



2019-20

IMPACT REPORT



Singing IS OUR SUPERPOWER

Our Superheroes

KOLIBRO
(HUMMINGBIRD)



KOMENCI
(TO BEGIN)



ESPLORI
(TO EXPLORE)



243
SINGERS

ESPRIMAS
(TO EXPRESS)



PROFUNDA
(DEEP)



ILUMINI
(TO BRIGHTEN)



VALUES

Accessibility for All

"If you can speak, you can sing." Everyone should have the opportunity to experience the joys and benefits of singing in a choir.

Excellence in Choral Music

We strive to be amongst the best in the world, demonstrating that musical excellence and creativity has no boundaries or age.

The Power of Teamwork

We believe we're stronger when working together: Choristers as a choir, and our organization as part of a thriving arts community.

Compassion &
Appreciation for Diversity

Music can help us understand our differences, connect people from all backgrounds, and uncover what it means to be human.

Personal Growth

Challenge and learning brings out the best of the joys and benefits of choral singing.

HIGHLIGHTS

Excellence
has no
age!

- 19 performances
- 12 guest appearances
- 7 HCC productions
 - 3 live concerts, 4 video productions
 - 243 singers participated
- 185 singers participated in workshops
- 80 singers attended Virtual Choir Camp
- 312 rehearsals (613 hours of singing)
- 50 songs learned, 45% Canadian compositions
- "HCC echo as 2019 best" - Leonard Turnevicius (Hamilton Spectator, Dec 2019)

Our 45th season began with such powerful momentum! With a vibrant and detailed artistic plan and incredibly strong ensembles, 2019 was bountiful in artistry and excitement. We couldn't have predicted how intensely things would change, but thanks to the resilience and bravery of our staff, singers, and families, we closed the season with even more gratitude and connection in our HCC community.



MELANIE TELLEZ
ASSISTANT ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

ZIMFIRA POLOZ
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Creating
Life-Changing
Musical
Experiences for
Young People

REVENUE
\$443,618

EXPENSE
\$414,535

SURPLUS
\$5583

RESERVES
\$101,740
in case of an emergency

\$43,830

INDIVIDUAL & CORPORATE DONATIONS

\$21,227

PROVIDED IN
FINANCIAL AWARD

6307

VOLUNTEER HOURS (\$137,224 Value)

15
STAFF

65%
DIRECT INVESTED
IN MUSIC EDUCATION

Our 45th anniversary season will go down in history as one of the most unique years ever. The lessons learned and systems improved, as a result, will only benefit the HCC in years to come.

\$23,500
MAJOR DONATION

\$38,252
PANDEMIC RELIEF FUNDING

HAMILTON
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION



\$133,005

GRANT FUNDING

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PATRICIA LECLAIR
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Getting Social



201 Posts
16.39% Follower Growth
Increased from 2545 to 2962



130 Posts
12.8% Follower Growth
Increased from 1247 to 1381



OUR TOP POSTS

5

HCC @ Home Video
Fall 2020 (3.2k views)



4

Holiday Concert Photos
Winter 2019 (4.3k views)



3

Choir Camp 2020 Video
Summer 2020 (4.6k views)



2

Celaya Conservatory of Mexico
Joint Performance Photos
Fall 2019 (7.3k views)



1

Esprimas El Barquito
Virtual Performance
Spring 2020 (8.8k views)



Words
are
never
enough!



JANET MOWAT
BOARD CHAIR

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Patricia LeClair
Anjanette Bailey
Gillian Alexander
Melanie Tellez
Xenobia Delgado

It's been a year of big changes, reimagining and transformation. Through it all, the indomitable spirit, agility, creativity and love of singing that are the cornerstones of the Hamilton Children's Choir triumphed. We remained steadfast to our mission to create life-changing musical opportunities for young children and moved with speed, creativity and care to online and then, when it was safe to do so, hybrid programs. We helped build community through our virtual holiday concert and we participated in the Young Voices of the World International Christmas Festival. We even had special singing masks made!

Through the challenges of the past year, we have strengthened our resiliency. Our success is based on the strong relationships we have forged over the years, incredible collaborations and support from within the HCC family of choristers, parents, artistic and administrative staff and members of the Board of Directors; and, the continued commitment of our wonderful donors, partners and funders. We could never have accomplished all that we did without you. We are deeply grateful. Thank you!

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