



BLOOMINGDALE SCHOOL OF MUSIC ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

CORE VALUES

ACCESS

There is music in everyone. Access to all of our programs is regardless of the personal or financial circumstances of any student.

QUALITY

All students deserve to be taught by the finest teaching artists available. All concerts should be at the highest level of achievement they can possibly be. In all of our teaching and performing activities, Bloomingdale School of Music seeks the highest level of excellence.

ARTISTS

We highly value teaching artists and are committed to support them and the great gifts they bring to our community in any way possible.

COMMUNITY

Bloomingdale School of Music is a musical community–a group of people as diverse as the City of New York–with a shared special interest in music. We believe that, as members of a community, we should encourage and support each other and the musical activity within the school and the city beyond.

CREATIVITY AND INNOVATION

We support the creative process and encourage innovation in program activities at all levels.

PERFORMING

Music is a performing art and we believe that students at all levels should be encouraged to play music for others.

CHALLENGE AND SUPPORT

We believe that every student should be challenged to hold the highest standards and to do the best work he or she possibly can. We also believe that students should be encouraged and supported regardless of their level of ability or achievement.

MUSIC LITERACY

Reading music is a fundamental part of learning music at all levels. We believe that knowledge of the elements of music theory-notation, scales, keys, intervals, and basic harmony-is essential to a music education.

FAMILY SUPPORT

We believe that parental and family support and involvement in our students' music education will provide the best results for both young people and adults.

PRACTICE AND COMMITMENT

We believe daily practice is vital to learning a musical instrument. Learning music is a process that takes time and the more consistent the effort over time, the better the results will be.

PLAYING MUSIC TOGETHER

We believe that making music with other people is the best way to realize its full potential as a social and artistic endeavor.

LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

Thank you for being part of our BSM community. The 2016-17 season, our 53rd year, was full of music, performances, celebration, and community, and I invite you to read more about it on the pages ahead.

You will see our vibrant After School and Weekend Program, which serves more than 600 students weekly, over 20% of whom are supported by financial aid or scholarships, reflecting our long-standing commitment and mission to access for all.

Our signature pre-conservatory training program, the Music Access Project, celebrated it's 25th year. More than 200 alumni have graduated from the program, and 98% have gone on to attend a college or university.

At our November birthday concert we honored Manhattan Borough President, Gale Brewer, for her relentless dedication and commitment to supporting arts and education in our community.

In February, we hosted our annual Album for the Young (A4TY) Student Composing Concert, "Night of World Premieres" at The Leonard Nimoy Thalia at Symphony Space, where more than 80 students performed new compositions written by 31 BSM students, ages 7-18. BSM also commissioned composer Doug Balliett to write a new work for a student-faculty chamber ensemble – all part of our unique Student Composers Program.

In May, our annual fundraiser for scholarships and financial aid, "Notes from 108th Street," recognized Jon Deak, founder of the New York Philharmonic Very Young Composers program, with whom we are so proud to partner. This was then followed by the Performathon, where BSM students raised money and played all day to share their talents with the community.

These are just some of the highlights from our 53rd year, with more details and photos on the pages that follow. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our faculty and staff, the support of our board, and the generosity of so many donors - foundations, government, and individuals - who recognize and value the impact that Bloomingdale School of Music has on our community.

With deep gratitude to all our supporters whose names are listed in this report - you are changing lives with every contribution, and we could not do this without you.

All my best,

Pinha S. Floresher

Erika S. Floreska Executive Director



AFTER SCHOOL & WEEKEND PROGRAM

Bloomingdale School of Music (BSM) offers weekly private and group lessons on more than 20 different instruments. BSM is one of the most diverse community musical schools in New York City.

2016-2017:	
652	After School & Weekend students
67	Early Childhood students
392	Hours of classes per week for Fall/Spring semesters
13,925	Total hours of classes and lessons in the After School & Weekend Program

BSM SHARING HOURS

Informal performances which offer students at every stage of musical development the chance to perform in front of family and peers.

2016-2017:	
15	Sharing Hours
173	Performers
148	Audience members



FINANCIAL AID

Bloomingdale furthers its mission of open access by providing needbased scholarships for any student interested in learning music. More than 14% of the school's annual budget is dedicated to need based financial aid and scholarships, with 50% of the aid going to low income families earning less than \$30,000 a year.



MUSIC ACCESS PROJECT (MAP)

MAP is a multi-year pre-college conservatory training program started in 1991 for talented low-income and under-served high school students. This year, 22 students received a comprehensive music education, including a weekly 60-minute private lesson, 90-minute chamber music coaching, orchestra rehearsal, theory class, and special biweekly workshops. A recently added jazz track option continued this year with five students participating in a jazz combo class and a jazz performance technique class. There were also eight Van Lier Fellows who participate in mentorship experiences, and summer workshops in the coming year. Almost all graduates attend college, and many alumni have gone on to receive graduate degrees in music, work as arts administrators, and teach music, some in the New York City public schools where they began their education. Celebrating our 25th Anniversary of the program, this year we hosted an alumni reunion with a host of graduates attending from throughout the program's history.

PROJECT BRIDGE (PB)

Project Bridge supports the students and teachers participating in the New York City public (secondary) school instrumental ensembles. Music teachers from participating public schools help recommend potential students. Those selected after the application and audition process receive a free weekly 45-minute private instrument lesson throughout the year at Bloomingdale. Instruction is designed to reinforce and support the work being done by their public school teachers. These students often become leaders in their public school's ensembles.

2016-2017:	
\$250,047	In financial aid awards
\$102,840	In need based financial aid
\$ 147,207	In full scholarships
256	Financial aid awards were made to 140 students
26	Full scholarships given to 16 MAP and 10 Project Bridge student
\$684/semester or \$1368/year	Average award per/student for Financial Aid

2016-2017:	
22	MAP students
6	Chamber groups
108	Hours of instruction /week
2	Solo recitals
4	Chamber music & orchestra concerts
3672	Total hours of instruction/year
2	Jury Exams

2016-2017:	
10	Project Bridge students
242	Hours of direct instruction
2	Recitals
1	Jury exam
4	Public schools with Project Bridge leaders in their performing ensembles (from: Celia Cruz Bronx High School of Music, LaGuardia High School of Music, Art & Performing Arts, Brooklyn High School of the Arts, and Frank Sinatra

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ENSEMBLES

Playing music with others is an enriching experience. Bloomingdale offers ensembles for musicians at a wide range of skill levels, for strings, winds, brass, percussion, and voice:

PREPARATORY ORCHESTRA

Designed as the first orchestral experience, students play with other young musicians while working on musical skills and learn how to follow a conductor.

INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA

The Intermediate Orchestra plays more complex repertoire for students who are working from a Suzuki book three level or above.

BLOOMINGDALE CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

The school's most advanced ensemble, the Bloomingdale Chamber Orchestra performs a diverse range of works from the symphonic repertoire.

SUMMER ORCHESTRA

The Summer Orchestra is a fun and challenging way for students to keep their ensemble skills up over the summer vacation while learning new repertoire.

CHAMBER MUSIC

Chamber music groups range from small ensembles with piano four-hand to mixed ensembles with strings, winds and brass, coached by BSM faculty.

ROCK BAND

The Rock band plays rock music and performs each se-

mester with the guidance of the instructor. Students gain ensemble skills while learning both classic and contemporary rock.

PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE

Percussion Ensemble performs works written specifically for percussion instruments from around the world.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

An ensemble for all instruments and ages, students learn improvisation through the study and performance of jazz and blues.

2016-2017:	
765	Students in BSM ensembles
512	Hours of classes per year
2	Ensemble concerts
10	Chamber ensembles



FREE FACULTY & COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

BSM's weekly concert series features passionate performances by our distinguished artist-faculty in varied musical styles, free and open to the public. A special November 11th Bloomingdale Birthday Bash! concert celebrated Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer for her tireless efforts in supporting music education in our community.

2016-2017:	
21	Concerts
96	Professional performers
959	Audience members



A4TY: ALBUM FOR THE YOUNG

STUDENT COMPOSING PROJECT

2016-2017 was the thirteenth season of A4TY: Album for the Young, BSM's Student Composing Project. BSM students compose and perform each other's original works, culminating in the performance "A Night of World Premieres." Three composition workshops are offered in the fall to enhance the composition process with New York Philharmonic Very Young Composer teaching-artists, taught collaboratively with BSM teaching artists. In addition, a professional composer is commissioned each year to write a new work for BSM students that is premiered at the concerts.

Doug Balliett was commissioned to write a work for piano quintet, percussion and voice, performed by MAP students and BSM teaching-artists collaboratively. There were two performances on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017 at Symphony Space's Thalia Theater along with 30 student composition world premieres.

A4TY helps bridge the gap, sometimes centuries wide, between performer and composer. Since young students naturally tend to experiment with new sounds, composing music is an ideal creative outlet for them. The project continues exposing BSM students to new music, generating excitement for composing, rehearsing and performing new works.

2016-2017:		
3	Workshops with New York Philharmonic Very Young Composer Teaching Artists	
18	Student composing workshop participants	
2	Concerts on February 4, 2017, Symphony Space Thalia Theater	
	World premieres	Read Bank (1997)
1	Commissioned work by composer Doug Balliett	
62	Performers	
300	Audience members	CAR MARCA
92	Rehearsal hours in preparation for the concert	
21	New professional works commissioned since 2005	Contraction of the second

INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVALS

Five instrumental festivals were produced at BSM during the 2016-2017 season, featuring guitar, voice, percussion, strings, and piano. Each festival showcased performances by BSM students and faculty along with guest artists and some featured a special program theme.

GUITAR FESTIVAL

Theme: The Guitar in the Carribbean Guest Artist: Ben Lapidus

2 Events 40 Performers 114 Audience members

PERCUSSION FESTIVAL

(See Special Events Page for more details) Theme: World Beat West African Rhythms

2 Event 26 Performers 84 Audience members

STRING FESTIVAL

Theme: Cadenzoom

Sharing Hour
Workshop
Performers
Audience members

PIANO PROJECT

Theme: The First Viennese School: Urgency and Resolve in the Classical Era

4 Events 72 Performers 161 Audience members

VOCAL WORKSHOP

Guest Artist Master class: Shane Schag All School Voice Recital: Inspired by Ella Fitzgerald's 100th Birthday Celebration

2 Events 15 Performers 67 Audience Members

2016-2017:	
12	Events
157	Performers
441	Audience members



BLOOMINGDALE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM (PTP)

PTP is an intensive program designed for young pianists (ages 10 - 14) who are interested in supplementing their private lesson studies with chamber music, theory, and special events such as playing classes and master classes. The program broadens students' range of musical training, and provides them with the tools they would need if they desire to pursue music studies at the college level.

PERFORMANCE COMPETITION

Bloomingdale's annual Performance Competition offers students the chance to perform for a panel of professional musicians who offer valuable feedback. Winners receive cash prizes, a Bloomingdale lesson scholarship, and the opportunity to perform in a special concert.

2016-2017:	
12	Students
2	Recitals
40	Audience members
714	Hours of lessons and classes

2016-2017:	
75	Students participated
12	Winners
65	Audience members at the Awards Ceremony/ Performance



THEORY IN A BOX

www.theoryinabox.org

Theory in a Box (TIAB) is Bloomingdale's own comprehensive online tutorial in the fundamentals of Music Theory. It is free to any student registered at BSM. Colleges, high schools, and individuals across the country use TIAB.

2016-2017:	
32	Students enrolled
14	Schools / Universities

BSMNY.ORG & SOCIAL MEDIA

BSM's website and social media further the school's mission of open access by providing music education resources, free of charge and viewable at any time, to anyone in the world with an internet connection. www.bsmny.org



2016-2017:	
79,609	Users on www.bsmny.org
105,909	Individual sessions on bsmny.org
21,830	YouTube views
967	Facebook followers

PARTNERSHIPS

EXPLORING THE METROPOLIS

2016-2017 was the fifth year of BSM's partnership with Con Ed's Exploring the Metropolis, connecting artists with working spaces in NYC. Doug Balliett was composer-in-residence at BSM. His new works were performed in a public concert at BSM in May. In addition, BSM commissioned Mr. Balliett to compose a work for a student piano quintet performed collaboratively with BSM artist-faculty Eric Phinney, percussion, and Katherine Copland, voice. The piece was premiered in February at the A4TY student new music Symphony Space concerts and repeated at BSM's "Notes from 108th Street" benefit event in May.

THE SCHOOL AT COLUMBIA

2016-2017 was the second year of a partnership with The School at Columbia. BSM teachers taught group violin, keyboard, and voice classes weekly for students in first grade at the school. The partnership was a big success and will continue next year.

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2016-2017 launched a new partnership providing after school introduction to strings classes at a local public school. Families had the opportunity to take the same classes we offer at BSM at their own school. More than 15 students took violin and cello group classes, and they are scheduled to continue next year.

P.S. 75 EMILY DICKENSON

2016-2017 also saw a new pilot partnership with BSM providing a teaching artist, Chris Lilley, voice to support general music classroom learning for five classes a week. Mr. Lilley worked with over 100 students preparing them for two concerts, a field trip to Carnegie Hall, and learning elements of music, rhythm, melody, and song. We have been asked to continue in the coming year.

2016-2017:	
14	Classes/week
405	Total classes
100	Students/week

BSM IN THE COMMUNITY

Local outreach furthers BSM's mission to make music education resources accessible in the community. In an effort to reach a broader scope of people, students and teachers from BSM participated in many outreach events this year, including Make Music New York, several community fairs and block parties, along with instrument petting zoos at Children's Museum of New York and in collaboration with Orpheus Chamber Orchestra. BSM Executive Director developed a presentation "From House to School: The History of Bloomingdale School of Music" for the Bloomingdale Historical Group. BSM also hosted an open house with lines down the block to try out instruments. All events were free to the public. Over 1,000 people participated in these events.

2016-2017:	
The Electric Ladybug Community Garden Concert	35 attendees
Sunday Funday CMOM	400 attendees
Instrument Discovery Day (offered fall & spring)	166 attendees
Columbia Greenhouse Nursery Spring Fair	300 attendees
Annual Spring Bazaar - Block Party 102/103rd Streets	70 attendees
Make Music New York	60 attendees



SPECIAL EVENTS

"NOTES FROM 108TH STREET" MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

Bloomingdale School of Music's (BSM) benefit, "Notes from 108th Street," took place on May 8, at Broadway Presbyterian Church, hosted by WABC TV News anchor Bill Ritter. The event featured a number of student performances, and also honored Jon Deak, founder of the New York Philharmonic's Very Young Composers program. Over 150 guests were treated to a musical celebration performed by BSM students, faculty, and special guests NY Philharmonic flutist Mindy Kaufman and pianist Margaret Kampmeier. The evening included the performance of Jon Deak's work, "Bye, Bye," along with composer-in-residence Doug Balliett's work "Vassar College, 1918" for piano quintet, voice and percussion. A special behind-the-scenes video documenting the collaboration between Doug and the students was played before the performance. The event raised funds for Bloomingdale's financial aid and scholarship programs.

PERFORMATHON SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

Bloomingdale's annual student-driven fundraiser seeks to build community and support the school's financial aid program through a day of non-stop performance. Students seek out their own individual sponsors for their allotted performance slots and learn the responsibility of supporting their community through fundraising while having fun performing in the process.

WORLD BEAT PERCUSSION FESTIVAL

On Saturday, June 17 guests gathered at Manhattan School of Music for BSM's percussion festival/fundraiser, "World Beat." A special drum circle was then followed by a performance looking at how West African rhythms have influenced music in the entire Western Hemisphere. The program featured rhythms from Bali, Indonesia, to India and the Middle East along the Silk Road back to Africa, with special guest artists "Pablo" Sekou Dembele, master percussionist from Côte d'Ivoire, West Africa, John Riley, world-renowned drum set artist and MSM faculty member, and Ethos Percussion Group. World Beat was artistically directed by BSM faculty members Eric Phinney & Jeremy Noller and all proceeds will be used to renovate and sound-proof the BSM percussion studio.

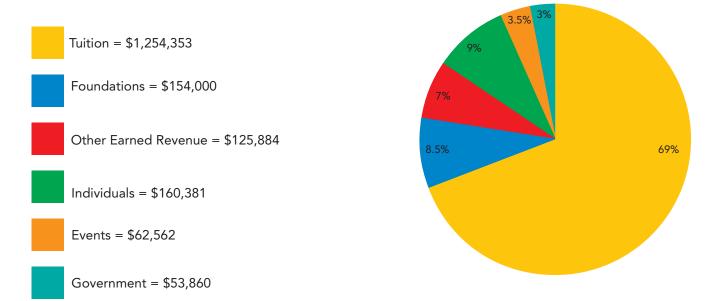
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2016-2017:	
513	Donors
\$69,955	Total raised between the three events
368	Performers participated

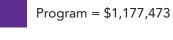


2016-2017 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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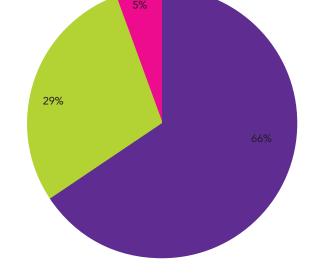






Administrative = \$519,204





FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS = \$250,047 (14% OF OPERATING EXPENSES)

2016-2017 DONORS

\$20,000 - \$50,000

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