



# Annual Report 2015-16

Transforming lives through intensive, orchestral education



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*I'm glad to have been given the opportunity to play a flute and have this new big, bright path of music opened up for me!*

Yvonne Nice, age 10

BRAVO Cesar Chavez flutist

## A Message from Bonnie and Seth

Dear BRAVO Friends and Supporters,

It's hard to believe that three years have passed since 40 second and third graders at Rosa Parks first picked up instruments in our orchestra. The musical journey with these children has been so full each year of amazing opportunities and transformational experiences, that it's hard to single out just a few. But there are some highlights that are just too wonderful not to record at the end of our third year. Here's a brief list of major accomplishments in the 2015-16 school year:

- Doubled the number of students served
- Established a robust winds program at our second school site, BRAVO Cesar Chavez
- Joint performances with Metales 5 Mexican Brass and with Black Violin at the Schnitz
- Side-by-side performances with Oregon Symphony, Portland Youth Philharmonic, and the University of Portland Orchestra
- Guest Artist visit from world-renowned violinist Joshua Bell, in partnership with the Oregon Symphony
- Board President Bonnie Reagan and Artistic Director Mark Woodward chosen for national service with El Sistema USA
- Successfully developed partnership plan with Portland Public Schools to expand BRAVO throughout the Roosevelt High School cluster by 2020
- First-ever BRAVO Symphony Orchestra (winds, strings, percussion) performed at Spring Concert 5/19/16

All of this is possible only with the support of over 400 individual donors and over 25 foundations. Your generosity is changing the lives of children in North Portland in beautiful ways and opening doors of opportunity that didn't exist just a few short years ago.

We're delighted to announce our new partnership with Portland Public Schools which will: 1) create new certified music teaching positions to restore general music education at schools where BRAVO operates; 2) bring PPS staff on board as part of our after-school team of Teaching Artists; 3) support the expansion of BRAVO to all eight schools in the Roosevelt High School cluster by 2020.

We look forward to seeing you at a BRAVO concert soon!

With gratitude,



*Bonnie Reagan*

Bonnie Reagan, MD  
Board President



*Seth H. Truby*

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Executive Director

## BRAVO Rosa Parks Program Accomplishments

submitted by Artistic Director Mark Woodward



BRAVO students preparing for a joint performance alongside professional mentors at David Kerr Violin Shop. 1/28/16

- 53 enrolled students in two string orchestras
- 47 students maintained better than 90% attendance
- 90% retention rate for enrolled students
- Over 45 new pieces of music learned in genres including classical, folk, jazz, blues, & social justice
- Highlights from repertoire include:

<i>Ave Verum Corpus</i>	Mozart
Selections from <i>Water Music</i>	Handel
Shaker	Black Violin
Drowsy Maggie	traditional
It Don't Mean a Thing	Ellington

## BRAVO Cesar Chavez Program Accomplishments

submitted by Program Director Adam Eccleston



BRAVO students and families enjoying the antics of the Metales 5 Mexican Brass at their joint concert at Cesar Chavez School. 2/16/16

- 21 enrolled students in one wind ensemble
- 15 Students maintained better than 90% attendance
- 84% retention rate for enrolled students
- Over 50 new pieces of music learned in genres including classical, tango, and jazz
- Highlights from repertoire include:

<i>Seraglio Overture</i>	Mozart
<i>Oh When the Saints</i>	traditional
<i>Un elefante</i>	traditional
<i>Tango y cha cha</i>	Bellwood

In addition to the after-school programs listed above, *BRAVO Rosa Parks* served approximately 110 students in kindergarten and first grade through the In-school Program, consisting of half hour group violin lessons twice a week. About 30 of these students are joining the After-school chorus and orchestra as second graders in the 2016-17 school year. *BRAVO Cesar Chavez* served approximately 130 students in second and third grade through the In-school Program, consisting of a one hour musicianship lesson once a week. About 30 of these students are joining the After-school chorus and wind ensemble as third and fourth graders in the 2016-17 school year.

## BRAVO Guest Artist Series 2015-16

The BRAVO Guest Artist Series is an important feature of our program, bringing to Portland's poorest public schools a distinguished group of both local and international professional musicians. BRAVO Guest Artists spend at least one half hour playing musical selections and interacting with our students, answering questions about their childhood musical experiences, sharing favorite pieces in the repertoire, telling stories about distant countries where they have traveled to perform, and explaining the role music plays in their lives. BRAVO Guest Artists are also invited to stay and rehearse with our students in smaller sectional groups, and some even stay for the entire two hours of our program to practice with the full orchestra. We value the ethnic diversity and wide range of musical styles represented, and we have listed below a few of the more than 40 Guest Artists who contributed their time and talent to BRAVO in our third year.



Guest Artist Joshua Bell plays with Aislin at BRAVO Rosa Parks 2/22/16

<b>Joshua Bell</b>	Violinist, Guest Artist with the Oregon Symphony
<b>Ja'Ttik Clark</b>	Principal Tuba, Oregon Symphony
<b>Dali Quartet</b>	Guest Artists with Friends of Chamber Music
<b>Dom Flemons</b>	Musician with Carolina Chocolate Drops
<b>Priscilla Herreid</b>	Baroque recorder, Portland Baroque Orchestra
<b>Harlem String Quartet</b>	Visiting artists with Friends of Chamber Music
<b>Henry Kramer</b>	Pianist, Guest Artist with Portland Piano International
<b>Metales 5 Mexican Brass</b>	Brass quintet, international touring group
<b>Jim Quackenbush</b>	Pianist, Sergeant in the Portland Police
<b>Simon Tam</b>	Bass guitar, band leader of The Slants
<b>Yevgeny Tontov &amp; Benjamin Hoffman</b>	Protégé Project musicians with the Chamber Music Northwest



The Mexican Brass performing at Cesar Chavez School 2/16/16

*BRAVO is so inspiring to me.*

Alban Gerhardt, cellist

2014 BRAVO Guest Artist and

Artist in Residence

with the Oregon Symphony

## Concerts and Field Trips in 2015-16

A key component of the BRAVO program is regular performance in the school, the surrounding community, and the wider Portland metro area. These are opportunities to take our students to important civic and cultural landmarks they wouldn't otherwise visit, introduce them to government and arts leaders, and help expand visibility for BRAVO. Public performance and participation in civic events is also an important way we teach our students to be contributors in their community. Below are some highlights from the past year:



BRAVO Rosa Parks performs with Black Violin for an enthusiastic audience of over 2,000 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall 2/24/16



Mayor Charlie Hales conducts BRAVO Cesar Chavez in their City Hall performance while parents and the public listen. 5/23/16

<b>Sept 3</b>	<b>Waterfront Concert</b>	Performance at the all-day festival of the Oregon Symphony Waterfront Park Concert
<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>Holidays at the Capitol</b>	BRAVO Rosa Parks Brahms Ensemble concert at State Capitol Rotunda in Salem
<b>Dec 10</b>	<b>BRAVO Winter Concert University of Portland</b>	Showcase of our repertoire for BRAVO families and community friends
<b>Dec 13</b>	<b>Prelude Series Arlene Schnitzer Hall</b>	Performance in the lobby prior to the Oregon Symphony Gospel Christmas Concert
<b>Feb 16</b>	<b>Metales 5 Mexican Brass Cesar Chavez School</b>	Joint community concert with the BRAVO Cesar Chavez wind ensemble
<b>Feb 24</b>	<b>Black Violin + BRAVO</b>	Joint performance for the final number of their evening concert at the Schnitz
<b>May 5</b>	<b>Oregon Symphony Charles Jordan Center</b>	Free side-by-side community concert with BRAVO Rosa Parks
<b>May 6</b>	<b>Classical Up Close Maranatha Church</b>	Prelude performance alongside players in the Oregon Symphony
<b>May 19</b>	<b>BRAVO Spring Concert Mt Olivet Baptist Church</b>	Spring showcase for BRAVO, first full BRAVO Symphony Orchestra performance
<b>May 23</b>	<b>BRAVO at City Hall</b>	Third annual visit to City Hall, joined by Guest Conductor Mayor Charlie Hales

*That was one of the best concerts I've ever played.*

Kevin Sylvester of Black Violin, after performing with the students of BRAVO Rosa Parks onstage at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall for an audience of 2,000 people. 2/24/16

## Major Supporters

The wonderful accomplishments of our first three years would not have been possible without the hundreds of individuals, foundations, and corporations who together comprise our family of BRAVO supporters and believe wholeheartedly in our mission of social change through music. Your contributions are making a transformative impact on the lives of children right here in our community.

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Ann and John Bakkensen  
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BRAVO students visit Timberline Lodge for the first time before performing in Hood River 5/14/16

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And almost 400 gifts under \$1,000

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## Financial Summary 2015-16 Fiscal Year

EXPENSES		REVENUES	
\$343,229	Salaries	\$239,437	Individual support
\$58,763	Other personnel costs	\$207,666	Foundation and gov't grants
<u>\$21,678</u>	<u>Instruments, supplies</u>	<u>\$3,586</u>	<u>Corporate support</u>
\$423,670	DIRECT COSTS	\$450,689	CONTRIBUTED REVENUE
		\$42,330	Earned Income
<u>\$60,945</u>	<u>Indirect costs</u>	<u>\$17,328</u>	<u>Other Income</u>
\$484,615	TOTAL EXPENSES 2015-16	\$510,347	TOTAL REVENUES 2015-16
		\$25,732	Net Income
		\$44,436	Strategic Reserve Fund
		\$33,850	TOTAL EQUITY JUNE 30, 2016

## Three Year Timeline

In June 2016, the BRAVO board completed and adopted a 2016-19 Strategic Plan under the guidance of consultant George Thorn. Please contact us if you are interested in receiving a copy of the full plan.

### 2016-17

- Schools served: 4 - Rosa Parks, Cesar Chavez, George Middle School, Sitton Elementary;  
After-school program for approx. 115 at three sites; In-school program for approx. 420 at three sites;  
Total students served approx. 535.

### 2017-18

- Schools served: 4 - Rosa Parks, Cesar Chavez, George Middle School, Sitton Elementary;  
After-school program for approx. 160 at four sites; In-school program for approx. 420 at three sites;  
Total students served approx. 580.

### 2018-19

- Schools served: 5 - Rosa Parks, Cesar Chavez, George Middle School, Sitton Elementary, Peninsula;  
After-school program for approx. 200 at four sites; In-school program for approx. 570 at four sites;  
Total students served approx. 770.

## Our People

BRAVO relies on the committed involvement of dozens of wonderful people in paid and volunteer roles. Here are the key people who have contributed their time, talent, and energy in the past year:

### STAFF

Karen Bailey, In-school Program Manager  
Stefana Berceanu, Teaching Artist, violin  
Aurelian Boudreaux, Teaching Artist, viola  
David Eby, Teaching Artist, cello  
Cecille Elliott, Teaching Artist, violin  
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Chris Fotinakis, Teaching Artist, violin  
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Chris Wurst, Teaching Artist, trumpet

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Adam Eccleston, Winds Program Director  
Mark Woodward, Artistic Director  
Seth Truby, Executive Director

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Rich Kolbell, BRAVO Photographer  
Inge van Waardenburg, Event Planner

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Ashley Teng

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Regular volunteer Al Torres (24 years with the US Army Field Band) performs alongside BRAVO Cesar Chavez students at the spring concert. 5/19/16

*I like BRAVO because it helps me excel in both music and school. I've only been playing for two years and we've already met Joshua Bell and played with Black Violin! I hope BRAVO goes on for thousands of years.*

Sapphire Thomas, Age 11  
BRAVO Rosa Parks violinist

*A special thank you to Rich Kolbell and Kimberly Warner for the photographs used throughout this report.*

## Contact BRAVO

If you would like to arrange a program visit or find out more about BRAVO, please contact us:

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