



Metropolitan Wind Symphony
Annual Report
FY 2025

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1. Overview

The mission of the Metropolitan Wind Symphony (MetWinds) is to contribute positively to the musical education and enrichment of the community through public performance of traditional and contemporary wind music, serve as a channel for the commission and presentation of new musical works, and provide an enjoyable, challenging, inclusive, and educational musical experience for the members.

This FY 2025 Annual Report contains highlights of our artistic and organizational accomplishments, community involvement and feedback, and a financial overview for the fifty-second season of the Metropolitan Wind Symphony which ended on August 31, 2025.

2. Artistic Highlights

- Joe McCarthy- Percussion soloist, Fall concert (11/3/24)
- Pan American Nutcracker Suite- World Premiere of the Wind Ensemble Arrangement (11/3/24)
- Meghan MacFadden Guest Conductor; Hastings Park Concerts (7/10/25, 7/17/25)
- Gabe Southard, Guest Conductor; Hastings Park Concert (7/24/25)
- Frank Oglesby, Jr., Guest Narrator; Hastings Park Concert (7/10/25)
- Tim Fredette, Guest Conductor and Concert Sponsor, Hastings Park (7/10/25)
- Jason Caron, Guest Conductor; Concert sponsored by Sarah Freeman, Hastings Park (7/17/25)
- Cindy Murphy, Guest Conductor; Concert sponsored by the Children of Cindy Murphy, Hastings Park (7/24/25)
- Hastings Park Outdoor Concert Series, Lexington. Three performances (7/10/25, 7/17/25, 7/24/25) Attendance: 687+

3. Organizational and Educational highlights

- Twenty select middle and high school students from seven

Massachusetts towns joined MetWinds members in rehearsal and performance for the 2025 Student Concert (5/4/25)

- MetWinds is now on YouTube- reaching a wider audience via our YouTube channel with videos of our best indoor concert performances. They can be accessed at: www.youtube.com/metwinds

4. MetWinds in the Community

Each year MetWinds donates goods and/or services to many worthy causes in our community. In FY 2025 we donated:

- St. John of Damascus Church and Dedham TV: 2024 Holiday concert and concert video
- Town of Lexington: three summer outdoor concerts- free admission to all (7/10/25, 7/17/25, 7/24/25)
- Full concert videos of our Lexington indoor concerts are available through the local cable company, LexMedia, who films and rebroadcasts our concerts for the enjoyment of local Lexington residents and also makes the video available for wider viewing via their website at: www.lexmedia.org

4.1 Audience member Feedback

- *Joe McCarthy (guest soloist), WOW! Bravo, fusion of classical with Latin-Afro jazz! Would you excuse dancing in aisles? I'm serious!*
- *Fascinating combination of old and new. Percussion pieces came off well. Pre-concert talk very helpful and interesting.*
- *Always a delightful experience to attend MetWinds concerts*
- *The conductor is infectious musically and the members respond in turn. He would be an excellent choice for your new music director!*
- *Thanks for an amazing afternoon of talent!*
- *There's nothing better than a beautiful sunset and music in the park.*
- *I liked the mix of music I recognized and new music. I thought the program was fun, and I appreciated the kid-friendly touch with the glow sticks!*
- *This was the best concert I have heard in a long time and I've been coming to MetWinds shows for years. The music choice was invigorating and the players were superb.*

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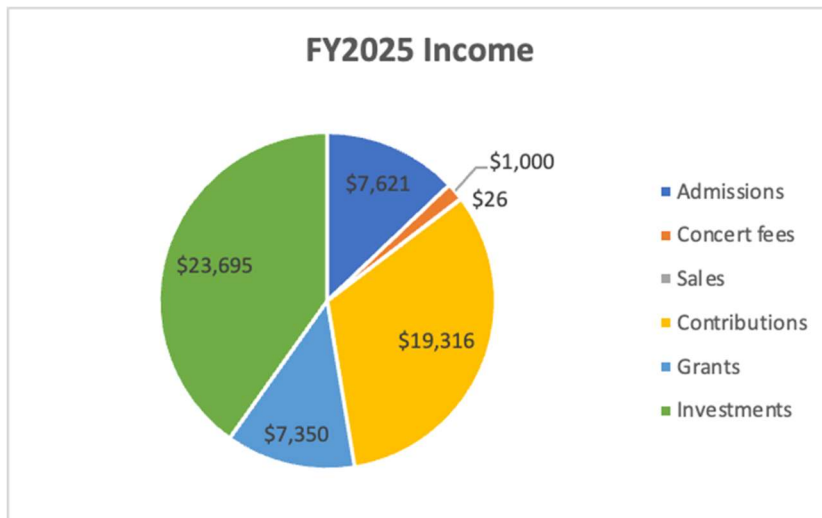
5. Financial overview

As our most recent IRS Form 990 will show, MetWinds remains a solid, financially stable organization with a good balance between cash on hand to underwrite our everyday needs and investments to provide for future needs. We are blessed with a solid support system consisting of generous patrons and friends, audience members, performing members, small businesses, a host of volunteers as well as support from state and local grant programs.

Through prudent investment and responsible spending, this support—together with a substantial bequest from a longtime MetWinds member—will ensure a steady income stream for the foreseeable future. It will also help us maintain a balanced budget and pursue new opportunities for musical growth and community enrichment.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie A. Hansen President, MetWinds October 18, 2025.

5.1 FY2025 Income and Expenses



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