

Providing deeply meaningful musical experiences
and building community through a full array of programs
for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds

CONCORD COMMUNITY MUSIC SCHOOL

STUDENTS & PARTICIPANTS

- More than 1,400 students attend Concord Community Music School (CCMS) onsite and in the community each week.
- Our students come from all backgrounds and walks of life; their ages range from six months to 90+ years.
- CCMS students reside in more than 129 communities, in New England and across the country.
- More than 40% of our students receive financial aid, totaling 8% of the School's annual operating budget.

PROGRAMS

- CCMS offers instruction in voice and more than 20 instruments. Options include piano, strings, voice, percussion, woodwinds, brass, folk and jazz. Composition, audio engineering, ear training, and musical theatre programs are also available.
- Our 40 choruses, instrumental ensembles, group classes, and jams engage people of all ages in performing music of diverse genres.
- We present more than 100 public recitals, concerts, workshops, and lectures annually.

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"This experience would not have been possible without the generous support of the donors who make financial assistance available to students like me. I am truly grateful for their investment in providing us with the chance to pursue our musical passions...." - STUDENT, JAN. 2025

CCMS AT A GLANCE:

- We provide exceptional music instruction, performance, and expressive arts therapies onsite, in the community, and online.
- CCMS was founded in 1984; we expanded in 1988 and 2001.
- 44 faculty members and eight staff members call CCMS their musical home.
- Our onsite teaching spaces include 25 practice studios, four ensemble rooms, and a recording studio.
- Our three performance spaces comprise a historic recital hall, a multi-purpose community room, and an outdoor stage
- We are meaningfully involved in the community via our Music in the Community Initiative (MICI), as well as other area partnerships and events.



- Our Board of Trustees comprises 9 community leaders from the Greater Concord region.
- CCMS is conveniently located in downtown Concord, within walking distance of restaurants, shopping, services, and more.

PROGRAMS (CONT.)

- Our robust Music in the Community Initiative (MICI) includes programs for educational facilities, retirement communities, medical and mental health organizations, early childhood education facilities, veterans’ centers, and more.
- CCMS’s Expressive Arts Therapy programs (including Music and Dance Movement Therapy) provide health and wellness options for those with Parkinson’s disease, arthritis, stroke, and autism. They also support trauma survivors, at-risk children, military families, and community organizations.



RECOGNITION FOR HIGH-QUALITY PROGRAMS

- Our funders include the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation (NHCF) and the charitable arms of several area foundations and financial institutions. More than 300 donors support CCMS each year.
- CCMS received the Governor’s Art Award for Cultural Access Leadership (now called the Arts in Health Award) in 2005.
- We were named the 2014 Champion for Mental Health by Riverbend Community Mental Health.

“I never imagined that private lessons would be possible for my children on our budget. Not only have you made that possible, but you’ve made it possible for them to choose to pick up a second instrument as well!”

- CCMS PARENT, 12/24

BY THE NUMBERS

Funding for our musical offerings comes in part from program and other earned income and in part from the generosity of individuals, companies, foundations, and other grantors. Our financial model ensures that the greatest amount of funding goes towards making the gift of music available for as many people as we can. The following information is for our fiscal year ending June 30, 2025:

