Transforming lives through intensive orchestral education

2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT
Artists in Residence

Singer/songwriter and looping violinist Joe Kye performs with the Vivaldi Strings at his CD release concert in October 2017. Joe was one of three BRAVO Artists in Residence, professional musicians who visited BRAVO over several months to teach diverse genres of music. In April 2018, Tarik and Julia Banzi (Mediterranean music) and Gabriela Gimenes and Steven Schob (Bossa nova and Samba from Brazil) joined Joe and performed alongside BRAVO students at a benefit concert called Crossing Borders that raised over $50,000 for program support.
World Class Music Mentors

Latin jazz legend Paquito D’Rivera applauds the third-year D’Rivera Winds after their joint performance onstage at Portland State University’s Lincoln Hall in October 2017. Mr. D’Rivera is the inspiration and namesake for this first group of BRAVO wind students, and it was a tremendous honor to meet him and make music together. BRAVO students have opportunities each year to perform alongside internationally renowned musicians representing a wide range of genres.
More Schools and Younger Students

New BRAVO Rosa Parks students receive medallions from their families before their first performance in December 2017. In our fifth year, BRAVO launched operations at our fifth program site and expanded the grades served from pre-K up to 7th. BRAVO served 130 students through intensive after-school programs and another 650 through in-school music programs taught in partnership with Portland Public Schools teachers.
Program Impact

For the second year, data from Portland Public Schools indicated that BRAVO students continue to have significantly better attendance, notably higher test scores in math and language arts, and fewer behavior referrals compared to their peers. These evaluation results correlate with many scientific studies documenting the positive impacts of music study on brain development and executive function.
A Revolution in Music Education

BRAVO welcomed a team of visiting Teaching Artists from across the country to lead our first Collective Composition project at our June 2018 summer camp. We put aside the printed music while students improvised and experimented with creating their own melodies, rhythms, harmonies and lyrics. BRAVO shared these two new student-generated musical pieces at a high-energy concert entitled ‘Just Play It’ in the atrium at Wieden + Kennedy in the Pearl District. BRAVO will incorporate more creative play and Collective Composition into our program curriculum in the coming years.
Sources of Support 2017-18

- Individual Contributions: $355,439
- Foundations: $218,500
- Earned Revenue: $179,907
- Government Grants: $46,145
- Corporate Support: $6,207
- Other: $6,028

Total: $812,225

Year in Review

- 650 In-school students (1 hr/wk)
- 130 After-school students (10 hrs/wk)
- 5 sites & 23 staff

- 91% of BRAVO students over 90% school attendance
- 50 Concerts and field trips
- 36 Guest Artists
- 350+ hrs per child/year after-school instruction
- 8 String and wind ensembles
- 90%+ BRAVO families living in poverty
Thank you for being part of the BRAVO family.

Your support is changing lives