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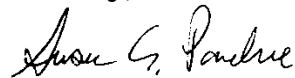
What began as a dream of mine came to fruition over ten years ago with the birth of the Florida Chamber Music Project. With the support and guidance of the late Earl Barker and Danny Berenberg, I created an ensemble focused on playing the chamber music that I have long loved.

Our first season began in 2013 with four concerts presented at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall, and we soon grew to present six concerts each season. Today we continue to present six concerts, now in partnership with the Beaches Museum and their acoustically superb and intimate historic chapel, and for the 25/26 season we are adding a special seventh concert in partnership with Friday Musicale.

The chamber music repertoire is some of the most beautiful and intimate music written. Working together equally, the artists participate in a musical conversation. There is no conductor; different members serve as the leader at different times. It is music performed by friends, for friends—thus our tagline “*Music Among Friends.*”

As we begin our 13th season, I look back on all that we have accomplished and feel immense pride and the desire to share our growth with you. I hope you’ll appreciate the information contained in this, our first, annual report.

Warmly,

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Susan E. Pardue
Artistic Director

It has been my pleasure to be affiliated with the Florida Chamber Music Project for the last 11 years — most recently serving as its board president. During this time, I've had the opportunity to witness the organization's growth both artistically and financially. I'm pleased to share this annual report with you, which highlights the progress we've made.

From our early performances at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall to our recent sold-out concerts at the Beaches Museum Chapel, the Florida Chamber Music Project has experienced remarkable growth. Under the leadership of our Artistic Director, Susan Pardue, we continue to present chamber music that challenges and inspires both our musicians and our audiences. The significant increase in attendance reflects a strong and growing demand for the unique musical experiences we offer to the community. We are pleased that we draw audiences from Amelia Island to Daytona Beach, and from Clay County and Ortega to the beaches.

I'm proud to present you with our first ever annual report that outlines the growth FCMP has experienced, as well as some of our plans for the upcoming season.

I hope to see you at our 25/26 concerts!

Sincerely,

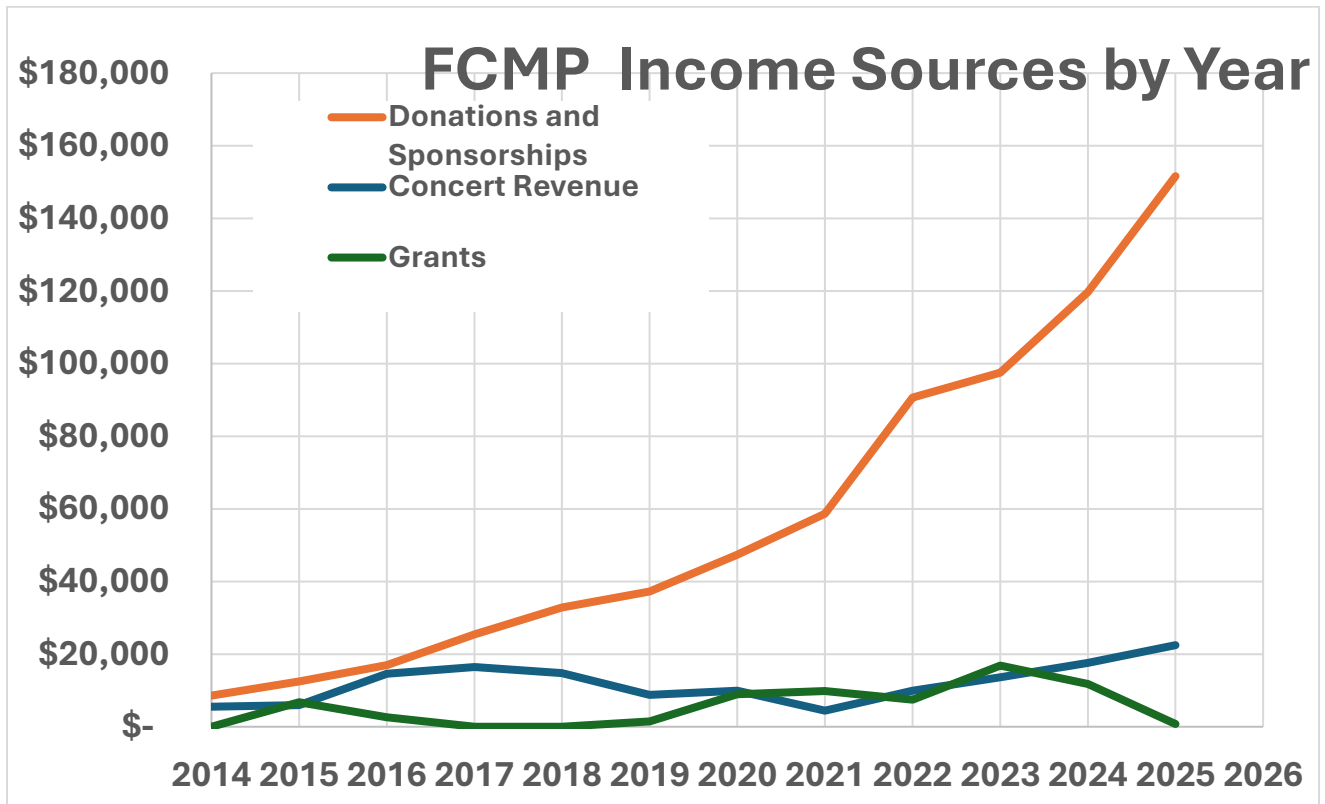
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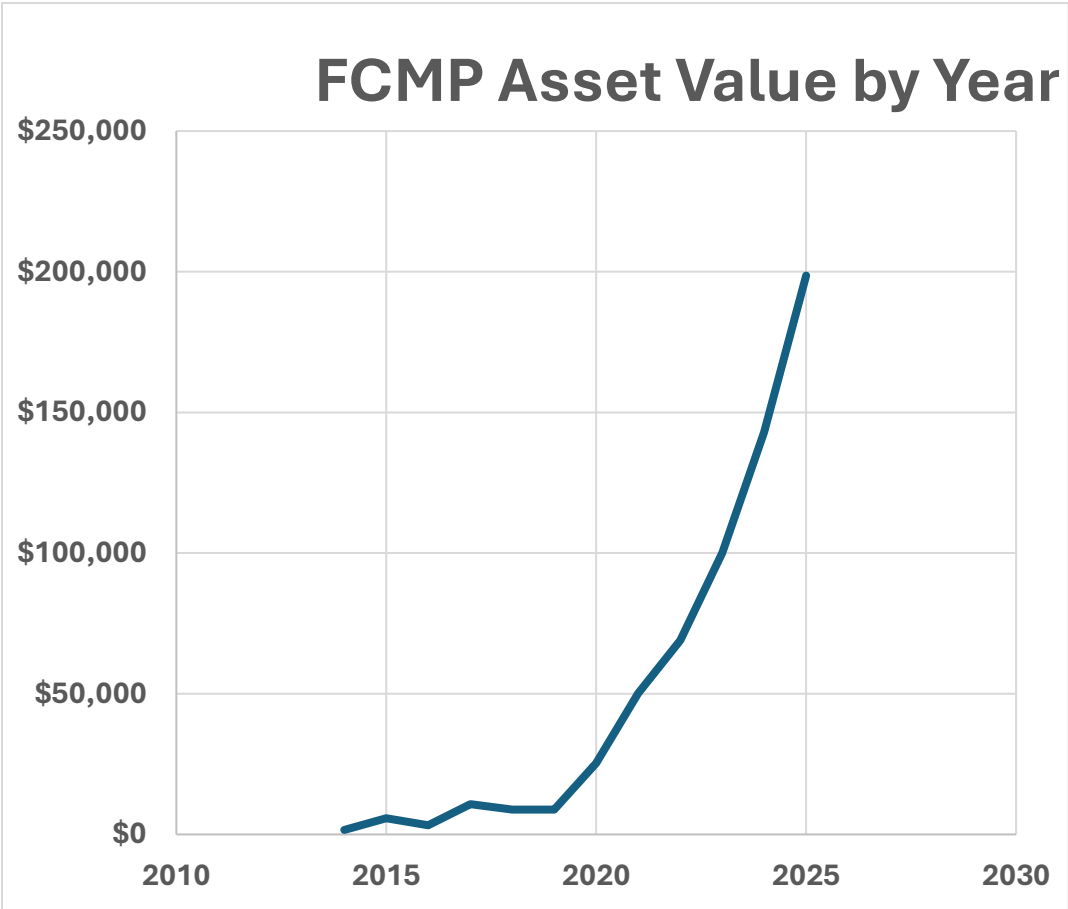
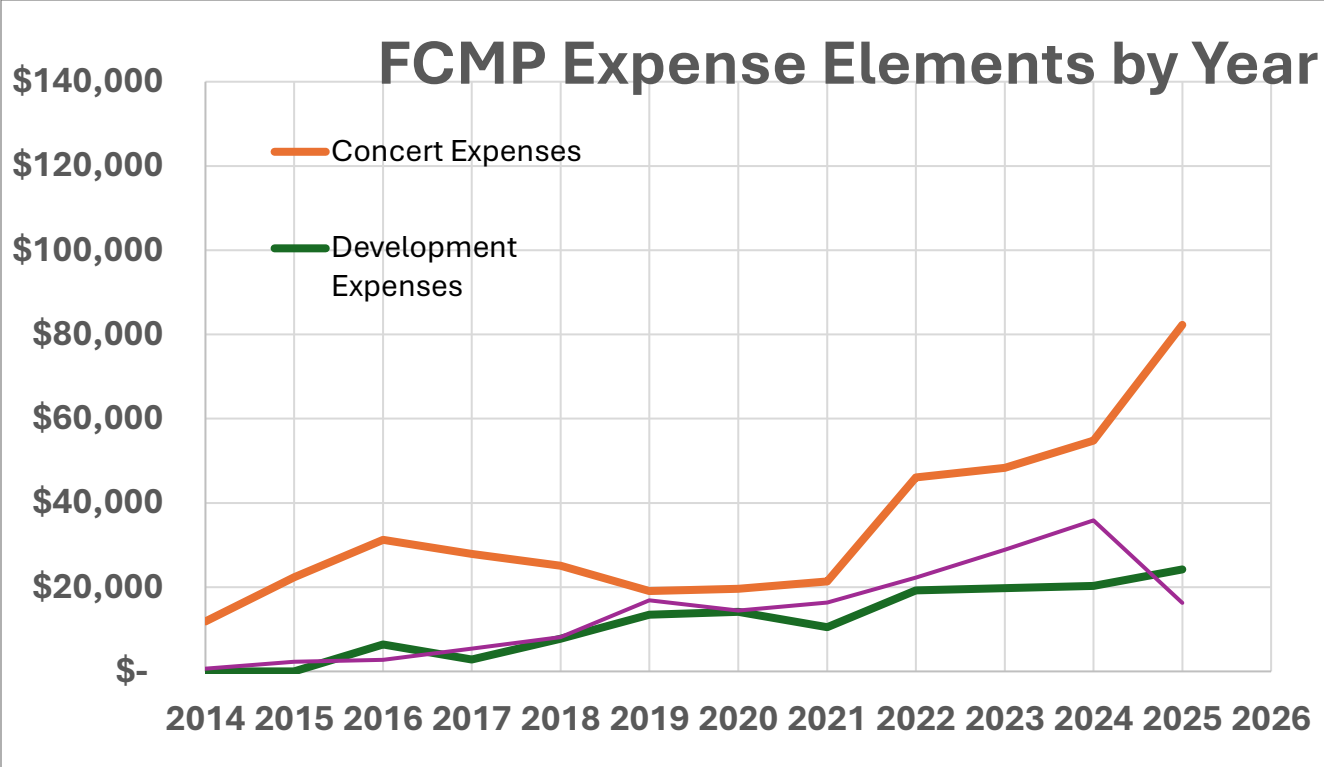
Ken Hecht
Board President
2024/2025

A BRIEF OVERVIEW

From our first season of performances in 2013/2014 at the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall until today, the Florida Chamber Music Project has performed concerts offering a mix of the old masters with more contemporary works. The first concert we performed featured the world premier of Piotr Szewczyk's *To the Shore*, along with Ludwig van Beethoven's *String Quartet, Opus 18 No. 4* and *String Quartet, Opus 74, "The Harp."* Our final concert of our 2024/2025 season featured *String Quartet No. 1 in F Major, Op. 18* and *String Quartet No. 16 in F Major, Op. 135* by Ludwig van Beethoven. Along the way we have performed the world premiere of *Enchanted Rhapsody* and *Spring Tales* by Piotr Szewczyk, and *Acoustic Analog: A Tribute to William and Sonia Hecht* by Alex Cooper. In 2018 we began presenting pianist Hyunsoon Whang in a concert with us each season, which has proven to be a collaboration that she, our musicians, and our audiences look forward to each season. Throughout our existence we have invited concert attendees to join us for a post-concert reception so they can share their thoughts on the programs with our musicians.

During this period of time we have grown not only artistically but also financially, as shown in these graphs below.





In our 2021/2022 season we added educational concerts. Those first performances took place at Sanctuary on 8th Street and North Florida School of Special Education (NFSSE). Our partnership with NFSSE has remained strong, and each year we perform three concerts that reach their students ranging from grades K-12 and their Transition program. All in all, FCMP performs for approximately 195 NFSSE students.



Our 2024/2025 season saw the expansion of our educational concerts into Clay County. We performed two concerts that reached 125 second grade students. We have plans to expand our Clay County presence in 2025/2026 by performing three concerts at two elementary schools.

In addition to reaching students through our educational concerts, FCMP performs a “preview” concert before each regularly scheduled concert. These performances are held in retirement centers, thus enabling us to reach seniors who might not be able to attend our performances otherwise.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR FCMP?

In June 2024, the board and staff of the Florida Chamber Music Project began work to develop an updated strategic plan. As a result of our work, we revised our Mission Statement and established goals for the organization for the period 2025/2026 through 2027/2028. Our Mission Statement now is: *Fostering joy, connection, and education in our community through live classical chamber music.* This new Mission Statement will guide us as we work toward our goal of expanding our reach in the Jacksonville area while maintaining our partnership with the Beaches Museum and its historic chapel, which is our home for our concerts. As mentioned, we are expanding our educational concerts to reach students in Clay County. We have also added for our 2025/2026 season a special concert that will be performed at Friday Musicale. This performance provides the opportunity to not only partner with another area arts organization, but to also reach audiences who do not normally travel to our beaches location. And with all of this, we plan to continue to increase our revenues and be good stewards of our finances.

All of us at the Florida Chamber Music Project hope that you will take the opportunity to visit our website (<https://flchambermusic.org>) to learn more about our organization, and that we will see you at our performances during the 2025/2026 season for *Music Among Friends!*