

# HARMONY PROJECT SOOKE

*Investing in Children & Community Through Music*

## **Annual Report: Aug 2024-July 2025**

### **HPS Mission:**

To promote the positive development of children and youth through the study and performance of music.

To build healthier communities by investing in music education for children and youth.



### **63 Students**

**44 in Strings** (Beginners, Music Readers, Juniors, & Senior Orchestra)

**19 in Drumline** (Junior, Middle, and Senior Lines)



### **Classes & Instruments**

- Students attend one or two ensemble classes a week, plus individual lessons
- Classes and lessons take place outside of school hours
- Students receive an instrument to use in class and to take home for practice
- Performances in the community throughout the year





## Celebrating a Busy Year

**September 2024**— Classes commence with drumroll!

Welcome new Lead String Teacher, Raina Saunders!

**October** – Senior Strings perform at Sooke Philharmonic Orchestra concert.

**November** – New Beginner Strings Class receive their instruments; Fall Bottle Drive.

**December** – Drumline marches in Victoria and Sooke Santa Parades; HPS holds Christmas Concert.

**January-February** – Classes continue; String teachers attend conducting workshop; Drumline teacher Lachlan adds Naden Band to his duties.

**March**—Chamber Music Concert & Social at Knox Presbyterian involving teachers, students and parents.

**April** – Spring Bottle Drive.

**May** – Strings participate in Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival; Drumline marches in Victoria Day Parade; Beginner Strings inaugural performance at a Sooke Philharmonic concert

**June** – Drumline marches in Oak Bay Tea Party Parade; HPS Senior violinists perform at Sooke Youth Arts Fair and Sooke Philharmonic's Secret Garden Tour; HPS Year-end Concert by both Drumline and Strings, including solo performances!







## Testimonials from Parents, Students and Friends:

- ◆ “My children have developed not just technical skill on their instruments, but also a deeper appreciation for music, discipline, and collaboration. ...These benefits extend far beyond the music room and have enriched their confidence and academic growth as well.” - Parent
- ◆ “This program provides an equal playing field for music students to access quality music education. Music should be for everyone, if they are interested.” - Parent
- ◆ “I have always had a very strong belief in all the very good things that happen for individuals and communities when people - especially kids - have opportunities to make music together, and to develop the skills to do that in satisfying ways.” - Donor
- ◆ “I am so happy that I was able to be a part of the Harmony Project. This experience influenced my decision to study Music and Computer Science at the University of Victoria and helped me to improve my personal musical projects. I hope that many more kids get to experience this incredible program.” - Former Student

## Major Donors who made our 2024-25 term possible:



**VICTORIA FOUNDATION**  
CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER®

**Sheldon-Gilmour Foundation**



### Additional Donors

- Capital Regional District Arts & Culture Support Service: Ideas Grant
- Sooke Folk Music Society
- Sooke Rotary Club
- The Marsden Group
- Many friends and supporters, including the following:

Andrew Berk	Eleanor Shambrook	Kristin Cosgrove	Raina Saunders	Susan Isaac	West Coast Design
Anonymous	Elizabeth Laura	Quigley	Roger S Temple	Terry and Carol	and Development
Bettina Oare	Ashworth	Laura Mills	17 Mile House Pub	McGinty	Services
Bonnie Sprinkling	Fred Andrew	Laurie-Anne Gitzel	and Restaurant	Valerie Sim	Wild Mountain
Carolyn Hoekstra	Gerald and Catherine	Leonard Bonavero	Sheri Robertson	Wanda Tomszak	Restaurant
Catherine Fern Lewis	Williams	Margaret Mercer	Sherry Robb Design		Zach Becker
Cathy Reader	H Joyce Gowanlock	Mark A. Johnson	Shirley Macneill		
Charlene Thomson	Helena Nelson	Mary Alice Johnson	Sonja de Wit		
Chris Broadhurst	James Bouthillier	Mary Jane Watson	Sooke Churches (Holy		
Chris and Olivia Hyde	Janet Molnar	Michele MacHattie	Trinity Anglican, Knox		
Craig R Knight	Janice Hlady	Nan and Michael	Presbyterian, Seventh		
Daniel Barer	Judith Fries	Hundere	Day Adventist, and		
Donald Kissinger	Kimberley Marie	Nancy Chu	Sooke Baptist Church)		
Dr. Rosalene Saleski	Burton	Nora Catherine Fraser	Sooke Fax & Copy		
Edith MacHattie		Patrick Conley	Centre		



### *What your donations can buy...*

- \$40 – two Harmony Project uniform T-shirts
- \$100 – one snare drum head
- \$500 – one ½ size viola outfit
- \$1000 – classroom rental for one month
- \$1800 – a whole year of participation for one student
- \$3000 – one ¾ size cello
- \$25,000 – complete set of drums for a Drumline

Harmony Project Sooke is a BC non-profit society and a CRA Registered Charity  
(Charitable Registration # 784563496RR0001)

*Your support is always welcome and much appreciated.*

*Please visit us at: [www.harmonyprojectsooke.ca/help/](http://www.harmonyprojectsooke.ca/help/)*





### August 2024-July 2025

#### Income

Grants	53%
Tuition Fees	26%
Donations & Fundraising	19%
Interest & Other	2%

#### Expenses

Teaching	56%
Program Administration	24%
Instruments, classroom rent, grant writing	16.4%
Publicity, Supplies, Insurance, Misc.	3.6%

### Our Team

Executive Director — Lorna Bjorklund

String Teachers — Raina Saunders (Lead), Hollas Longton,

Sihana Dorfsman, Emma Reader-Lee, Alastair Crosby

Drumline Teachers — Lachlan Barry, Liv Carlson



### Board of Directors

Terry Cristall, President

Richard Sharman, Treasurer

Karen Skripitsky, Secretary

Susan Colonval, member

Judy Fries, member

Kathryn Lesyshen, grants

David Stewart, fundraising

Sheila Whincup, publicity



Harmony Project Society of British Columbia

3781 Phillips Road, Sooke, BC V9Z 1K7 • sookeharmonyproject@shaw.ca • 250-642-6681

CRA Charitable Registration # 784563496RR0001

[www.harmonyprojectsooke.ca](http://www.harmonyprojectsooke.ca)