ANNUAL REPORT
2014 - 2015
A Note from OYC’s Executive Director

2014-15 saw Oakland Youth Chorus’ singers, staff, board, alumni and community honoring forty years of music, friendship, and learning. The leadership also turned our attention to OYC’s next chapter, adopting a new mission statement, reflecting who we are and who we want to become as an organization dedicated to our children and our community. Building upon our legacy, we commit now to an expanded vision: *Oakland Youth Chorus unites diverse communities and transforms young people’s lives through excellence in music education and community performance.*

Through intentional community engagement, trusting and joyful opportunities for positive self expression and cultural connection in classes, and a commitment to access with excellence for all, OYC empowers the lives that will transform our communities and our world. We commit moving forward to building the dream makers, risk takers, and ceiling breakers of the future through the power of music.

Throughout our 40th anniversary season, OYC expanded into Richmond and East Oakland. We partnered to provide Oakland students with summer music camp and enrichment options, shared our commissioning collaborative efforts with Composers and Schools in Concert at the CA State Music Educators’ Conference, and premiered three new works by local composers of color. We look forward to building equitable access to music education and choral performance and to connecting our singers across the communities we serve in the years to come as a strong, professional and increasingly sustainable organization.

In harmony,

Keri Butkevich, Executive Director

Oakland Youth Chorus
In the 2014-15 season, the Oakland Youth Chorus:

-served 678 K-12 students with yearlong, sequential, choral music education programs

-connected to provide 45 performances in support of civic and community events

-70% of students’ families paid no fees to OYC for their classes; 85% paid $100 or less for the year

-provided over 1400 hours of choral music instruction across twenty school and community program sites in Oakland, Alameda and Richmond

-premiered three newly commissioned works by local composers of color
Creating Community through Music: Partnerships and Performances

Increasing our efforts to partner with other organizations—both within and outside the arts—led to increased access to OYC programs that bring together singers from different cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Performances for community festivals in Fruitvale, the creation of new works by diverse composers at all levels of our programming, and collaborations with community groups provided students with connections to both their cultures of origin and to cultures, people and neighborhoods they may have not experienced were it not for their participation in OYC.

Through partnerships with OUSD Music Department, we continued as the lead agency for the Oakland Jazz Camp in summer 2015 and provided the vocal piece of their programming. OYC also expanded our summer programming through collaboration with Love, Learn Success to provide four weeks of choral music classes to East Oakland Pride’s Summer School Hub in July 2015.

Last season, we participated in numerous collaborative community events and lent our voices in support of other organizations. Concert Chorus and Chamber Singers sang for the Oakland Book Festival, CA Academy of Sciences, Oakland Zoo Lights, Brower Youth Awards, GAP International, Wells Fargo, Oakland Rotary, Kara, and community tree lightings. Our elementary singers came together for Cinco de Mayo in Fruitvale, the Oakland Book Festival, holiday events in Alameda, Emeryville, and Oakland, and joined each other to sing for their school communities. Middle School singers joined together for events in Emeryville and Oakland.

OYC’s professionalism—as well as our multicultural and multiethnic focus—was highlighted through these collaborations. We continue to see transformative change in our students resulting from the opportunities they have to contribute to their community through the Chorus.

Still Growing after 40 years

In 2014-15, OYC restored the Concert Chorus program to two groups to better meet musical and developmental needs of our singers. Enrollment in those programs stabilized at forty in fall 2015. OYC also expanded our middle school programs, in school programming, and brought together our middle school students together in retreats and combined rehearsals. Financial assistance provided to families also increased during 2014-15, and a more structured financial assistance policy and payment levels was adopted for the 2015-16 season. With better tracking, OYC determined there was $6410 in need-based scholarship assistance provided during the 2014-15 season, and 70% of OYC’s programming was provided without direct fees to families.

Assessments of student learning in the spring of 2015 revealed that among 3rd-5th students in 2014-15, 98% matched pitch with accuracy, 92% matched rhythmic patterns, and 83% could read rhythms independently. 83% of K-2 students could match pitch by the end of the year, while 79% of them matched rhythmic patterns.

Most middle and high school singers could sing 2-4 part harmony, and 95% of singers reported learning music and feeling more confident performing as a result of OYC. OYC does pre to post assessments of student learning in our after school and community programs, and results are available each fall for the prior year.
“OYC is a wonderful program for any child to experience. With music programs omitted from schools, OYC fills the gap so children can sing and learn music. OYC is an enriching program which allows kids to express themselves without pressure. It’s a comfortable environment with loving teachers.” – Rockhaya, Concert Chorus mom

“OYC is the only reason she attends her after school program. The semi-annual concerts are always inspirational and [her teacher] is a wonderful music teacher, caring, and an excellent musician.” – Tara, Miracles mom

Create harmony in our community!
-How can I help Oakland Youth Chorus this year?- 

The generosity of our community’s donations of dollars, resources, services and time are crucial to our success in providing nurturing, joyful, and inspiring music programs that change the lives of young people. For more information on the impacts of your donations and your time, please check our website at http://oaklandyouthchorus.org/support-oyc/or call the office at 510-287-9700 or keri@oaklandyouthchorus.org.

1. Make a donation (or help raise funds through setting up a firstgiving event or donating your birthday on Facebook)

2. Help us fill our wish list:
   Teachers: keyboards, power adapters, folders, small hand percussion instruments, portable speakers
   Box Office: 2 IPads for online check in

3. Volunteer with us:
   Apply to join the Board of Directors
   Concert and box office staff
   Office support
   Fundraising support and event volunteers
   design and video services
   Event catering
### Oakland Youth Chorus Financials

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| **LIABILITIES**      |              |                        |            |                 |
| Accounts payable     | $1,526       | $1,526                 | $1,670     |                 |
| Accrued compensation | 12,750       | 12,750                 | 11,930     |                 |
| TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES | 14,276   | 14,276                 | 12,997     |                 |

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| **NET ASSETS**       |              |                        |            |                 |
| Unrestricted         | 141,452      | 141,452                | 117,672    |                 |
| Temporary restricted | 107,700      | 107,700                | 32,500     |                 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS     | 141,452      | 107,700                | 249,152    | 150,172         |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS** | $155,728 | $107,700 | $263,428 | $163,169 |
OYC Supporters July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Our success comes from the partnership and support of many foundations, corporations, businesses and individuals whose generous contributions make creating harmony possible through our programs. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to those listed below and all who contributed to OYC anonymously, through affinity programs, OYC events, or via their employer’s workplace giving programs.


In-Kind Donors: Ardenwood Historic Farms, Atomic Garden, Aurora Theatre Company, Bay Area Children’s Theatre, Bay Area Discovery Museum, Bay Island Gymnastics, Beach Blanket Babylon, Bellanico, Berkeley Rep, Bette’s Oceanview Diner, Blue and Gold Fleet, CA Academy of Science, Chabot Space and Science Center, Children’s Creativity Museum, Children’s Discovery Museum of SJ, Classroom Matters, Concannon Vineyards, Exploratorium, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco-de Young, Freight and Salvage Coffeehouse, Golden Gate Fields, Habitot Museum, la Mediterranee, La Pena Cultural Center, Lake Merritt Boating Center, Lindsay Wildlife Museum, Mary Ellen Callahan, Oakland East Bay Symphony, Oakland Zoo, Pacific Pinball Museum, Powell’s Sweet Shoppe, Pump it Up, Rhythmix Cultural Works, Ruby’s Garden, Santa Cruz Mountains Winegrowers Assoc., Semifreddi’s, SF 49ers, SJ Sharks, Sorenson’s, The Cheese Steak Shop, Tina Flores, USS Hornet Museum

OYC apologizes for any errors or omissions. Please help us to ensure we honor your gift correctly by contacting Keri at keri@oaklandyouthchorus.org with any corrections. Thank you for lifting our children’s voices during our 40th anniversary season in 2014-15, and please support OYC in continuing to create harmony, friendships, and stronger communities through access to excellence in choral music education and community performance for East Bay children and youth this year!
2014-2015 OAKLAND YOUTH CHORUS

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