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Annual Impact Report Fiscal Year 2023

THE
PRINCETON FESTIVAL

PSO BRAVO!

PSO's Impact

FISCAL YEAR 2023 – AT A GLANCE

135

Events and Performances

23,000

Concertgoers



40

Partnerships with Local
Businesses

432

Full-time Staff, Seasonal
Employees, and Musicians

10,000

Attendees at school visits,
public talks, masterclasses,
and events

28

Schools and Organizations
participating in
PSO BRAVO!

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56,000

Website Impressions

15,000

Social Media Followers

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Greetings from the PSO





To Our Family of Music Lovers,

We are delighted to share with you results and memories of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra's spectacular 2022-23 season. This was a year that included our first-ever full season of Saturday and Sunday performances at Richardson Auditorium and a return to a full year of in-school musical experiences through our PSO BRAVO! education programs. In June, we presented a second Princeton Festival at Morven Museum & Garden, which, compared to 2022, enjoyed a dramatically increased attendance and expanded relationships all around town.

Please explore the graphics, charts, and images in this impact report which hint at all that has been accomplished. None of this success would be possible without the sustaining support of everyone, from our first-time attendees and loyal subscribers, to our donors, community partners, and dedicated volunteers.

Thank you for your steadfast support, your curiosity, and for your belief in the importance of live music in our community.

With warm regards,

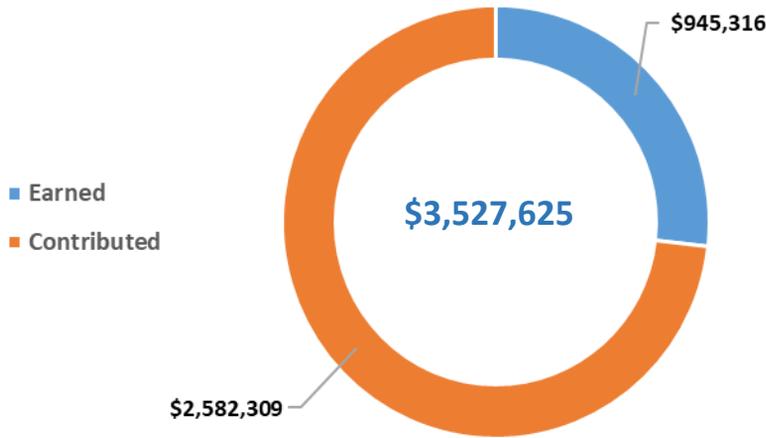
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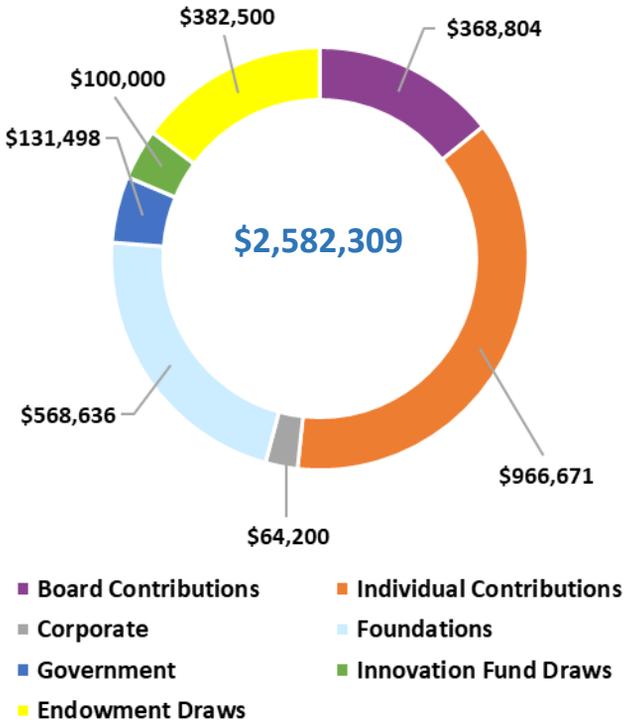
Rossen Milanov
Edward T. Cone Music Director

FY23 – Financial Overview

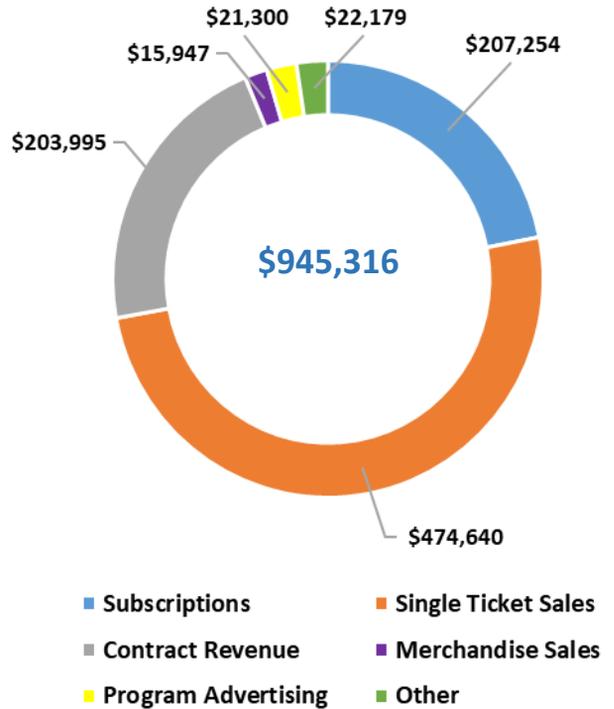
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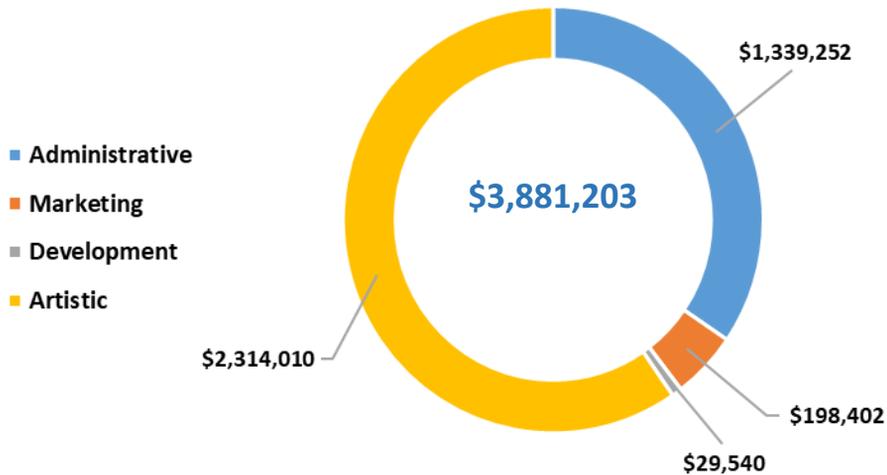
FY23 Contributed Income



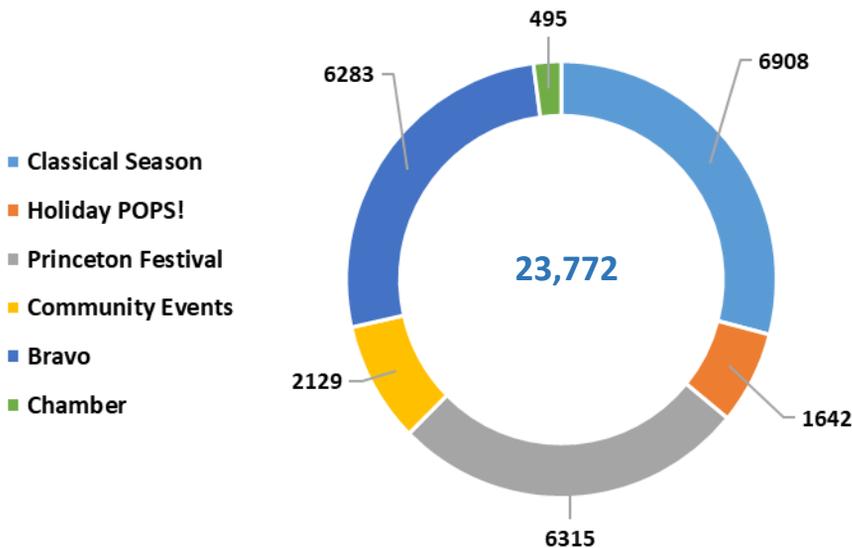
FY23 Earned Income



FY23 Total Expenses



FY23 Total Attendance



2022-23 PSO Classical Season

A Return to Richardson

The 2022-23 classical season heralded PSO's full-season return to Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium. Highlights from the season included performances by:

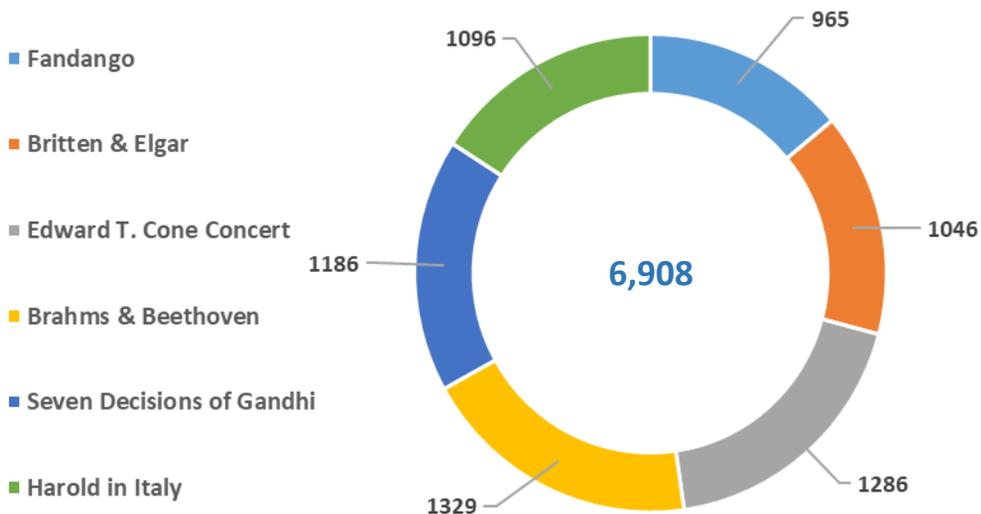
- Violinists William Harvey, Anne Akiko Meyers, and Elina Vähälä
- Soprano Angel Blue
- Pianist Inon Barnatan
- Violist Roberto Díaz

The season also featured the world premiere of William Harvey's violin concerto, *Seven Decisions of Gandhi*, with the composer himself as soloist and beloved standards by Tchaikovsky, Brahms, and Beethoven.



Star soprano Angel Blue sings "Vissi d'arte" from Puccini's *Tosca* on a program with Barber's *Knoxville: Summer of 1915* and favorite opera arias at the PSO's January 2023 concert.

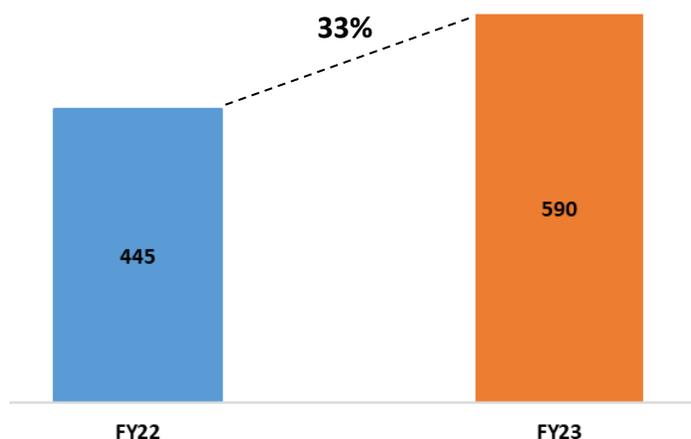
2022-23 Classical Season Attendance by Performance



Earned Income Rebounds

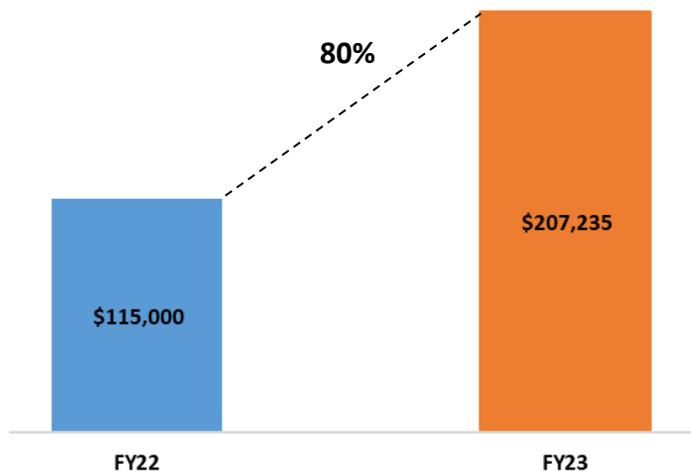
Subscription revenue provides a stable revenue stream, making it possible for the PSO to plan the artistic season ahead and attract talented artists to our local stage. PSO's revenue from subscriptions plummeted during the pandemic, but made a strong comeback in FY23.

Annual Subscribers



Guest artist Anne Akiko Meyers performing the East Coast premiere of Arturo Márquez' "Fandango" Violin Concerto at the PSO's September 2022 season-opening concert.

Income from Subscriptions



2022 Holiday POPS!

'Tis the Season...

The PSO once again offered two performances of its Holiday POPS! concert at Richardson Auditorium in December. These Holiday POPS! concerts are one of PSO's most beloved, family-oriented programs of the year!

Featuring:

- Broadway's Janet Dacal
- Maestro Rossen Milanov
- The Princeton High School Choir

Offering two performances of this program enabled the orchestra to invite many local service groups to participate in these concerts free of charge, extending the joy of the holidays to families in our local community.

PSO Service Organization Partners:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Mercer County
- Christina Seix Academy
- Capital Harmony Works
- Eden Autism
- Hi-Tops
- Enable NJ
- National Junior Tennis and Learning
- Princeton Community Housing
- VetTix



Broadway star Janet Dacal sings classic carols and holiday favorites with the orchestra as a special guest for this very merry concert.

10% of concert attendees joined performances through sponsored ticket programs



Edward T. Cone Music Director Rossen Milanov engaging the audience.



The Princeton High School Choir, directed by Vincent Metallo, lend their voices to the festivities.

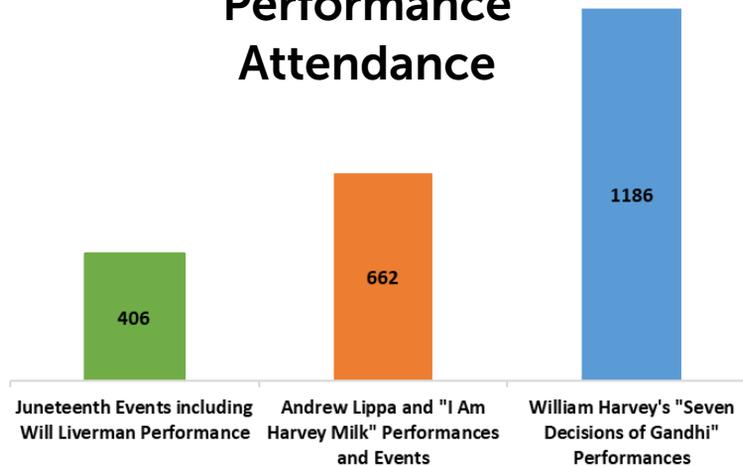
Building Community

The PSO is committed to presenting compelling, exceptional programming that deeply resonates with diverse cultural communities. The PSO demonstrated this commitment in its 2022-23 season, which featured a Juneteenth celebration concert with baritone Will Liverman, the world premiere of William Harvey's violin concerto *Seven Decisions of Gandhi*, and Andrew Lippa's musical theatre oratorio celebration of LGBTQ+ rights, *I Am Harvey Milk*.



Kevin Miller accompanied Metropolitan Opera star Will Liverman at the 2023 Princeton Festival.

Performance Attendance



Composer Andrew Lippa receives applause with the star-studded cast of his musical theatre oratorio, *I Am Harvey Milk*, following its performance at the Festival.



William Harvey, composer and violin, and Dibyarka Chatterjee, tabla, give a preview of Harvey's *Seven Decisions of Gandhi*.

2022-23 PSO BRAVO!

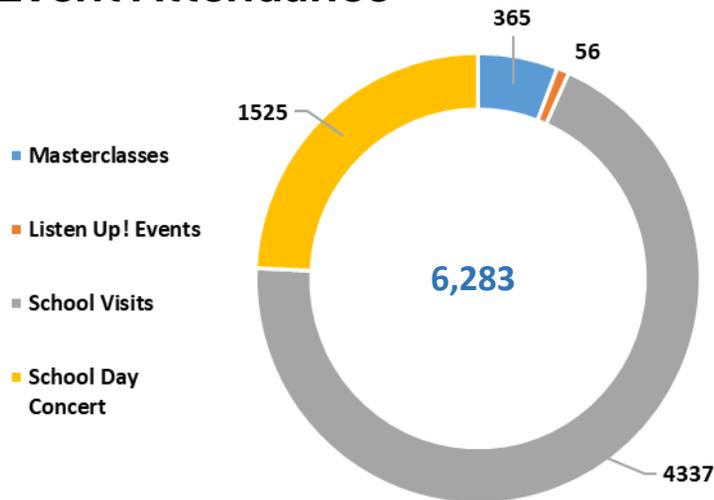
Back in the Schools...

Through PSO BRAVO! we bring music education, masterclasses and lectures to students of all ages! Focusing on PSO's outreach to local schoolchildren, PSO musicians visited 28 schools to bring woodwinds, brass, percussion, and strings directly to the classroom. And Richardson Auditorium's doors opened wide again to host the School Day Concert, bringing the sounds of a full symphony orchestra to life for over 1500 schoolchildren.



Members of the PSO BRAVO! brass ensemble interact with school children.

Event Attendance



2022-23 PSO BRAVO! participating schools:

Bear Tavern Elementary School
Brunswick Acres Elementary School
Cambridge School
Community Park School
Constable Elementary School
Educational Therapy Center of Princeton
French American School of Princeton
Greenbrook Elementary School
Hopewell Elementary School
Indian Fields Elementary School
Johnson Park School
Littlebrook School
Montgomery Lower Middle School
Monmouth Junction Elementary School

The Newgrange School
Princeton Charter School
Princeton Child Development Institute
Princeton Friends School
Princeton High School
Princeton Montessori School
Riverside School
Stony Brook Elementary School
St. Paul School of Princeton
Toll Gate Grammar School
Trenton Catholic Preparatory Academy
Trenton Music Makers
Village Elementary School
The Wilberforce School

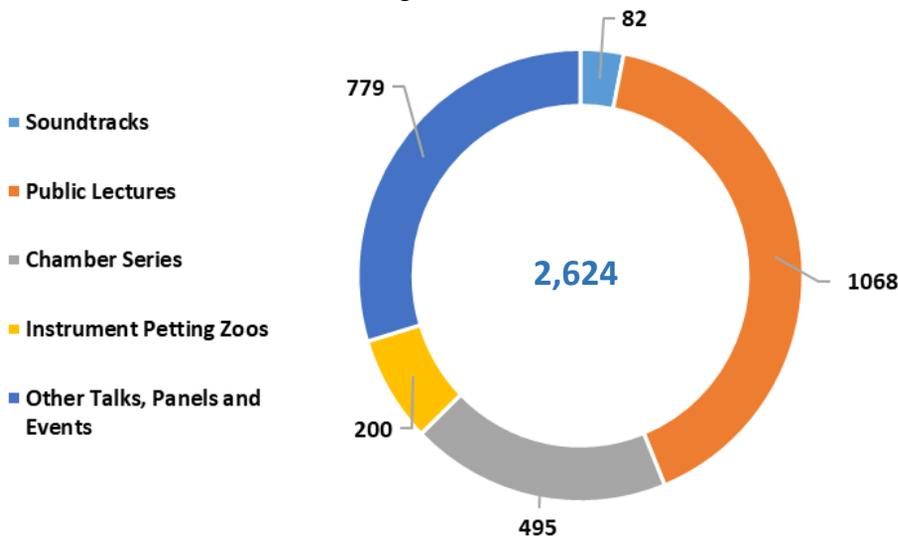
...and in the Community!

Some of PSO’s most engaging events are the series of “Instrument Petting Zoos” we host every year. The PSO also believes strongly that learning is a life-long commitment, and in turn the PSO is committed to engaging with the community through Soundtracks, Public Lectures, and our chamber series, bringing the joy of live music directly to the community, free of charge.



A young passerby joyfully reacts to producing sound on a trombone for the first time!

Community Event Attendance



Special Community Youth Orchestra Partnerships

Since 2021, the PSO has partnered with the Youth Orchestra of Central Jersey (YOCJ) in a multitude of ways. PSO’s Assistant Conductor, Kenneth Bean, serves as the director of YOCJ’s top orchestra, and PSO musicians and guest artists run captivating and enriching workshops and other educational programs for the students. YOCJ students and their families also benefit from significant access to PSO concerts, either via free or steeply discounted tickets. Following the success of this relationship, the PSO is extending itself in a similar relationship to the Greater Princeton Youth Orchestra (GPYO).

2023 Princeton Festival

Stars Align Under the Tent

In June 2023, we hosted a spectacular Festival, solidifying the Princeton Festival as a destination for exceptional live music.

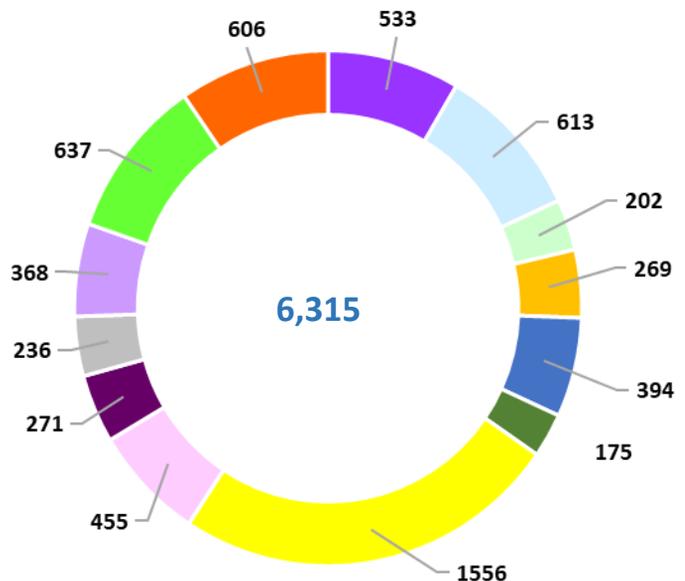
Over the nearly three weeks, the open-air performance pavilion came to life, creating a welcoming home for inspired performances from the rousing tribute to Aretha Franklin to a brilliant production of Rossini's *Il barbiere di Siviglia*, and no fewer than three GRAMMY® Award-winning musicians lighting up our Festival stage.



Rossini's beloved comic opera *Il barbiere di Siviglia* forms the centerpiece of the 2023 Festival, in a new cubist-inspired production directed by James Marvel.

2023 Festival Attendance by Performance

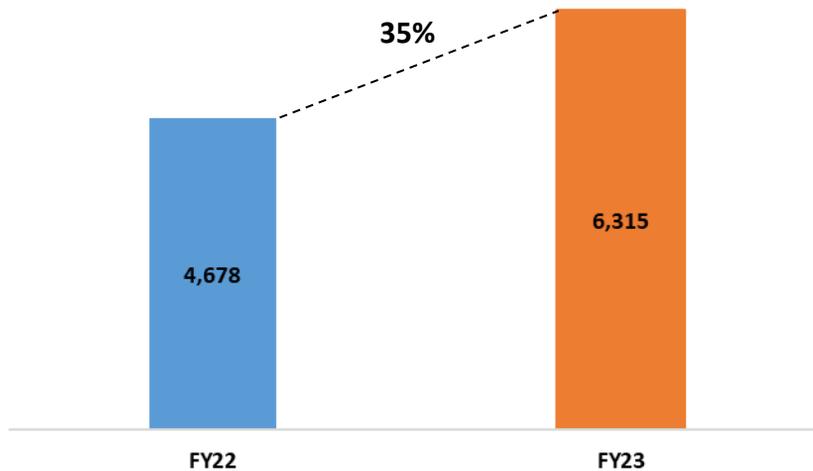
- Opening Night: Time for Three
- ARETHA: A Tribute
- Christopher Taylor Piano Recital
- The Claremont Trio
- Broadway's Next Hit Musical
- Boyd Meets Girl
- The Barber of Seville
- Attaca Quartet and American Repertory Ballet
- Will Liverman Recital
- Mazel Tov Cocktail Party!
- Vivaldi's Four Seasons
- I Am Harvey Milk
- Peter and the Wolf



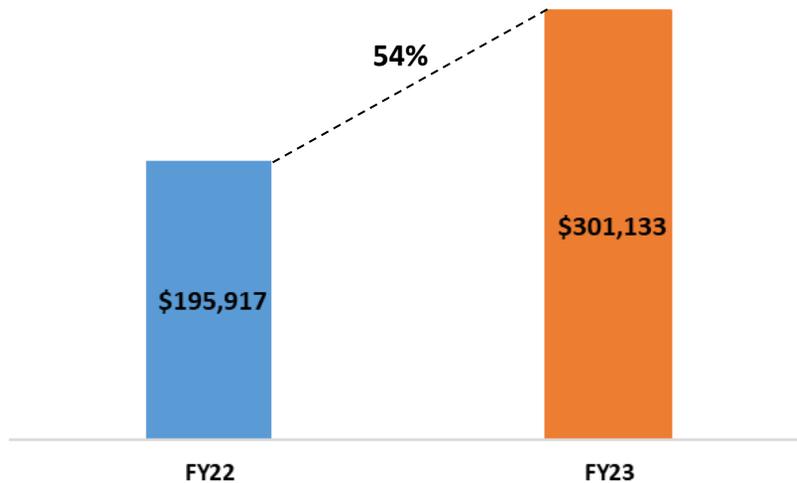
Revenue Growth and New Patron Opportunities

Between the innovative and diverse programming, and the open-air tent which reinforces our commitment to a Festival open to everyone, both Festival attendance and ticket revenue are trending positively. And importantly – the Festival attracted a significant and meaningful number of “first timers” to the PSO Family.

2023 Festival Attendees



2023 Festival Income from Tickets

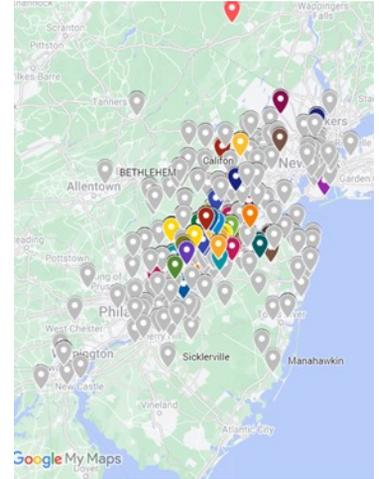
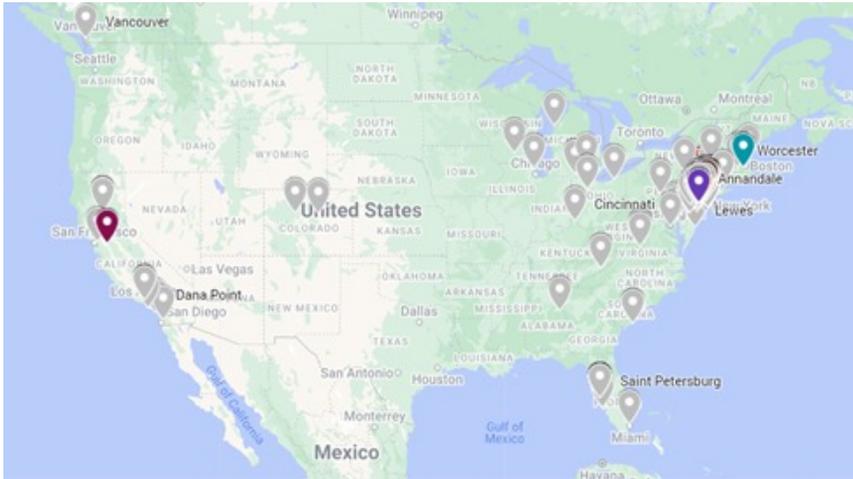


43% of 2023 Princeton Festival attendees cited their “First Experience” with the PSO

Becoming a Destination Festival

Data from Festival ticket buyers show a positive trend toward our goal of attracting patrons nationally and deepening our patron base regionally.

2022 Princeton Festival



Festival Comparison	States	Zip Codes
2022 Princeton Festival	21	241
2023 Princeton Festival	26	273

2023 Princeton Festival



Community Partners

Beyond the Tent, into the Town

The PSO is committed to “Tent + Town” relationships, recognizing the potential engine the Princeton Festival presents for local commerce. PSO truly believes that the Princeton Festival has the potential for regional and national draw, benefiting all businesses in our local community.



Businesses and organizations participating in the 2023 Festival included:

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Art Against Racism
The Bent Spoon
Blue Point Grill
Eno Terra
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The Meeting House
Mercato Ristorante at Gennaro's
Municipality of Princeton
The Nassau Club

Nomad Pizza
Palmer Square Management
The Pastry & Coffee Room
Perch at the Peacock Inn
Princeton Corkscrew Wine Shop
Princeton Public Library
Rita's
River Horse Brewing Co.
Sakrid Coffee Roasters
Stumpy's Hatchet House
Taim
Teresa's
Tico's Eatery & Juice Bar
Triumph Brewing Co.
Trenton Circus Squad
Yankee Doodle Tap Room at Nassau Inn



Attendees enjoy morning yoga with live cello music provided by the PSO on the grounds of Morven during the 2023 Princeton Festival.

Thank You Partners of the PSO!

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Christopher Taylor, piano

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Eric Delagrangé, bass
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Andrew Garland, baritone
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Hak Soo Kim, tenor
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Cody Müller, bass
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Benjamin Pajak, vocalist
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Scarlett Strallen, vocalist

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