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Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share our annual report as INTEMPO! Our new name and brand reflect the bold energy with which we continue to approach our mission of making music education relevant, accessible, and inclusive. If you are reading this for the first time, welcome to INTEMPO, and if you are a returning supporter, thank you for your unwavering commitment to our organization!

The past year was marked by transformation, growth, and momentum. In June, INTEMPO received national recognition, by being awarded a PlayUSA grant from Carnegie Hall’s Weill Music Institute. We are honored to work with Carnegie Hall as a PlayUSA partner organization, and we are grateful for its decision to invest in our educational programs and cross-cultural efforts. Supporters like Carnegie Hall and you make possible the success of our programs and the ability of our students to excel and thrive through music.

This past fall, we formally launched our academic enrichment and one-on-one reading and academic tutoring program. We are getting closer to achieving our goal of gathering data that demonstrate a correlation between reading music and reading at grade level. Our first cohort of students is already making significant gains in literacy. For example, Tommy, one of our guitar students, received one-on-one tutoring and is now reading at grade level. We hope to help more students like Tommy build their reading and music skills, so that they can achieve academic success in the years to come. Thank you to our seed funders at the New Canaan Community Foundation for giving us the financial boost that we needed to make this important aspect of our program a reality for so many children.

Recently, one of our mentors reminded us “we are a success story.” We believe that, largely, our successes come from doing what we love and believe in, always with the support of others who share our commitment to improving the lives of young people through music. We invite you to join us in our labor of love, celebrate our successes, and help us envision and design our next decade of excellence in music education and cultural exchanges!

Thank you for all you do. Let’s continue to build INTEMPO’s future together!

Lisa Petno
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Angie Durrell
Founder and Executive Director
“Music makes me happy.”

“Basically, music makes me happy—it’s fun! Learning new melodies inspires me. My favorite part of the program is learning to figure out how to read the notes—I want to learn more and more. Also, I like performing, of course. I like going to other places with the ensemble and playing, for example, at nursing homes, because we also have to give, not just have.”

—Emily, age 9, charango student

“Music made her be not afraid.”

“Music has helped Emily a lot. She used to have this trauma: From the time she was 4 years old, she was afraid of all kind of sounds, like sirens, and ambulances, people, the church, puppets, etc. She went to therapy for one year, but since she started playing the charango, she changed a lot. Music made her be not afraid with the public. In the beginning, she just wanted to play music for herself. But coming to the program was even better. She is interacting with people and making new friends, and is doing the same in school. She is more able to socialize in general. For myself, I value the circle of parents and teachers that have become friends: we all have a good relationship.”

—Elsa, Emily’s mother

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—Tommy, age 8, guitar student

“Music is helping my son understand math.”

“Being involved with music is helping my son understand math, especially fractions. It is making him a better person.”

—Mónica, Tommy’s mother
“It’s not all about just playing, it’s about developing together.”

“My parents always wanted to learn to play an instrument, but they never had the chance. Thinking about them inspires me to learn to play more instruments. I enjoy practicing music in a group and working together as a community. It’s not all about just playing, it’s about developing together.”

—Nataly, age 14, charango student

“Learning music keeps her busy doing a positive activity.”

“Nataly is a quiet person, but I know that through her involvement with music she has become a more social person. She feels proud sharing with her friends on social networks about what she has learned to play. Learning music keeps her busy doing a positive activity. The program helps parents of low income like me, who could not afford music lessons from a private teacher.”

—Edith, Nataly’s mother

“I can’t learn to play the guitar or sing in different languages at my regular school, only at INTEMPO.”

“I like learning—to know that I can always improve. I like being able to pick up a piece of music and being able to read it and play it, or being able to play songs just by hearing them. This inspires me to continue learning. I enjoy being in the advanced choir with the older kids, because I learn from them. I also like it because we sing in different languages. Though I don’t know how to speak them fluently, I am learning how different languages sound. I can’t learn to play the guitar or sing in different languages at my regular school, only at INTEMPO.”

—Miranda, age 10, advanced choir and guitar student

“INTEMPO does a great job at elevating Hispanic culture, and I value this the most.”

“I think the exposure of being with a group of students that are not from her regular school allows her to step out of her comfort zone—she is adaptable to new situations. Through her experience of performing guitar and in choir, she has built up her confidence. She has an increased awareness of music and appreciation for different forms/styles.”

—Carmen, Miranda’s mother
“I am so grateful to INTEMPO, because I see my daughter happy, enjoying, learning, and loving music.”

“Rosario has always felt passion for music and dance. Thanks to INTEMPO, she has learned to read musical notes, and she practices her songs for 15 minutes every day. I am so grateful to INTEMPO, because I see my daughter happy, enjoying, learning, and loving music—thank you!”

—Paola, Rosario’s mother

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“Both my sons have a keen interest in music, and INTEMPO is developing their musical skills and giving them an awareness of other cultures. Though they don’t understand Spanish, the music is going on in their mind always, even when they are doing other activities. It has now become part of them.

I value the sharing of different cultures and the new friends I’ve made through being part of the INTEMPO community. I am Indian, and I am being connected to Hispanic culture. The other parents and I connect and interact. I feel happy that I am a part of this community.”

—Prabha, Aman and Akash’s mother

“Music and dance are my passions—I love them!”

“My inspiration to study music is that I want to learn to both play and sing. My favorite parts of being in INTEMPO are when I play violin and when we sing songs like “Twinkle Twinkle.” I have fun! Music and dance are my passions—I love them!”

—Rosario, age 6, violin student

“Next year, we will be old enough to learn to play the guitar.”

“We have very good teachers, and we will be able to play guitar next year.”

—Aman, age 5, chorus

“I like learning to play the percussion during choir. Next year, we will be old enough to learn to play the guitar.”

—Akash, age 5, chorus
**INCOME**

- **TOTAL INCOME** $303,649
  - 1 - Special Events $170,557 (56%)
  - 2 - Government Grants $43,600 (14%)
  - 3 - Other Contributions $29,740 (9%)
  - 4 - Earned Revenue $24,988 (8%)
  - 5 - Donated Services and Facilities $19,055 (6%)
  - 6 - Foundation Grants $15,709 (5%)

**EXPENSES**

- **TOTAL EXPENSES** $250,806
  - 1 - Management and General $183,284 (73%)
  - 2 - Educational Programs $38,820 (15%)
  - 3 - Development and Fundraising $28,702 (11%)

**HOW MUCH**

- 203 children from 30 local schools served
- 76% of children served were from low-income families
- 6:1 student-to-teacher ratio
- 444 contact hours with students per school year
- 10 high-needs children received one-on-one tutoring in reading
- 2 outreach concerts reached 1,000+ community members
- 65 volunteers were engaged
- 4 cities in which students reside
- 2 Music School sites
- 5 new music classes

**How Well**

- 10 students auditioned successfully and transitioned into a local youth symphony
- 87% of students brought their materials to every class
- 93% of students collaborated with other children during class
- 94% of students can play/coordinate pitched notes and fingerings accurately
- 96% of students learned correct soffete hand signals and used them when singing
- 90% of students demonstrated ability to play in a consistent beat
- 83% of students practiced their instruments consistently
- 88% of students showed improved technical accuracy in note reading and instrument performance
- 100% of students receiving tutoring in reading made gains in core literacy skills
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Sponsor a child for one year of music lessons and youth-development services, including instrumental and choral music instruction and tutoring
$1,250
Sponsor a child for one semester of music lessons and youth-development services, including instrumental and choral music instruction and tutoring
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Purchase six charangos for one instrumental music class
$500
Sponsor the Music School’s annual outing to Carnegie Hall
$250
Sponsor a child for Summer Music Camp, a one-week intensive enrichment program

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