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Words from Jim

It was February of 2020 when we performed *Poetry in Music*, a beautiful program of songs by Duruflé, Schubert, Copland, and Chausson with the incredible mezzo-soprano, Laurie Rubin. Little did we know that it would be our last live performance for nearly two years. But we are thrilled to finally be able to return to live, in-person concerts and bring you the life-enhancing and thought-provoking music we've been playing for four decades.

Our official return began in December with our ever-popular Holiday Brass series, featuring the Honolulu Brass Quintet with special guest singer Starr Kalahiki. In the following months, each of our three resident ensembles performed their own concerts at three different venues, culminating with a rarely-heard dectet version of Brahms' *Serenades No. 1 in D Major* and a world premiere by composer Leilehua Lanzilotti.

We're also thrilled to resume our focus on music education and serving students and educators throughout the state, which you can read more about on Page 4. Just this May, we sent our ensembles to two neighbor islands: the Galliard String Quartet traveled to Moloka'i, and the Spring Wind Quintet and Honolulu Brass Duo went to Kauai. We've also come full circle since February of 2020 and recently completed a video recording of *Poetry in Music* with Laurie Rubin for the patrons of Hawai'i Concert Society on the Big Island!

We dedicated this past season to one of our esteemed founders, Marsha Schweitzer. Marsha, along with clarinetist Bill Lightfoot, founded the Spring Wind Quintet in 1974. After the Honolulu Brass Quintet was formed in 1977 and the Galliard String Quartet in 1982, the ensembles realized that they could function better if they were all presented by the same organization. To make that a reality, Marsha, Bill and music lover Grant Grantham founded CMH in 1982.



Marsha has been hugely influential in our local music scene for decades, as bassoonist in the SWQ and HSO, an author, a prolific arranger, and a board member for multiple arts organizations. She helped us raise our endowment,

which has since grown to nearly \$1.2 million, and her continued guidance has allowed us to reach the amazing milestone of 40 years. We would not be here today without her, and wish her well in her retirement!

We would also not be here without your support. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

James F. Moffitt, President

Artistic Report

Despite it being a shortened season, 2021-22 has turned out to be a busy one for all of our resident ensembles and musicians. We were thrilled to begin the season with a wonderful collaboration between the Galliard String Quartet, acclaimed singer (and CMH board member) Raiatea Helm, and Friends of Iolani Palace in a virtual fundraiser concert for the Palace featuring the songs of Queen Lili'uokalani. This was followed by a virtual performance of an extraordinary new commissioned work by composer Jungyoon Wie, *Where Our Breath Comes From*, presented by the Spring Wind Quintet as part of the Breathe Collective project.

In March, we performed at a special event for *Americans and the Holocaust*, a traveling exhibition presented by UH West Oahu Campbell Library and developed in conjunction with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and the American Library Association. In the final event before the departure of the exhibit, CMH musicians performed Olivier Messiaen's haunting *Quatuor pour la fin du temps* (Quartet for the End of Time), written during Messiaen's time in a German prisoner-of-war camp during WWII.

In May, CMH was excited to collaborate with the Honolulu Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts on a co-commission of a world premiere by Kanaka Maoli composer and violist, Anne Leilehua Lanzilotti.



Sky Gate for Ten Musicians honors Isamu Noguchi's Sky Gate, one of the most prominent works of art on the City and County of Honolulu's Civic Center. The work was performed outdoors at Lāhainā Noon, a time of great energy when the sun is directly overhead. At this time, Sky Gate's shadow projects a perfect ring and becomes a magnificent spectacle.

We will be celebrating our 40th Anniversary in style this fall with a return to our full lineup of subscription concerts, a special anniversary reception, and the launch of a new series in collaboration with Blue Note Hawai'i. This series will begin with an Oktoberfest concert featuring the Honolulu Brass Quintet, and will continue with award-winning Hawaiian singer,



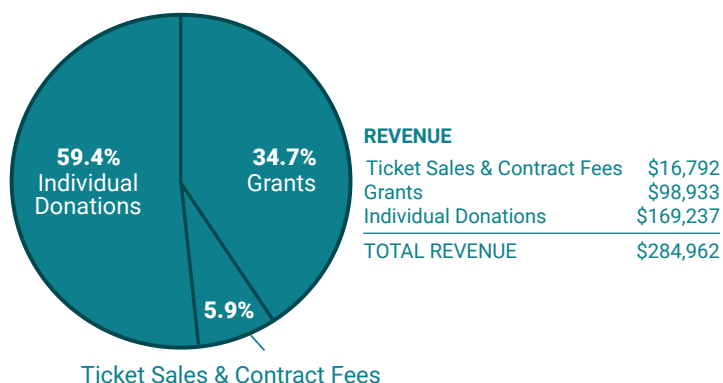
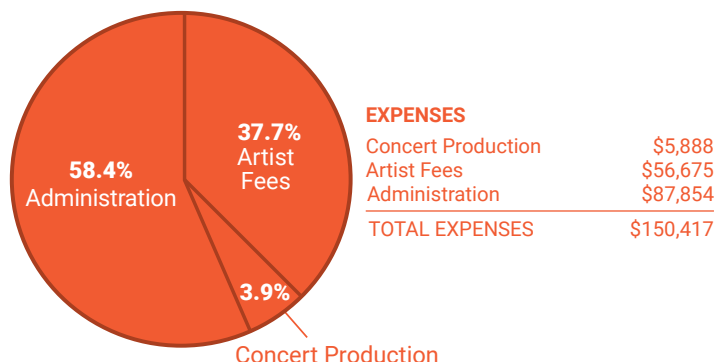
Raiatea Helm, in a program exploring the intersection of Hawaiian and Western classical music. Stay tuned to our website for more information!

Barett Hoover, General Manager

Financial Report

July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

CMH's fiscal year, ending June 30, 2021, was greatly affected by the pandemic and the cancellation of live concerts. This is reflected by the higher percentage of Administrative expenses and the lower percentage of Ticket Sales & Concert Fees revenue. We are indebted to our valuable donors and foundation grantors who have continued to step up and offer increased funding to help us further our mission.



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Offer the gift of chamber music to friends or family for a special occasion, or to those who may be unable to attend our concerts in person for any reason.

Prices range from \$500 to \$1,750, depending on the size of the ensemble.
All proceeds go to support the musicians.

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significant contributions to chamber music in and from Hawai'i. Available in CD format at
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Chamber Music Matters in Education

As the new Education and Community Engagement Coordinator, I am happy to say, WE ARE BACK! Even though the pandemic seemed to stop the performing arts world in its tracks, CMH has continued to push forward to meet the needs of our communities, helping to provide comfort and solace over the struggles of isolation.

With concerts and outreach opportunities on hold for a good part of the past year, CMH turned to producing an online education series called *Chamber Music Matters*. These short online education episodes, or modules, can be found on CMH's YouTube Channel and they serve as a free way to stay connected with our artists and learn more about life as a musician. Each video is less than 15 minutes in length; just enough time to engage with the public through interesting, social-emotional topics, such as: *Courage in Encouragement*, *Unity in Our Community*, and *Passion and Compassion*. These pre-recorded videos also focus on introducing students to our instruments and their history, and how chamber music has evolved and affected the lives of our musicians. It's been a fun, ongoing project that engages learners regardless of their background, age, or grade level. We hope to inspire youth across Hawai'i to find their own voices through music and discover how to adapt it to their everyday lives. Although *Chamber Music Matters* can't (nor is intended to) replace in-person performances, we are proud of its ability to add another layer—go deeper into what music means to us and to share our personal experiences can be found on CMH's YouTube Channel (youtube.com/ChamberMusicHawaii)

We're excited that many venues are opening again and allowing us to return to perform in-person. Live performances by CMH ensembles always touch many hearts and ears! While our outreach schedule hasn't been as robust as usual, we're pleased to report these highlights:

Galliard String Quartet

- The Arcadia Retirement Center hosted GSQ for many supportive music lovers last November... and we made a return appearance this June!
- In May, GSQ performed on Moloka'i at St. Damien's Church with strings teacher Bob Underwood and his ensemble. School visits and a trip to the favorite Moloka'i Burger filled out the day trip!

Honolulu Brass Quintet

- HBQ made appearances at Kawananako Middle School and Kaimuki High School, and worked with the student brass quintet at UH Mānoa.
- The Honolulu Brass Duo traveled to Kauai to work with students at Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School and Kauai High School in May.

Spring Wind Quintet

- SWQ performed for and taught students from Stevenson Middle School.
- Like their brass counterparts, SWQ also visited schools on Kauai this May!

If you are interested in having any of CMH's ensembles or artists teach, inspire, and motivate your students, please contact me at hliu@chambermusichawaii.org.



Helen Liu
Education and
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A special anniversary reception following one of our concerts

Collaborations with Blue Note Hawai'i and Raiatea Helm

Oktoberfest with Honolulu Brass Quintet

The return of a Hawai'i favorite, pianist Joyce Yang

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