RPSM

REGENT PARK SCHOOL OF MUSIC

ANNUAL REPORT 2018

HELPING KIDS THRIVE THROUGH MUSIC

Laurenz, CHOIR & UKULELE

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Regent Park School of Music started in 1999 in a church basement with just 71 kids. Thanks to the incredible support of so many friends this year **1,000 kids across Toronto** are now receiving a music education that is bringing them joy, raising their aspirations and helping them develop all the right skills and traits to do well in school and pave the way for a bright bold future.

RPSM students are unique, and our two-fold goal is: to provide them with a great music education and to help them thrive. Inspiring and engaging them, and giving them a sense of accomplishment, belonging and choice are uppermost in the minds of our **80 music faculty** teaching our students. Unlike any other music school in the city, our students have a cornucopia of instruments and genres to choose from in private, ensemble and large group lessons in voice, strings, piano, woodwinds, percussion, brass and new technologies.

Something very special happens to kids here at RPSM – on stage they learn to sing, play and perform, while backstage their confidence, courage and self-esteem soars. Year after year we watch our students blossom, graduate high school and go on to university and college – all with this beautiful gift called MUSIC.

Your investment in these children's lives is so vital. Thank you for believing in them and enriching their lives in so many ways.

RICHARD MARSELLA
Executive Director
Regent Park School of Music

MARTIN ABEL
Chair, Board of Directors
Regent Park School of Music

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

1,000 STUDENTS

found joy in over 40,000 hours of music education

500 STUDENTS in Regent Park studied everything from classical music to sound engineering, performed in over 70 events and aced 80 Royal Conservatory of Music exams.

112 KIDS in summer camps in Regent Park and Jane & Finch

165 STUDENTS at First Nations School of Toronto took weekly music lessons with RPSM

166 STUDENTS in Jane & Finch took part in a year-long musical adventure thanks to the incredible **Carswell Family**

47 STUDENTS explored music in our programs for children with special needs, aboriginal youth, children in refugee shelters and youth in remand homes

10 STUDENTS graduated… ALL BOUND FOR COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY

Atisa, PIANO

A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF A STUDENT AT RPSM

Katherine, VOICE, VOCAL QUARTET, SENIOR CHOIR

Every student's experience is unique, but to give you a flavour of what kids do here at RPSM, here's 16 year old vocal student Katherine to tell you a little bit about her year.

"Since I was able to talk, I've been passionate music. I would sing constantly but didn't have much confidence in my performance abilities. In the 3 years I've been at Regent Park School of Music I have improved my singing technique, am coming out of my shell and becoming more confident in music and in life.

This year I took private voice lessons and was also in the vocal quartet and senior choir. I have had so many incredible experiences that I will treasure forever.

Thank you.

Katherine

JULY

- Vocalist In RPSM's intensive 3 week summer Song Interpretation Program

SEPTEMBER

- Choir trip to Stratford with backstage tour and great seats to *Treasure Island*

OCTOBER

- Mentored Junior Choir Students
- Sang to celebrate RPSM's great friend David Howard's 100th birthday

DECEMBER

- Performed two nights at Air Canada Centre with Pink Floyd's Roger Waters
- Performed with Vocal Quartet at Arts and Letters Club of Toronto

FEBRUARY

- Sang for Carswell Family at the unveiling of Carswell Hall at RPSM

MARCH

- In studio with Bob Ezrin to record on Andrea Bocceli's new album

MAY

- Performed alongside Jully Black at CRESCENDO
- Sang at George Stroumboulopolos's House Concert
- Sailed through Level 6 RCM Voice Exam

OUR REMARKABLE 2018 RPSM GRADUATES

10
STUDENTS
are graduating from RPSM this year and all of them are university & college bound

We are so proud of them.

Thank you for investing in their lives.

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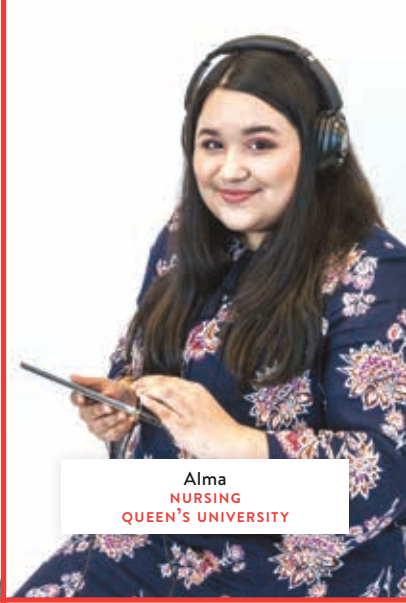
RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Megan
ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING
WATERLOO UNIVERSITY



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QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

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CELLO Saxophone VOICE TEAMWORK ***CHOIR*** Steel Pan
Percussion RESILIENCE Hand Chimes Recorder MELODICA
Electric Guitar Early Childhood Music LEADERSHIP **Clarinet** *Fiddle*
Ukulele THEORY CURIOSITY *Ear Training* PERSEVERANCE
Improvisation **Composition** LIFE SKILLS *Harmony* iPad CREATIVITY
TABLA *Turntable* HARP PERFORMANCE SKILLS Song Writing
SOUND PRODUCTION ***Recording***

in REGENT PARK
JANE & FINCH
and other neighbourhood
improvement areas

Emily & Elizabeth, GUITAR

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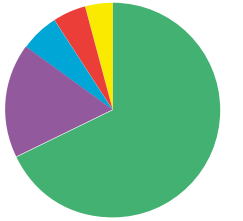

Thanks to our great friends, we raised **$1,810,000**
to give 1,000 young people music this year

68% **PRIVATE FUNDING**
Contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations give children music year after year and help them thrive.

17% **CRESCENDO 2018**
Presented by Manulife and led by Sherry Evershed, our incomparable CRESCENDO Chair.

6% **FRIENDS ORGANIZING EVENTS FOR US**

5% **TUITION FEES**
Students pay as little as $1 a lesson
& **PERFORMANCE HONORARIA**
Students performed at 75 events

4% **GOVERNMENT**

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