



# COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT

2022 / 2023



# ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH THE *love* OF MUSIC



## DEAR FRIENDS OF THE TGC,

The 2022/23 season was full of GROWTH! This growth showed up in a variety of ways at the TGC - including staffing, membership, and programming - and none of it would have been possible without your partnership.

Membership numbers increased to pre-pandemic levels with an added benefit of new and innovative programming. The staff worked hard to ensure every girls' voice was heard and that programming remained relevant, powerful, and full of joy! The community engagement programming grew through a new partnership with the Lapan Sunshine Foundation, and we launched the TGC's Early Childhood Music Program to serve the littlest singers and musicians in our community.

The growth at the TGC couldn't have been completed without the addition of fiercely talented staff and committed staff members that have expanded their roles at the TGC. Exciting shifts include Jess Edelbrock as Director of Operations, Nicky Manlove as Community Engagement Director, and Brandi Dignum as Director of Education. The expansion of the staff is a testament of the growth and impact the TGC has on our community. It also aligns with the Board of Directors' commitment to invest in people, the TGC's vision to create more access to music, and our strong conviction that music, especially singing together, has the power to transform lives.

Additional and growing partnerships have helped us continue creating access to music to all that want to sing and increasing music education capacity throughout our community. The TGC also remains committed to increasing the funding of scholarships and engaging programming to those who might not otherwise have access.

We have big dreams at the TGC and this growth is only the beginning! Each step forward and out allows us to continue to create an environment that promotes inclusivity, acceptance, and affirmation not only with each choir but throughout the community. The TGC is so much more than singing. We use music as a vehicle to develop self-worth, inspire and promote responsibility and perseverance, and provide a sense of belonging.

**Thank you for your partnership!**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Marcelina".

**Dr. Marcela Molina**  
*Director*



## MISSION

The Tucson Girls Chorus prepares a diverse group of young women to be confident leaders through participation in a well-constructed educational program that emphasizes music, performance, leadership training and community service.

## DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Inclusion, diversity, access, and equity is a value and practice in all aspects of the Tucson Girls Chorus. We do not discriminate in any activity on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, bodily expression, socioeconomic status, national origin, or physical or developmental ability. As stated in the TGC's mission, the TGC mainly serves young women. We accept all female-identifying youth, regardless of the sex/gender they were assigned at birth.

## GROWTH

Each girl's voice grows as they have a safe space to share and embrace new ideas.

## DEEPEN

We deepen the view of a singer's world by bringing communities together through innovative programming to ensure access to all.

# BY THE NUMBERS

# FINANCIALS



2,400

Total Students Reached, 1,265 from Title 1 schools



\$57,750

Awarded to 156 singers and subsidized programming



23

Zip Codes Served



406

Total 2022 / 2023 Season Singers



3 NEW PROGRAMS

- Las Estrellas Choirs:
  - Morgan Maxwell K-8
  - Wakefield Middle School - Lapan Sunshine Foundation
- Early Childhood Music Program



104

New Singers



96%

Parents report a noticeable increase in their singers of at least one mission-based characteristic: self-confidence, acceptance of others, responsibility, sense of belonging



55

Local Music Educators Supported



53

Campers in Shine! Performing Arts Summer Camp



97%

Singer Retention Rate (Within Season)



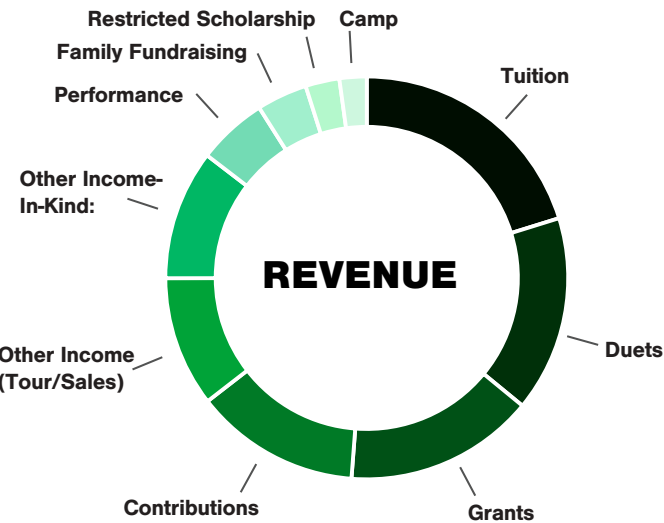
15 ENSEMBLES

- 7 ensembles in TGC Central Location grades K-12
- 4 ensembles in TGC Northwest Location grades K-5 and 9-12
- 4 ensembles in partnership with Title 1 schools grades 2-5
- PLUS! 2 pilot programs: Engagement Program for grades 6-8 and Early Childhood Music Program



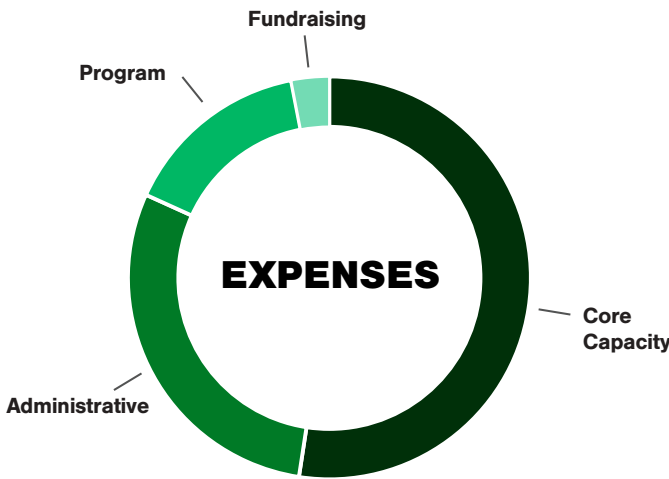
Through membership fees, administrative investments and ethical fundraising practices the TGC operates a tuition-based program at the Central and Northwest locations. Thanks to many collaborations and partnerships, the TGC's Engagement Program brings the benefits of singing to our wider community.

The Tucson Girls Chorus is committed to transparency and fiscal responsibility. We are grateful for the many individuals, foundations, and corporations who collaborate with us to ensure sustainable programming. **You make magic happen!**



## TOTAL REVENUE

|                                        |                                     |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tuition: \$157,625.46                  | Other Income- In-Kind: \$81,448.65  |
| Duets: \$122,764.90                    | Performance: \$43,796.25            |
| Grants: \$119,150.00                   | Family Fundraising: \$31,678.76     |
| Contributions: \$103,707.02            | Restricted Scholarship: \$21,265.00 |
| Other Income (Tour/Sales): \$81,662.79 | Camp: \$17,024.25                   |



## TOTAL EXPENSES

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Core Capacity: \$366,400.09  | Program: \$106,046.81    |
| Administrative: \$205,129.66 | Fundraising: \$21,377.65 |

# special THANKS

- ♪ **ARIZONA COMMISSION ON THE ARTS** for continuing to provide sustainable support and access to the arts.
- ♪ **CHORUS AMERICA** for making even more engagement programming dreams come true this year!
- ♪ **DEBRA HADDOCK** for being a treasure that believes in our girls!
- ♪ **FRESOLONE FAMILY** for lasting dedication and support.
- ♪ **LAPAN SUNSHINE FOUNDATION** for expanding access to singers.
- ♪ **LEVIN FAMILY** for ensuring girls always have access to singing.
- ♪ **PIMA COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION** for giving our girls a place to call home.
- ♪ **STONEWALL FUND** for your years of unwavering support to the TGC.
- ♪ **ORO VALLEY EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES** for providing a space for our Northwest dreams to grow.



YOU  
MAKE  
OUR  
*dreams*  
COME  
TRUE

# OUR STAFF

A special thank you to the TGC staff who use their remarkable talents and skills to fuel our mission and inspire our girls!

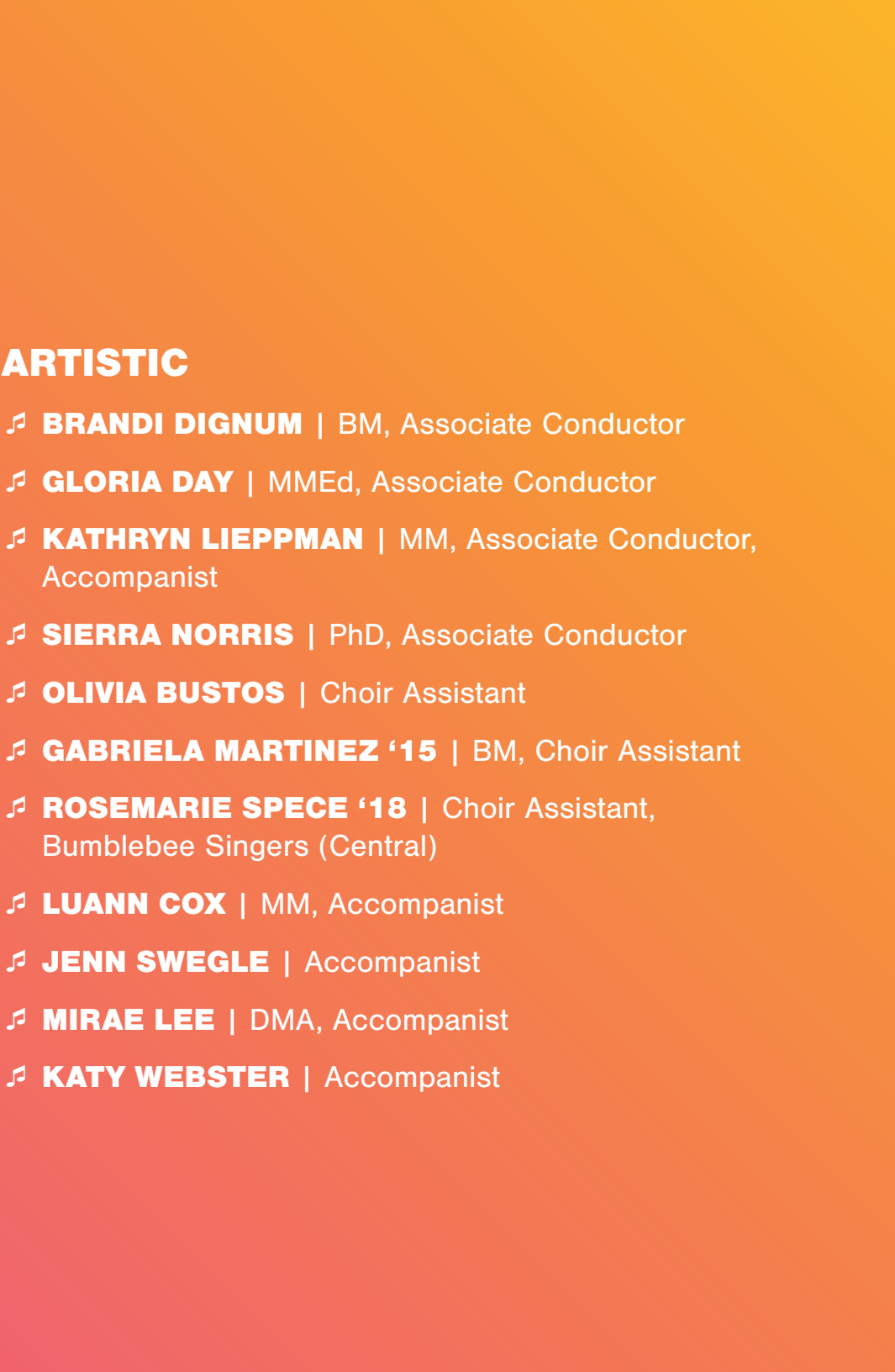
## ADMINISTRATIVE

- ♪ **MARCELA MOLINA** | DMA, Director, Associate Conductor
- ♪ **JESS EDELBROCK** | MM, Director of Operations, Associate Conductor
- ♪ **NICKY MANLOVE** | MM, Community Engagement Director, Associate Conductor, Accompanist
- ♪ **LISA ROBNISON** | CFRE, Fundraising Consultant
- ♪ **VERNEATTE POLEYESTEWA** | Office Manager
- ♪ **CHARLENE DEAL** | Bookkeeper



## ARTISTIC

- ♪ **BRANDI DIGNUM** | BM, Associate Conductor
- ♪ **GLORIA DAY** | MMEd, Associate Conductor
- ♪ **KATHRYN LIEPPMAN** | MM, Associate Conductor, Accompanist
- ♪ **SIERRA NORRIS** | PhD, Associate Conductor
- ♪ **OLIVIA BUSTOS** | Choir Assistant
- ♪ **GABRIELA MARTINEZ ‘15** | BM, Choir Assistant
- ♪ **ROSEMARIE SPECE ‘18** | Choir Assistant, Bumblebee Singers (Central)
- ♪ **LUANN COX** | MM, Accompanist
- ♪ **JENN SWEGLE** | Accompanist
- ♪ **MIRAE LEE** | DMA, Accompanist
- ♪ **KATY WEBSTER** | Accompanist



# OUR BOARD

The TGC is governed by a dedicated group of volunteer board members. We thank them for their time and talents to help lead and set a strategic vision of growth for our girls!

- ♪ **MELISSA SOLYN** | Board President
- ♪ **VANESSA HELMS** | Past President
- ♪ **MELISSA TOMLINSON** | Treasurer
- ♪ **DON SWANN** | Secretary
- ♪ **DAVID PIETZ**
- ♪ **STEPHANIE PEARMAIN**
- ♪ **MONICA MEDLEN** | Class of 2015
- ♪ **MATTHEW BELL**
- ♪ **MIKE SCIONTI**



# WHY WE ARE HERE

## TESTIMONIALS FROM OUR GIRLS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS.

*“Our daughter’s most memorable summer has been the time she spent in TGC’s Shine! Summer Camp helping with the younger kids. She now has an educational goal for future career in music! This is huge, she never believed she could go to college and really had a plan. A seed has been planted, we are grateful to see her think about her future.”*

– **JUBILATE CHOIR PARENT**



*“TGC is a place where I can come and be myself, and that has helped my confidence so much. Before TGC I was nervous to even talk to other people, but now my confidence has grown where I was able to even sing in front of people and I got a big role in a play with another group! I love it here and I’m so thankful for TGC.”*

– **BRITTA**  
Hummingbirds Singer

*“Tucson Girls Chorus has been instrumental to help build a community of singing in my classes and a community of support within fellow music educators. With the support of TGC leaders visiting my classroom and working with my students, the students have learned more about vocal technique than I could hope to teach them myself, all in a fun, engaging way. TGC’s free professional development offerings and year-round support has helped me feel more successful as an educator. Tucson Girls Chorus is a place that fosters the love of singing throughout all of Tucson and the surrounding areas and I could not be more appreciative of the work they do.”*

– **RUSTY CARLE-OGREN**  
Music Teacher in Sahuarita Unified School District

## SPECIAL CONCERTS & PROGRAMMING DURING THE 2022/23 SEASON

- ♪ Expanded Las Estrellas Engagement Choirs to a middle school in partnership with the Lapan Sunshine Foundation
- ♪ Created a new Early Childhood Music Program for 3 months to 5 years old
- ♪ Advanced and Jubilate Choirs performed with the Tucson Symphony Orchestra
- ♪ Mariposa Singers and Advanced Choir performed at Patronato San Xavier as a part of their concert series during the Holiday Season
- ♪ Advanced and Jubilate Choirs performed a world premiere of Jocelyn Hagen’s “Here I Am” with True Concord Voices & Orchestra
- ♪ Upper Choirs (Mariposa Singers, Jubilate and Advanced Choirs) toured for the first time after the pandemic, performing multiple concerts in their respective touring locations

## SAVE THE DATE

The TGC Mainstage Performances during the 2023 / 2024 Season

- ♪ **Sounds of Winter**  
December 10, 2023 | UA Crowder Hall
- ♪ **Sounds of Spring**  
May 19, 2024 | UA Crowder Hall
- ♪ **Duets!**  
April 7, 2024 | Tucson Marriott University Park

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# CONCERT SCHEDULE





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