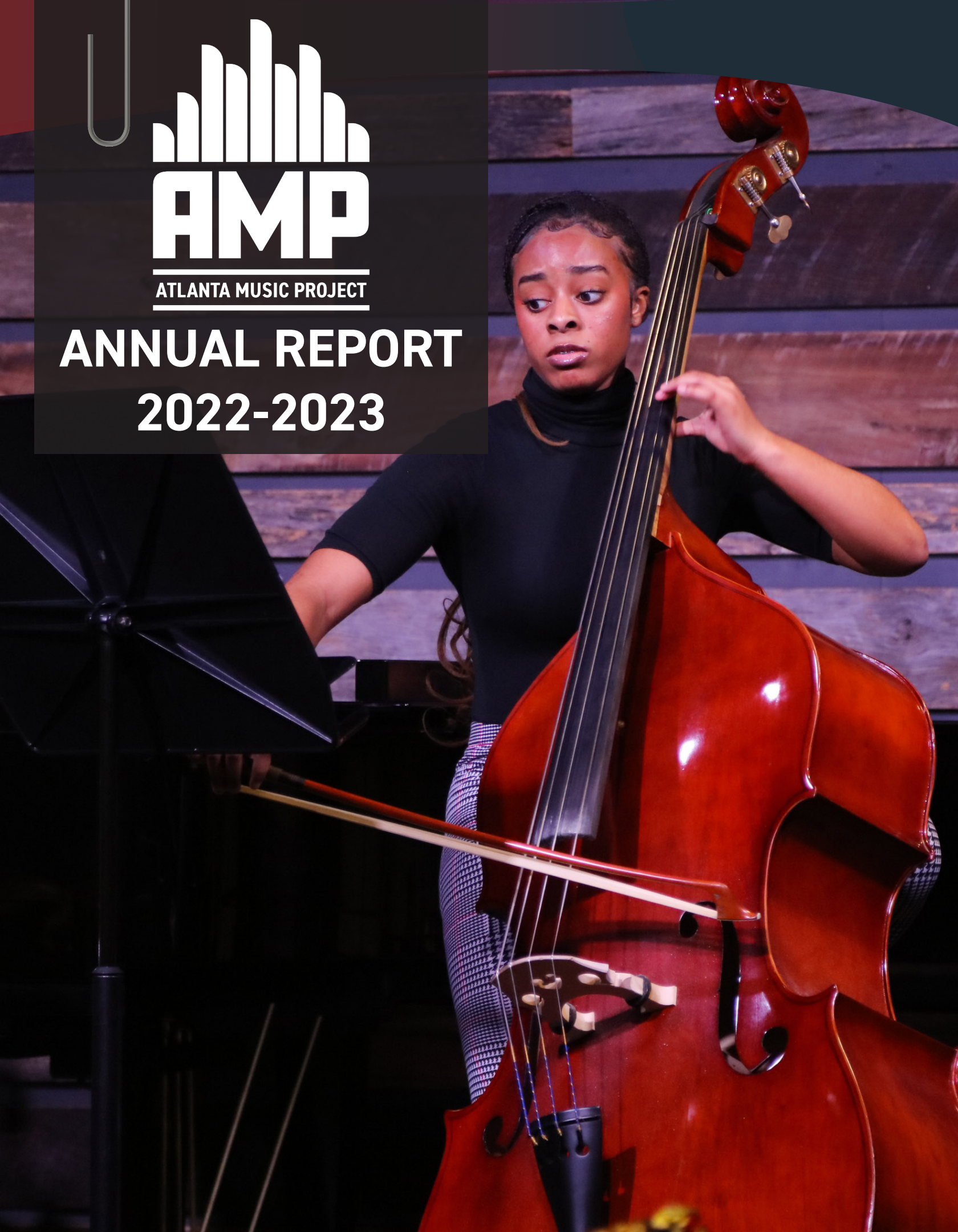


**AMP**

ATLANTA MUSIC PROJECT

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023





# MISSION

*Operating in under-resourced communities, the Atlanta Music Project empowers youth to realize their possibilities through music.*

# VISION

*A nationally recognized nonprofit organization, the Atlanta Music Project is a leading model of the power of music training to unlock life-changing outcomes for youth.*



Dantes Rameau  
Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer

*“This was a banner year for the Atlanta Music Project. Our program enrollment was at an all-time high, as was the enthusiasm from our students and their families, which led to an increased level of performances across the board. The pipeline for a young person to join AMP in elementary school as a novice, and graduate high school ready to take on the world with great character, musicianship, and confidence, is most definitely in place. I am grateful to our donors, volunteers, and board of directors for demonstrating that AMP is possible when the community invests in the next generation.”*



Philip M. Juravel, CPA  
Chair, Board of Directors

*“The depth and breadth of the Atlanta Music Project programming has come such a long way. I could not be more thrilled with our students, staff, faculty and board of directors. Going from 30 students in our first year, to 800 this year is a testament to the strength of the entire AMP community. I cherish the fact that we are all here for the right reasons. Putting the students’ needs first, we all worked in a collaborative manner towards making our vision a reality. I hope you enjoy this report on a memorable year at AMP. The future is bright because of you all! “*

*(Cover photo) Paris Lallis (AMP ‘23) performs a solo on double bass at the AMP Center, May 2023*



# ATLANTA MUSIC PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

## AFTER-SCHOOL BAND & ORCHESTRA

*In partnership with City of Atlanta Department of Parks and Recreation*

### Perkerson Park Recreation Center

• 4 days/week, 2 hours/day

• Grades: 1st - 6th

• String Orchestra

**30**

students

### South Bend Center for Art & Culture

• 4 days/week, 2 hours/day

• Grades: 1st - 6th

• Winds

**26**

students



## AMP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

### Preparatory Orchestra

• 2 days/week, 1.25 hour/day

• Grades: 1st - 6th

• String Orchestra

**47**

students

### Preparatory Band

• 2 days/week, 1.25 hour/day

• Grades: 1st - 6th

• Winds

**32**

students



### Preparatory Choir

• 1 day/week, 1.25 hour/day

• Grades: 1st - 6th

• Voice

**48**

students



# ATLANTA MUSIC PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

## AMP ACADEMY

*Private lessons for AMP's most talented and dedicated students*



- 3rd - 12th
- Voice, Winds, & Strings
- Program Components:
  - Weekly Private Lessons
  - 3 Solo Recitals
  - Required All-State Audition
  - End-of-Year Performance Adjudication

**42**

students



## AMP SUMMER SERIES: A MUSIC FESTIVAL & SCHOOL



- Grades: 3rd - 12th
- Voice, Winds, & Strings

• Artist-in-Residence: Sterling Elliott

- Program Components:
  - 4-Week Music Day Camp (9am - 5pm)
  - 7 Concerts

**252**

students

Session I:  
Large Ensembles

**146**

students

Session II:  
Chamber Music

**40**

students

Session II:  
Elementary Music

**66**

students



### Atlanta Public Schools Partnership

By partnering with Atlanta Public Schools, AMP faculty supports APS music teachers by providing instrument-specific group and individual training during music classes.

Number of students served through this program: **270**



# ATLANTA MUSIC PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

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## AMP YOUTH CHOIRS



### AMP Junior Youth Choir

• 2 days/week, 3.5 hours/week

• Grades: 6th - 9th

**49**  
*students*

### AMP Senior Youth Choir

• 2 days/week, 2 hours/day

• Grades: 9th - 12th

## AMP YOUTH ORCHESTRAS



### AMP Junior Youth Orchestra

• 2 days/week, 3.5 hours/week

• Grades: 6th - 9th

**42**  
*students*

### AMP Senior Youth Orchestra

• 2 days/week, 2 hours/day

• Grades: 9th - 12th

• String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra

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# ATLANTA MUSIC PROJECT'S 4TH ANNUAL *Music of the African Diaspora Festival*



Every February, the Atlanta Music Project celebrates Black History Month by presenting our annual Music of the African Diaspora Festival. This series of eight concerts features music composed, arranged, and inspired by artists from Africa and the African Diaspora. During this series, all AMP ensembles and our AMP Academy recitals showcase this rich repertoire to the Atlanta Metro which brings a sense of community, culture, and artistic excellence to all.





# ATLANTA MUSIC PROJECT PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

*Monica Pearson's One on One Holiday Special*



*NPR's "From the Top"*



# ATLANTA MUSIC PROJECT PERFORMANCES OF NOTE

*South Fulton Institute's AMP Documentary Premiere*



*Grady Hospital Correll Pavillion Opening*



*2023 State of the City Breakfast*





# 2023 AMP SUMMER SERIES

## *Sterling Elliott, Artist-in-Residence*



ATLANTA MUSIC PROJECT  
SUMMER SERIES  
A MUSIC FESTIVAL & SCHOOL

Cellist Sterling Elliott was the Artist-in-Residence for the 2023 AMP Summer Series. He made a brilliant debut at AMP on Friday June 9, 2023 – the Opening Night of the AMP Summer Series. Mr. Elliott performed the *Cello Concerto No. 1 in A Minor* by Camille Saint-Saëns with the AMP Summer Series Festival Orchestra, under the direction of John Young Shik Concklin. Mr. Elliott performed to a sold-out audience at Sylvan Hills Middle School. He received several standing ovations and performed an encore.

Throughout his residency, Mr. Elliott shared his professional and artistic insight with AMP students. Mr. Elliott led a cello masterclass for students, followed by a mentorship session. He humbly reflected on his origin story growing up in a musical family, and his prolific career through curated discussions such as the Fireside Chat with Terrence McKnight. He was also featured on WABE 'City Lights' with Lois Reitzes during his residency. Listen to Mr. Elliott's [\*WABE 90.1 interview here\*](#).



***Fireside Chat with Terrence McKnight and Sterling Elliott***



***Sterling Elliott takes a bow after performing Camille Saint-Saëns' Cello Concerto in A Minor with the AMP Summer Series Festival Orchestra***



***Sterling Elliott masterclass with AMP cellists***



# ATLANTA MUSIC PROJECT COLLEGE & CAREER SERVICES

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The College and Career program strives to help students successfully navigate their high school and post-secondary education opportunities. We offer students and their families programming focused on high school completion, the college application and audition process, and financial aid. In conjunction with group workshops, professional development opportunities, and individualized counseling AMP students are prepared to tackle their goals.

Each year, we connect AMP students to competitive colleges across the country to help them explore their options and ensure that they find a school and academic program that will catalyze them towards success. Alumni continue to receive support in creating resumes and cover letters, applying to internships and jobs, preparing for interviews, and navigating campus resources. Graduating seniors and alumni are also eligible to apply for the Chestnut Family College Scholarship, The Chestnut Family Instrument Fund, and the Chestnut Family Emergency Fund to help cover both the expected and unexpected costs of attending college.

	Currently enrolled in college	Enrolled within a year of graduation	Matriculated to 2nd year
CLASS OF 2019	50.00%	50.00%	50.00%
CLASS OF 2020	62.50%	100.00%	75.00%
CLASS OF 2021	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
CLASS OF 2022	81.25%	93.75%	81.25%
CLASS OF 2023	90.00%	90.00%	90.00%
TOTAL	79.1%	90.7%	90%
TOTAL SINCE COLLEGE & CAREER	92.3%	92.3%	92%



- Colleges attended by the AMP Class of 2023:
- Albany State University

Boston University

Clayton State University

Florida State University
- Kennesaw State University

Mercer University

Middle Georgia State University

Morehouse College

## CHESTNUT FAMILY FOUNDATION

The Chestnut Family College Scholarship Fund was started in 2021 with the generous support of the Chestnut Family Foundation to aid AMP Seniors and Alumni in paying for college.

Each year, both graduating high school seniors and alumni receive funding to support the costs of their college tuition, fees, books, supplies, housing, living expenses. Students planning to study music are also eligible to apply for funding to purchase a high quality instrument to support their studies.

As of July 31, 2023, AMP has awarded 31 college scholarships to its alumni, totaling \$130,749.



# FINANCIAL DATA

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - JULY 31, 2023

### ASSETS

Total Assets.....\$5,226,942

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSESTS

Total Liabilities.....\$716,773

Net Assets.....\$4,510,169

Total Liabilities + Net Assets.....\$5,226,942

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - JULY 31, 2023

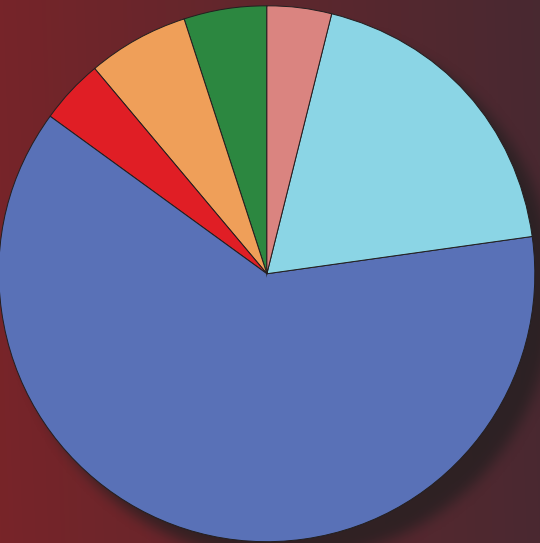
Total Support and Revenues.....\$2,285,388

Total Expenses.....\$2,417,520

Change in Net Assets.....(\$132,132)

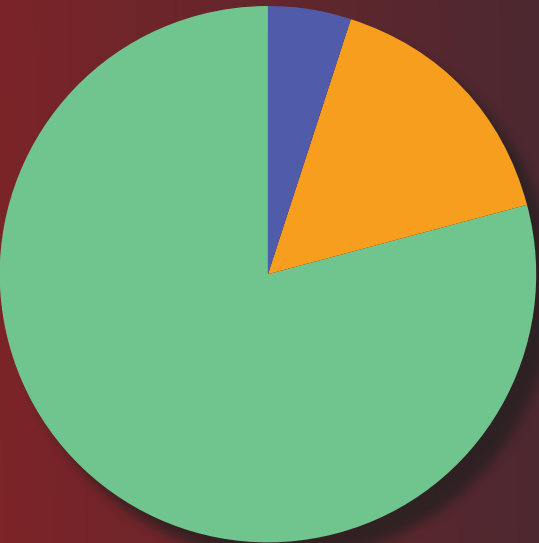
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## SUPPORT AND REVENUE BREAKDOWN



Support and Revenue	2023	2023
Government	19%	\$435,900
Corporate	4%	\$92,942
Net Investment Income	5%	\$112,545
Individual Donations	6%	\$142,790
Program Fees	4%	\$79,146
Foundation	62%	\$1,422,065
Capital Campaign	-	-
Other	-	-
Total Support and Revenue	100%	\$ 2,285,388

## EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



Expenses	2023	2023
Management and General	16%	\$ 402,325
Fundraising	5%	\$ 115,381
Program Services	79%	\$ 1,899,814
Total Expenses	100%	\$ 2,417,520



# WAYS TO GIVE

*At the Atlanta Music Project, we count on community members just like you for support. Together, we are investing in the future of our city.*

*AMP is able to offer tuition-free programming through your generous support. Your private support is essential to ensure that AMP students and programs have the resources they need to succeed. These transformative gifts ensure AMP can continue to provide high-quality music instruction for current and future young musicians.*

*With the support of our incredible donors, the Atlanta Music Project continues to inspire social change in our community. With so many ways to give, you can AMP up the experiences of Atlanta's youth.*

## INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

Please give at  
[www.atlantamusicproject.org/donate-to-amp](http://www.atlantamusicproject.org/donate-to-amp)  
to create one-time or recurring donations.

Donations can be made in honor of an individual.

Donation checks may be made payable to Atlanta Music Project:  
883 Dill Ave SW Atlanta, GA 30310

## OTHER WAYS TO DONATE

If you wish to donate a gift of stock or learn more about planned giving opportunities, please email [info@atlantamusicproject.org](mailto:info@atlantamusicproject.org).

The Atlanta Music Project is always searching for creative ways to reduce expenses and welcomes in-kind services.

## DONATE AN INSTRUMENT

Atlanta Music Project is always in need of instruments in working condition. Please email [info@atlantamusicproject.org](mailto:info@atlantamusicproject.org) or visit [www.atlantamusicproject.org/donate-to-amp](http://www.atlantamusicproject.org/donate-to-amp)

## VOLUNTEER

To donate your time and talents to AMP, engage in one of the following volunteer opportunities:

- Talk to AMP students about your career, then watch a mini-performance from one of AMP's ensembles as part of our Practice Makes Professional series.
- Play alongside AMP musicians in rehearsals and concerts as a Music Mentor. (Open to experienced high school musicians only)

# INSTITUTIONAL & CORPORATE DONORS

*The Atlanta Music Project is honored and grateful to have sponsors who are financially supportive of our mission to achieve social change through music.*





# BOARD, STAFF, & FACULTY

## Board of Directors

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## Teaching Artists

Andy Zabinski	Ibukun Babalola
Alana Knowles	Ismail Akbar
Anhvu Tran	Jared Johnson
Austin Cripe	Jenayah Lewis
Ayana Cummings	Jessica Bell
Bernard Flythe	John Young Shik Concklin
Breanna Jones	Jonathan Colbert
B.E. Boykin	Jonathan Walton
Caleb Herron	Jordyn Speakman
Calvin Morris	Joshua Williams
Carissa Gibson	Josiah Coe
Carlos Brena Gastandui	Julie Saxton
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Chanell Childers	Kathy Kelly-George
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Dominic Ryder	Kerren Berz
Donte Davis	Kevin Smith
Earl Puckett	Laura English-Robinson
Ed Nicholson	Lazara Santana
Eli Manos	Lee Watts
Emily Halbert	Liesl McWhorter
Erron White	Logan Souther
Ezra Haugabrooks	Mai Matsumoto
Giancarlo Ortiz	Matthew McConnell
Herbert Jackson	Matthew Richards
Hilary Glen	Matthew Sines

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## Teaching Artists

Matthieu Clavé	Sarah Griffin
Meghan Yost	Shaquille Southwell
Micah Wynn	Sophia Monteagudo
Micah Roland	Tokutaka Kawata
Micah Stoddard	Vanessa Hall
Natalie Beckenbaugh	Victor Pires
Pablo Zamora Mata	Warren Lankford
Pamela Dillard	
Rodney Allen	

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Mia Rodriguez  
Nicholas Nguyen  
Sedreck Whitaker Baker  
Shenine Jackson





*Preston Harris performs a solo on french horn at the AMP Center, April 2023*