Supplemental activities include chamber coaching, group lessons, and performance opportunities. MSO is open to all youth, regardless of their family's ability to pay, and tuition is subsidized through full and partial need-based scholarships. Across three ensembles, MSO served 50 students from 22 schools during the 20-21 school year.

"This program has given me a better understanding of my instrument and a better life overall. Playing a song that I like really awakens me and gets my adrenaline running on tiring days."

- MSO student

MSO maintained virtual rehearsals in primarily small-group sectionals. The virtual rehearsals even allowed for some students to join in real-time from locations such as the Pocono Mountains, Texas, and Italy! Students also created five video performances and participated in a behind-the-scenes informational video about the steps it takes to make a virtual performance.



#### **Orchestra Innovations!**

Artistic Director Taia Harlos visited students in front of their homes during an "Instrument Tune-Up Day," at which she delivered supplies, replaced strings, and made minor instrument repairs.

The orchestra's online Spring concert was featured on PHL17, and students and their families participated in a "watch party," for which Musicopia delivered pizzas to each student's home to enjoy while viewing the video performances. Musicopia was proud to host ten of its orchestra students as PMAY Artists. The PMAY Artists' Initiative supports 5th-12th graders from communities that are underrepresented on the symphony orchestra stage, and those who encounter hardships, to realize their musical potential and ultimately pursue their dream of becoming professional classical musicians.

Six members of a chamber group also participated in eight in-person rehearsals at which they received coaching on chamber etiquette and cueing. A performance by this group was featured at our High Note High Step Event, and footage from one of their rehearsals was featured on a special series on NBC10 called "Reopening America" that highlighted how the city of Philadelphia was opening back up.

Taia Harlos completed her first full year as the orchestra's Artistic Director and Conductor. "I am deeply humbled and motivated to be working with the ensembles of the MSO program, and I know that our musical endeavors will be even more valuable to students as we come together after social distancing," said Taia.



Drumlines is an after-school percussion program targeting at-risk students ages 9-18 with the goal of inspiring participants to develop musical skills, selfdiscipline, self-confidence, and an aspiration to push themselves to further accomplishments. With no cost to participants, Drumlines has grown into a vital program that has won many titles and performed widely at parades, private events, and professional sports games. In 2020-21, 221 students from eight School District of Philadelphia schools participated in Musicopia Drumlines. During remote learning, students across nine ensembles including The Royals, the Drumlines' honor ensemble, participated in 995 hours of online coaching, and in summer 2020, Royals' students participated in in-person, socially distanced rehearsals.

Musicopia has intentionally created geographic clusters of programs in neighborhood schools so that the students may progress from middle school programs that feed into Musicopia high school ensembles, often sharing the same percussion teacher. This structure allows for the development of long-term student-teacher relationships. In 2020-21 we arranged another cluster in Southwest Philadelphia, adding a Drumlines program at Tilden Middle School, a feeder school to Bartram High School.

Artistic Director Marcus Myers, who served through May 2021, had an immensely positive impact on students during his time with the program. During the Philadelphia protests in Summer 2020, Marcus wrote in a letter addressed to students: "As a black man who grew up in Philly, I feel every piece of emotion... expect



#### **Drumlines Innovations!**

Musicopia supplied drum sticks and practice pads for students learning at home, and our melodic percussion students received specialized practice pads which enabled students to practice playing notes on printed images of vibraphone and marimba keyboards.

us here at Musicopia to listen, understand, act....We encourage each and every one of you to help change the narrative. I want to leave you with this, while the world seems to be in an uproar, do not let it steal your joy and dreams..."

In June, Musicopia welcomed Antoine Mapp as its new Drumlines Director. Antoine is also the Director of the West Powelton Steppers & Drum Squad and of the Stixers, the official Drumline of The Philadelphia 76ers.

2020-21 Musicopia Drumlines Faculty

Marcus Myers, Artistic Director

Coaches: **Chris Aschman Adam Bailey Zaire Best Matthew Chenery** Josh Cruz Ken Eidinger **Honor Furtek** John Gore Alyssa Heft **Marc Jackson** Jordan Jarrett **Daniel Levine Kion Lewis** Emmanuel Lozada-Mendez **Alex Lukens Dariel Peniazek Michnari Robinson** 

Demographics **Student Demographics** Many students served by Musicopia have more than one encounter with our programming throughout the year, including orchestra and drumline rehearsals and residency programs. The chart to the right shows the student demographic we served based on the number of times students came into contact with our programming. **African American 49.4%** 

### **Schools** & Organizations

Below are the types of schools and organizations we served.



**Public 49.6% Charter 20.5% Special Needs 17.1% Community Organizations 7.7% Religious/Parochial 4.3% Corporations 0.8%** 

### **Programming Volume By Location Total # of Sessions** • 1 • 200 • 400 614.5 More than 80%

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of Musicopia students served are identified as

low-income.

Caucasian 23.3%

**Hispanic/Latino 14.4%** 

**Asian 6.7%** 

Other/Multi-Racial 6.2%

### **Programming Session Types**

**Virtual** 

## Board of Directors

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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\*Student Representative to the Board (non-voting)

## Staff

Catherine Charlton, Executive Director (from September 2020) Grants and Corporate Development Director (through August 2020)

Denise Kinney, Executive Director (through August 2020) Director of Strategic Projects (through March 2021)

Alecia Burke, Grants Manager
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and Digital Marketing
Ken Eidinger, Gift of Music Instrument Donation Program
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Alex Lukens, Drumlines Manager
Leslie Malmed Macêdo, Program Director
Marcus Myers, Gift of Music Instrument Donation
Program Manager

Nathan Rifenburg, Program and Drumlines Manager Jennifer Ruiz, Director of Finance and Business Operations

#### **DANCE ON PHILLY**

In November, Philadelphians came together for Dance On Philly, a virtual dance party to benefit Musicopia and partner organization Dancing Classrooms Philly. Broadcast live from The Fillmore, the six-hour event featured some of Philly's finest DJs, dancers, and TV personalities and was highlighted on Philly Live and WHYY, and in New Jersey Stage, Broadway World, The Philadelphia Inquirer, The Philadelphia Globe, Jambands, and Dosage Magazine.

### **Ginancial** Information

#### **FY2020-21 REVENUE**



#### 57% Grants

(Includes multi-year grants)

#### **16% Other Revenue**

(Includes school programs, program honoraria and management fees)

#### **9% Individuals and Fundraising**

#### 8% COVID-19 Relief

(Grants and PPP loan forgiveness)

#### **5% Corporate Revenue**

#### **5% In-kind Donations**

(Includes instrument donation program)

#### **FY2020-21 EXPENSES**



#### **77% Programming**

**12% Management and General** 

11% Fundraising

| Revenue                        | FY Ending 2019 | FY Ending 2020 | FY Ending 2021<br>(unaudited) |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Grants                         | \$439,775      | \$360,780      | \$911,055                     |
| Other Revenue                  | \$321,329      | \$279,491      | \$253,444                     |
| Individuals and<br>Fundraising | \$205,767      | \$173,182      | \$149,386                     |
| COVID-19 Relief                | N/A            | \$8,750        | \$127,130                     |
| Corporate<br>Revenue*          |                |                | \$83,476                      |
| In-Kind Donations              | \$98,170       | \$59,786       | \$77,248                      |
| Total Revenue                  | \$1,065,041    | \$881,989      | \$1,601,739                   |

| Expenses                    | FY Ending 2019 | FY Ending 2020 | FY Ending 2021<br>(unaudited) |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Programming                 | \$1,015,076    | \$862,890      | \$937,245                     |
| Management and General      | \$114,104      | \$160,694      | \$146,969                     |
| Fundraising                 | \$102,100      | \$112,423      | \$128,982                     |
| Total Operating<br>Expenses | \$1,231,280    | \$1,136,007    | \$1,213,196                   |
| Net Operating**<br>Results  | (\$166,239)    | (\$254,018)    | \$388,543                     |

<sup>\*</sup>Corporate previously included in Grants and Individual and Fundraising. 2021 and moving forward, Corproate Revenue will be broken out.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Net operating results do not include revenue from multi-year grants received and recorded in prior years.

### **Musicopia and Dancing Classrooms Philly**

## High Note High Step Society Members

These dedicated supporters have generously pledged \$1,000 or more per year for five years to Musicopia, or both Musicopia and partner organization Dancing Classrooms Philly.

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#### **Operations Innovations!**

A year of primarily virtual programming with limited time spent traveling to meetings and programs allowed time for staff, many of whom were in new or expanded roles, to look at operating procedures in new ways. Increased efficiencies included the conversion of accounting and payroll systems, an HR manual overhaul, and further leveraging internal database systems to automate tasks.

Musicopia maintains a Board-directed cash reserve and adds a set amount each month. Combining the generous response of donors and foundations with our status as an organization with no debt, we showed that while program delivery was different this year, we still delivered lasting impact to our communities, and are emerging from the COVID-19 crisis fiscally prepared to enter our next 47 years.



HIGH NOTE HIGH STEP EVENT In December, approximately 200 online guests heard inspirational remarks from **Grammy-nominated duo Black** Violin about the power and importance of the arts at our annual High Note High Step **Event with partner organization Dancing Classrooms Philly. The** event raised over \$40,000 in donations, sponsorships, and pledges, and was featured on NBC10 and in Dosage Magazine, Scoop USA Media. Philadelphia Weekly, Philly Life & Culture, and Broadway World. Leading up to the event, Musicopia hosted a free, online, educational workshop to celebrate Black Violin's unique blend of hip-hop and classical music, through a discussion of how blending musical crossgenre influences can create new traditions. The panel featured a rich array of artists representing a wide variety of cultures including hip-hop, Venezuelan, and South African.

## Donor List

We thank and recognize those donors who have contributed to Musicopia between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. We are truly grateful for your support of Musicopia's mission to bring the gift of music to all children in the Greater Philadelphia region.

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William Penn Foundation

#### \$50.000 to \$99.999

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Lisa Williams

Won by One

Tiwana Wright

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Fund

Benevity Community Impact

Fund

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America

Coin Up

Comcast

**Exelon Corporation** 

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International Blue Cross

Merck Foundation

Renaissance Charitable

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High Note High Step Society Members are listed separately on page 11.

#### **MANN MUSIC ROOM**

**Musicopia's Bollywood Dancing, Afro-Cuban Music** and Dance, and Indonesian **Dance programs were** featured in the Mann Music Room, an education service of the Mann Center for the **Performing Arts which** explores global cultures through music and dance, bringing new lessons. movements, and sounds straight to audiences at home. Three more programs will be featured in the next fiscal year.



### This year many individuals and community partners supported Musicopia in many different ways. Our sincere thanks for your generosity, dedication and commitment. Without you we would be unable to fulfill our mission.

### GIFT OF MUSIC INSTRUMENT DONATION PROGRAM

Thank you to our Gift of Music donors from Spring 2020 through June 2021 who made it possible for us to place 552 instruments this year in the hands of children who otherwise would not have the opportunity to experience the joy of learning an instrument, playing music, or to advance their studies on a high quality instrument.

#### Special thank you to...

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The Loder family donated Dory's violin and viola to Patricia Harden, a junior in high school, and Justin Williams, who is attending the Peabody Institute of Music. Both Patricia and Justin were PMAY Artists. Doris Ann Loder taught strings in the School District of Philadelphia and played in the Delaware Symphony Orchestra for 30 years. The instrument hand-offs took place at Settlement Music School, where both students and donors took music lessons.

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Musicopia's pivot to online learning during COVID-19 provided a serendipitous opportunity for our education experts to review immense amounts of online programming and give real-time feedback to Teaching Artists as they were navigating this new teaching platform.

#### **PROGRAM EVALUATION**

**Musicopia continues to evaluate** all programs through surveys with program participants, classroom educators, Musicopia teaching artists, and program observers. These surveys ask both open-ended and **Likert Scale (rating 1-5) questions that** use educational and developmental criteria to gauge program effectiveness. Evaluations are automatically distributed to teachers. students, and principals both at the end of programs (historically) and at the beginning of programs (starting in phases in 2020).

In 2020. Musicopia re-designed surveys to consolidate and streamline questions, and bring consistent data across all programming areas. Surveys are collected online and automatically integrated with program booking data.

The Musicopia Board of Directors **Programming Committee is made** up of former and current educators and administrators who share their expertise to inform programming and also serve as Program Evaluators who visit schools and provide written evaluations of programs.

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