ANNUAL REPORT 2018

REGENT PARK SCHOOL OF MUSIC

HELPING KIDS THRIVE THROUGH MUSIC
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
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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

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

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

47 STUDENTS
graduated . . . all bound for college & university

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10 STAIRS
needed
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
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.

Olivia
HUMAN RESOURCES
GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE

Edwin
COMPUTER SCIENCE
WATERLOO UNIVERSITY

Sabrina
DRAMA
NYU TISCH SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Nyah
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UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

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QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY

Nyah
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THANK YOU FROM ALL THE KIDS AT RPSM

$500,000+
Carwell Family Foundation
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$100,000–$249,999
Sun Life Financial

$50,000–$99,999
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Aston Family Foundation
Aaron Brock Foundation
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$10,000–$24,999
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OUR STUDENTS ARE LEARNING

Piano, Violin, GRIT, Classical Guitar, TRUMPET, Flute, PURPOSE, 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

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

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

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

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

- **FRIENDS ORGANIZING EVENTS FOR US**: 6%

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

- **GOVERNMENT**: 4%

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Back Cover: Liam, violin & string ensemble