

2023-24 ANNUAL REPORT

DEAR FRIENDS,

I'm often struck by how young people today have to navigate multiple realities. They grapple with how to show up through the bombardments of social media, blazing fast technological breakthroughs and global strife in an interdependent society.

This year, Uniting Voices debuted my original composition, "Multiverse," which reflects these parallel universes. We honor the past, acknowledge the present, and crescendo to the future.

Dum vita est, spes est - while there is life, there is hope.

Just as this undercurrent of hope exists in the sonic commotion of Multiverse, Uniting Voices grounds our youth in reality and connectedness amidst the noise of the surrounding world. From timid six-year-olds to confident ambassadors abroad, our singers crescendo to their full expression, empowered by culturally resonant education and a commitment to excellence.

As we transition from the leadership of David Koo to Ellen-Blair Chube, I want to express our deepest gratitude to David for his dedication and vision over the last five years. Reflecting on Ellen-Blair's first year as chair, we have seen her relentless commitment to elevating our youth. Under her brilliant leadership, our organization has reached a powerful crescendo, building on her existing work and unwavering support to our organization.

In this report, we highlight the ways in which the 2023-24 season built upon Uniting Voices' 67-year foundation to reach new heights. We expanded Chicago-based programming to 88 schools and 12 neighborhoods. We amplified diverse cultures and lived experiences, singing in languages such as Greek, Spanish, Arabic, Hebrew, Japanese, Macedonian, Tagalog, Zulu and dozens more. We elevated support for our core programs and new initiatives through the Crescendo Fund, securing the largest gift in our organizational history. We grew our global network for the next generation through the launch of our first program outside of Chicago: Uniting Voices Lexington.

We share our boisterous applause for the Uniting Voices community of singers, families, school and community partners, staff, supporters and volunteers, Ambassadors Board and Board of Directors. This vibrant family believes and embodies: Dum vita est, spes est - while there is life, there is hope.

With gratitude,

Josephine Lee President , Uniting Voices Ellen-Blair Chube Board Chair, Uniting Voices





A REFLECTION ON THE PAST...



A CRESCENDO TO THE FUTURE.



OUR PROGRAMS





152 ENSEMBLES



88 schools



AGES **6-18**



100% GRADUATION RATE

In 2023-24, we served nearly 4,000 singers from every zip code of Chicago.*

Your support of Uniting Voices equips the city's youth with the necessary skills to become the next generation of leaders.



Demonstrate curiosity and excitement for learning



Explore the perspectives of others with kindness and compassion



Demonstrate leadership to achieve personal goals and positively inspire others

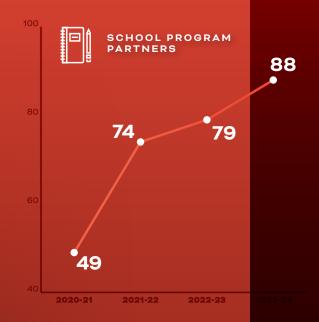
*We continuously served appx. 3,500 singers through season-long programming and 500 singers through our workshops in 2023-24.

SINGING IN HARMONY

Deepening Our Commitment to Chicago Schools

Since 2020, a key priority has been to restore and refine program delivery to Chicago's students. Uniting Voices has successfully deepened the learning and performance experience for youth, ensuring a high quality experience across more than 113 School Program ensembles.

*Uniting Voices Chicago School Program pricing is subsidized by more than 50% thanks to the generosity of our donor community.







LOLLAPALOOZA WITH KAROL G

Select Voice of Chicago singers and alumni performed "Mientras Me Curo del Cora" with five-time Latin Grammy Award winner Karol G, who headlined the festival welcoming 115,000 daily attendees. The collaboration was a follow-up to Uniting Voices performance with the Colombian pop superstar on Saturday Night Live in April 2023.



"CARMINA BURANA" AT KENNEDY CENTER

Singers from the Beverly and Hyde
Park Neighborhood Choir Programs
and Voice of Chicago took the stage
of the John F. Kennedy Center for
the Performing Arts in Washington
D.C. in Carl Orff's timeless "Carmina
Burana" with Choral Arts Society,
conducted by Uniting Voices President
Josephine Lee. The sold-out concert
also featured original compositions
by Uniting Voices alumni W. Mitchell
Owens, III and Ted Hearne.



"THE MOVEMENT REVISITED" WITH CHRISTIAN MCBRIDE

Voice of Chicago joined eight-time Grammy Award-winning bassist Christian McBride for a musical tribute to civil rights icons Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., Muhammad Ali and President Barack Obama at Chicago Symphony Center.

NATIONAL BROADCAST OF BERNSTEIN'S "KADDISH"

PBS Great Performances aired the cinematic capture of the 2022 live performance of Leonard Bernstein's Symphony No. 3 "Kaddish" featuring Uniting Voices Chicago, Chicago Symphony Chorus and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Bernstein protégé Marin Alsop.

CHICAGO TOUR

A Uniting Voices touring ensemble made up of our Gage Park, Humboldt Park, Pilsen/Little Village and Garfield Park/Off The Street Club Neighborhood Choirs visited Alain Locke Charter School for an unforgettable cross-city cultural connection between our Neighborhood Choirs and School Programs.

PEAK PERFORMANCE



Uniting Voices President Josephine Lee's original composition, "Multiverse," reflects the parallel realities we navigate today.

Featuring alum Vasil Garvanliev, who represented North Macedonia at Eurovision 2021, the piece embodies the motto *Dum vita est, spes est* - while there is life, there is hope. We honor the past, acknowledge the present, and look to the future while navigating all the universes we reside in while staying grounded in hope, light, and reality.



"Multiverse" is available now – listen wherever you stream your music! CHICAGO, IL

May 2-4, 2024
Gage Park, Humboldt
Park, Pilsen/Little
Village and Gage Park/
Off the Street Club





BOSTON, MA

April 25-28, 2024 Albany Park and Rogers Park



LOS ANGELES, CA April 11-14, 2024

Austin, West Town and Dimension



EXPANDING HORIZONS

LEXINGTON, KY

January 13-16, 2024 Lincoln Park and Englewood



WASHINGTON, D.C.

April 5-8, 2024

Hyde Park, Beverly and select Voice of Chicago singers

SHARING OUR VOICES

Connecting to a World of Opportunities through the Voice of Chicago Tour to Mexico: Oaxaca and Mexico City

Our biggest fans tagged along.
Thank you to Bob and Rose Fealy,
Donielle and Michael McCutcheon,
Matt and Carrie Parr, Renee and
John Salomon and Eduardo
Valdes who joined us on the
Mexico Tour.





Voice of Chicago singers visited cultural heritage sites like Teotihuacan and connected through song with local youth from Coro Jääwën, Voces del Alma.



Special thanks to Shure for amplifying the voices of our singers on tour!

TOTAL IMPRESSIONS

3,167,733

VOLUNTEERS

759 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT

212 TOTAL VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

49 ALUMS ATTENDED, VOLUNTEERED, OR PERFORMED

ALUMS DONATED A TOTAL OF \$47,394.71

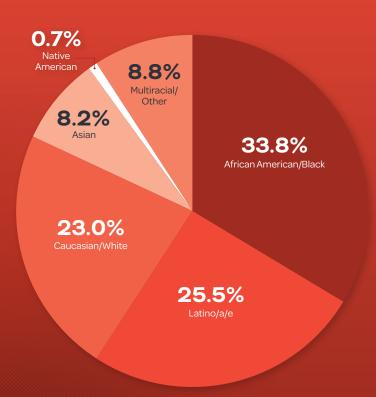
FUNDRAISING TOTAL

\$3,070,553

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WHO WE SERVE



20%

Elementary

75%

School

of youth come from low-tomoderate income households.

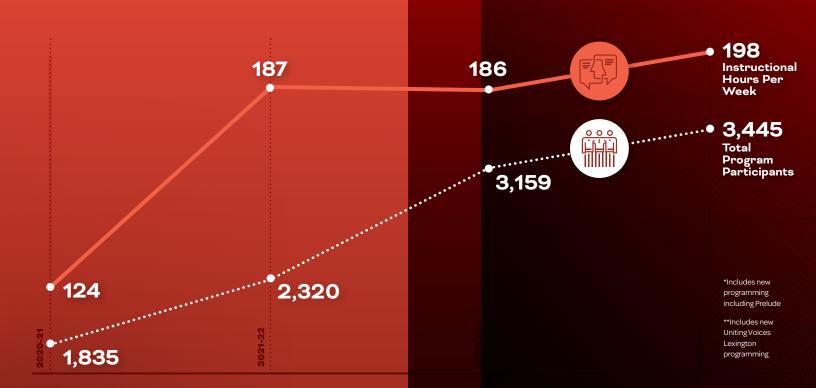
78%

100% of singers participate at a subsidized cost

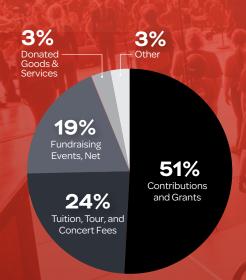
OUR ENSEMBLES IN 2023-24

2,668 SCHOOL PROGRAM SINGERS

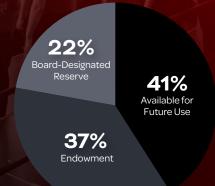
CREATING A CRESCENDO: EXPANDING PARTICIPATION



FY24 FINANCIALS







OPERATING REVENUE

Total Operating Revenue: \$6,432,683

OPERATING EXPENSES

Total Operating Expenses: \$5,827,395

NET ASSETS

Total Net Assets: \$11,235,071



AMPLIFYING LEXINGTON

We celebrated year one of Uniting Voices Lexington.

Uniting Voices Lexington is the first local chapter outside of Chicago for Uniting Voices, building on the 67 year legacy of providing transformational musical programming to inspire and change lives.

> Locally raised dollars directly support the regional activities of Uniting Voices Lexington.

Ages served:

12-18

50% of the young people served come from low income families.

Providing World Class Music Education to the Bluegrass Region

youth committed to excellence in learning and performance

200

youth engaged through workshops and connections

125

hours of

14,000

audience

OUR DONOR COMMUNITY

Our work wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our donor community. Thank you to our supporters for making it all possible.

RESONATING IMPACT: A CRESCENDO OF SUPPORT

CIBC US

CIBC has been a dedicated supporter of Chicago's philanthropic community, having supported Uniting Voices Chicago for 15 years. In addition to its support of the annual Red Jacket Optional gala, CIBC proudly selected Uniting Voices Chicago as a partner for its 2023 Miracle Day, showcasing performances by students from Prescott Elementary at CIBC's downtown headquarters. As one of Uniting Voices' lead philanthropic partners, CIBC shares a commitment to building strong communities, promoting diversity and inclusion, fostering collaboration, and empowering individuals. Together, we strive to make a meaningful impact!



Jean-Paul Spire Trust

Dr. Jean-Paul Spire, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Neurology at University of Chicago, avid sailor, and arts enthusiast, passed away in 2021 and left a legacy gift of more than one million dollars to Uniting Voices Chicago. Introduced to the organization through 20-year Board of Directors veteran Jim Meyer, Dr. Spire had a passion for classical music and a deep appreciation for the power of arts and culture to enlighten and expose young people to global influences. Long-term gifts, such as this generous contribution from Dr. Spire, ensure our life-changing programs are available to any young person well into the future.

Learn more about Uniting Voices' planned giving society, Voice of Tomorrow.

D. Elizabeth Price and The Van Horne Foundation

Uniting Voices' annual Paint the Town Red Giving Day was a massive success this year thanks to the generous match opportunities provided by D. Elizabeth Price and The Van Horne Foundation. We began with a \$15,000 match opportunity from our steadfast champion, D. Elizabeth Price. Our donor community was eager to invest in Chicago's youth, and we met our first goal. This unlocked a second \$15,000 match opportunity that we were honored to receive from The Van Horne Foundation. Once again, our donor community showed tremendous support and helped us meet this goal. It is because of the generosity of D. Elizabeth Price and The Van Horne Foundation that the organization experienced the collective impact of match opportunities, and it is opportunities like these that truly showcase the collaborative effect of our entire donor community. Generosity inspires generosity, and we are grateful for our donor advocates who act as our catalysts!

DAVID KOO PASSES THE TORCH TO **ELLEN-BLAIR CHUBE**





As David Koo steps down and celebrates a momentous tenure as Board Chair, Ellen-Blair Chube takes the reins.

We share immense gratitude for David Koo's commitment to ensuring accessible and empowering music education programs and his wholehearted enthusiasm in support of Uniting Voices' mission. We are thrilled to welcome Ellen-Blair Chube as our new Board Chair, whose spirit of innovation and advocacy in support of Chicago youth, will undoubtedly lead us to new heights.

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\$250,000 - \$499,999

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