

BRIGHTER FUTURES THROUGH MUSIC

A Spectacular Evening of Impact and Philanthropy

Honoring Tom McGuire



**MAY 7, 2025
6:00-8:00PM**

Please sponsor the musical event held at the A.J. Fletcher Opera Theater in Raleigh. Proceeds benefit Community Music School, whose mission is to enrich and inspire children through access to and delivery of high-quality music instruction.

This event is open to the community.

HONORING TOM MCGUIRE

This annual event honors the late Tom McGuire's passion for music and his dedication to children. Tom was committed to building a better world through his philanthropy.



BRIGHTER FUTURES THROUGH MUSIC

Community Music School is a perfect match for honoring Tom McGuire's legacy. CMS has been meeting the community need for affordable music instruction by offering high quality personalized music lessons to Wake County youth for more than 30 years, and served 250 students last year.



FEATURED ARTISTS

Accomplished musician and educator and **John Brown**, Vice Provost for the Arts and Director of the Jazz Program at Duke University, began performing as a bassist at a young age. He will perform as well as share how his work aligns with CMS's mission.

Ira David Wood III, award-winning actor and advocate for the arts, will host the evening of inspiring performances and moving stories.

YOUR GIFT OF MUSIC

The event fundraising goal of \$175,000 will strengthen experiences for students as CMS expands partnerships and offerings.

CMS is the only organization in Wake County that provides private, personalized music instruction in multiple genres exclusively to students whose families cannot otherwise afford lessons. Professional instruction is just \$1 per week and instruments are provided.



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CMS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit



MORE INFORMATION

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	\$35,000 MAESTRO SPONSORS	\$25,000 PRESENTING SPONSORS	\$15,000 PLATINUM SPONSORS	\$10,000 GOLD SPONSORS	\$5,000 SILVER SPONSORS	\$2,500 BRONZE SPONSORS	\$1,000 SUPPORTERS	\$500 FRIENDS
Recognition in event invitation, signage, digital promotions, website	Presented by... & logo		Sponsored by...at each level (Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze)				Donor listing per support level	
Number of guests *Preferred seating	12*	10*	8*	6*	6	4	4	2
Private tour of Community Music School and opportunity to interact with faculty and students	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
½ hour private music lessons with CMS faculty	6	5	4	3	2	1		
OR Host student and faculty performance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		

All proceeds benefit Community Music School, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Visit cmsraleigh.org



Sponsorship Agreement Form

I/we will support Community Music School by sponsoring “Brighter Futures Through Music: A Spectacular Evening of Impact and Philanthropy Honoring Tom McGuire” to be held May 7, 2025, at the following level:

- \$35,000 Maestro Sponsors
- \$25,000 Presenting Sponsors
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Note: sign electronically by typing your name in the box above

Please complete and send to Executive Director Melanie by mail at Community Music School, 322 Chapanoke Road Raleigh, NC 27603 or by email at mdoerner@cmsraleigh.org.

Thank you for your support! This special event honors the late Tom McGuire’s passion for music and his dedication to children’s welfare. All proceeds benefit Community Music School, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Federal Identification Number: 59-2098168. Upon receipt of this form, Community Music School will invoice your organization for this donation.

If you have any questions, contact Executive Director Melanie Doerner at (919) 832-0900 or mdoerner@cmsraleigh.org

In the unlikely event of extreme weather or other disaster that results in the cancellation of this event, sponsorship payments shall not be refunded but remain a donation to the work of Community Music School, with donation publicized by CMS in addition to pre-event publicity.

A young person with short hair, wearing a light-colored checkered shirt and dark pants, is seated and playing a drum set. They are wearing large black headphones. The drum set includes a snare drum, a tom, and a cymbal. The background is slightly blurred, showing an indoor setting.

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.

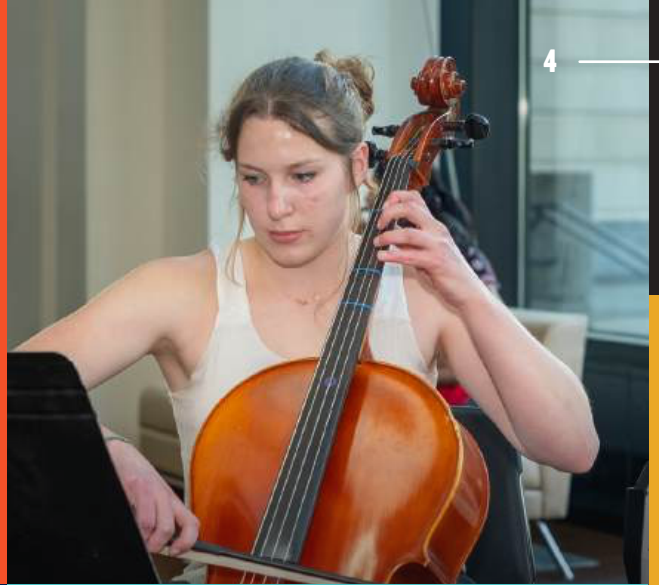
Executive Director



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



6

Graduating
Seniors

44

Summer
Campers

3

Satellite
Sites

Students
Enrolled

256



Our IMPACT

Student Demographics

39%

Latinx/
Hispanic

29%

Black/
African
American

14%

Mixed Race

9%

White

4%

Asian

1%

American
Indian/
Alaska Native

5%

Other/
Undisclosed

\$1

Per Lesson

7-18 Ages



19

Professional
Instructors



1:1 Music
Instruction



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

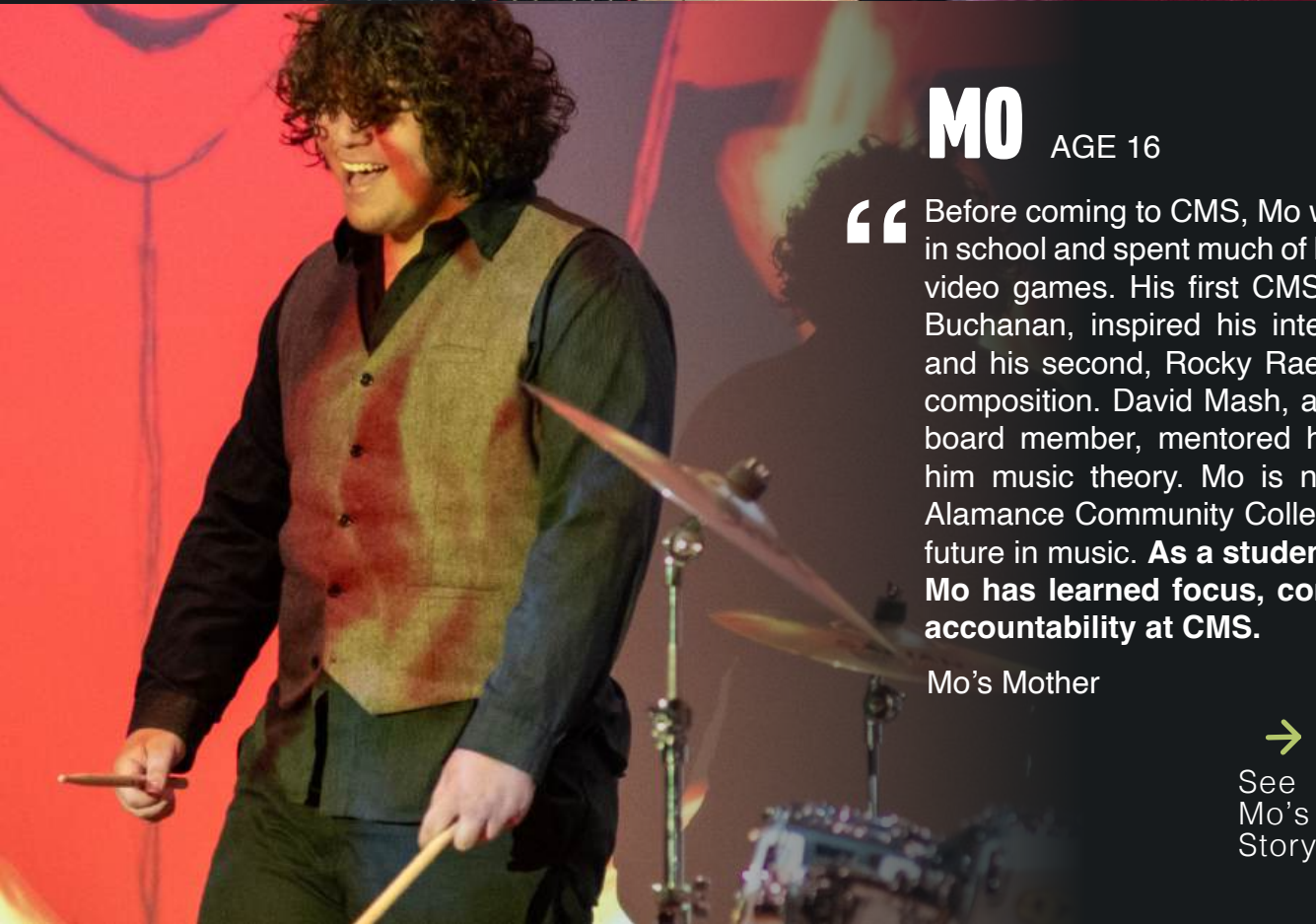
AGE 16

“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

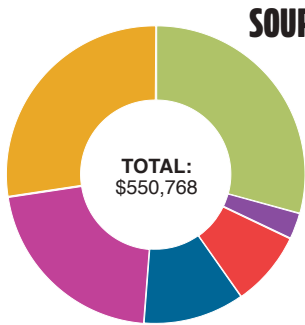


High-Quality
DR. ANTHONY LEE
Instruction

“ 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.

Photo credit: Cindy McEnery

23-24 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



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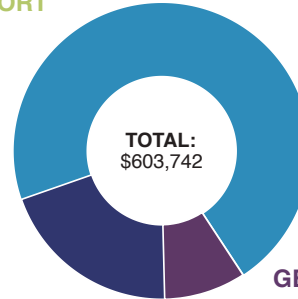
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\$138,275

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\$42,962

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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