

BRIGHTER FUTURES THROUGH MUSIC



Community Music School

IMPACT

23-24

REPORT

INSPIRING YOUTH
THROUGH ACCESS
TO HIGH-QUALITY
MUSIC INSTRUCTION

TAKE A LOOK

Dear Friends,

We are proud to showcase our commitment to the CMS mission *to enrich and inspire children and youth through access to and delivery of high-quality music instruction.*

Our focus on both **high quality** and **access** sets us apart from other music school options in Wake County.

- Music is foundational to every young person's development, and cost should not hinder a child's opportunity for high-quality instruction. We welcome students of all abilities so anyone can experience the delight of exploring their musical interests.
- High quality comes from the dedication of professional instructors and the quality instruments we provide to students. CMS supports students' goals and interests, offering lessons on a variety of instruments, creating new ensembles, and growing our music production program where students learn to produce original compositions.
- Families and community partners are engaged in ways that support the student's development, including workshops with professional musicians, opportunities to attend arts performances, connections to community resources, and help with plans for a future that includes music if desired.

Research shows that musical education enhances a child's academic and personal development. We are creating a community where brighter futures are fostered through music. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for supporting access to high-quality music education and contributing to meaningful change in our community.

With gratitude,

Donna Mooney-Haywood

Donna Mooney-Haywood



XAVIER

AGE 13



SEE A PERFORMANCE



I just close my eyes and imagine I'm playing in front of a million people and give it everything I got.

Guitar Student



MELANIE DOERNER



Students thrive with the powerful combination of encouragement from wonderful instructors, support from their families, and dedication to practice.

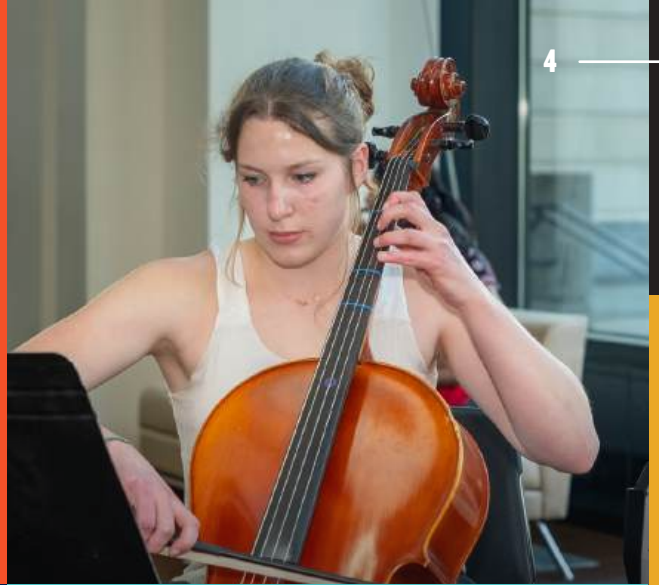
Executive Director



Future IMPACT

Arts education contributes to personal growth outside of the classroom, including increasing a student's likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism, and community engagement.

North Carolina Arts in Education Week Proclamation



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Graduating Seniors

44

Summer Campers

3

Satellite Sites

Students Enrolled

256



Our IMPACT

Student Demographics

\$1

Per Lesson

39%

Latinx/
Hispanic

7-18

Ages

29%

Black/
African
American



1:1

Music
Instruction

14%

Mixed Race

9%

White

19

Professional
Instructors

4%

Asian



1%

American
Indian/
Alaska Native



5%

Other/
Undisclosed

3,384

Hours of Instruction

CMS is the only organization in Wake County that provides professional, personalized music instruction in multiple genres exclusively to students from families with financial need.

SHIA

AGE 15

“It took me a while to find my instrument. I tried a variety of different ones until I found the harp and my teacher Ms. Garrett. I was just so inspired, and that was new to me. Never had an instrument inspire me before. I’ve worked out my schedule so I can try to practice as much as I can. This whole journey led me here, and I’m so grateful.”



MO

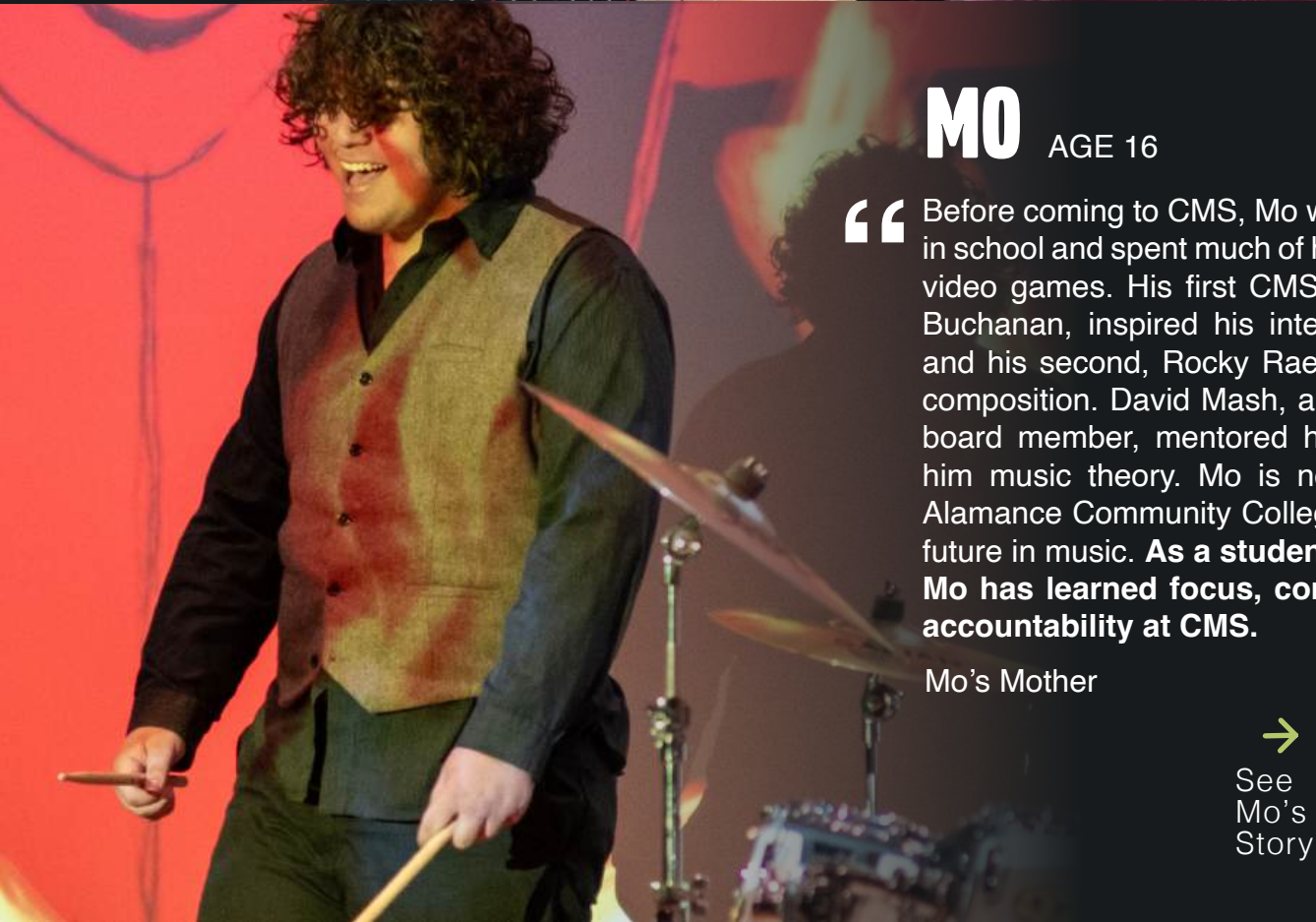
AGE 16

“Before coming to CMS, Mo was not thriving in school and spent much of his time playing video games. His first CMS teacher, Jake Buchanan, inspired his interest in drums, and his second, Rocky Raeford, on music composition. David Mash, a CMS advisory board member, mentored him and taught him music theory. Mo is now enrolled in Alamance Community College and plans a future in music. **As a student with autism, Mo has learned focus, consistency and accountability at CMS.**”

Mo’s Mother



See
Mo’s
Story



FUNDRAISER HONORING TOM MCGUIRE

CMS friends, students and families gathered for a community event to support CMS and honor Tom McGuire's passion for music and children. The spring event, featuring Grammy-nominated jazz saxophonist Marcus Anderson and ¡Tumbao! raised \$150,000 to expand CMS enrollment and strengthen programs.

Mark your
calendars for
May 7, 2025!

Take a look at
the 2024
performances

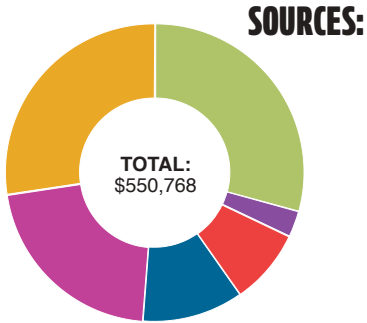


High-Quality
DR. ANTHONY LEE
Instruction

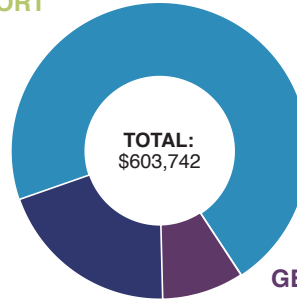
“ It is an honor and great joy to work at the Community Music School, an organization providing a unique opportunity for children in North Carolina to engage in music lessons.

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- FOUNDATION & PRIVATE SUPPORT**
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- PROGRAM FEES & OTHER**
\$18,353



- PROGRAM SERVICES**
\$438,033
- FUNDRAISING**
\$115,354
- GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE**
\$50,355

IN THE COMMUNITY

CMS is part of the broader community through satellite programs, summer camp, and community partner engagement.

We launched our third Explorations satellite program at Fox Road Elementary School and returned to Southeast Raleigh Community Learning Center and Wakelon Elementary.

The CMS Pop Band has developed a following and has been invited to perform at multiple community cultural events.





Community Music School

A family commits to a year-long relationship with CMS for weekly classes – and more. The music lessons are just one component of the learning process that is enhanced by recitals, master classes, concerts, ensembles, and field trips. **This year, nearly half of CMS students are siblings.**



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