BRAVO on the road

A young listener enjoys the BRAVO performance in the Capitol Rotunda in Salem in December 2016. BRAVO ensembles have performed in the Capitol Building at least once a year since 2015. In 2016-17, BRAVO students from three different schools performed in Salem on three separate occasions.
“BRAVO - Thank you for playing at my inauguration. Your exquisite music brought tears to my eyes.”
-Kate Brown, Oregon’s 38th Governor
January 9, 2017
BRAVO on the big stage

4th-year violinist Luis Chan-Hernandez was profiled in a feature on NBC Nightly News in March 2017. A month later he had the chance to perform a solo alongside Kevin Sylvester of Black Violin for 2,200 enthusiastic fans at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.
Artists in Residence

Renowned singer/songwriter Edna Vazquez performs in Hood River with the Vivaldi Strings in March 2017. Edna was our first BRAVO Artist in Residence in a new project which brought professional musicians to BRAVO over several months to teach diverse genres of music. In April 2017, Artists in Residence Darrell Grant (jazz piano) and Lisa Ornstein (Canadian fiddling) joined Edna and performed alongside BRAVO students at a concert called Crossing Borders.
Music matters

Many scientific studies document the positive impacts of music study on brain development and executive function. Data from Portland Public Schools shows that BRAVO students have significantly better attendance, notably higher test scores in math and language arts, and fewer behavior referrals compared to their peers.
More music in more schools

In our fourth year, BRAVO launched operations at two new schools including our first middle school program. BRAVO served 125 students in 2016-17 through intensive after-school programs and another 400 through in-school music programs taught in partnership with Portland Public Schools teachers.

None of these schools had a music teacher on staff before BRAVO arrived. Now all of them do.
Sources of Support 2016-17

- Individual Contributions: $346,639
- Foundations: $269,750
- Government Grants: $78,172
- Earned Revenue: $72,772
- Corporate Support: $11,391
- Other: $5,190
- Total: $783,914

Your support is changing lives

2nd year flutist Tonaee Blocker meets her counterpart, Oregon Symphony flutist Alicia DiDonato Paulsen, before their joint community concert at Cesar Chavez School in January 2017. Through our partnerships with the Symphony and other leading organizations, BRAVO students get opportunities each year to perform alongside professional musicians.

Thank you for being part of the BRAVO family.