



# Funds Distribution Report

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**Recipient Organization:**  
**Saratoga Chamber Orchestra/Saratoga Orchestra**

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**Organization's General Goals:**  
The Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island is a professional orchestra whose mission is to entertain, educate, and enrich the Whidbey Island community through music.

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<b>Date of Award:</b>	<b>Level:</b>
2018 Q4	\$500 to \$2,500

**Specific Use for This Award:**  
For more information, please read the attached report from Saratoga Chamber Orchestra/Saratoga Orchestra.

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Tulalip, WA 98271  
**TulalipCares.org**



## REPORT TO TULALIP TRIBES CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island  
Educational Initiative Programs

November 15, 2019

Code: Q4 2018 14.2

[www.sowhidbey.com/education](http://www.sowhidbey.com/education)

The Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island (SOWI) is a local non-profit arts organization dedicated to bringing great performances of quality music to the Whidbey Island region. Our Mission is to "Entertain, Education and Enrich" the Whidbey Island community.

Below is a report of each event supported by our Educational Initiative Programs (EIP) during the 2018-2019 Season.

- **LINK UP**

Target: Grades 3-5

Participants included five Oak Harbor elementary schools and Whidbey Island Waldorf School in an interactive year-long curriculum offered courtesy of Weill Music Institute of Carnegie Hall. Administered by Saratoga Orchestra partnering with community teaching artists and classroom teachers, this was the third year SOWI was able to offer this popular program. Culminating concert on May 21, 2019 served over 600 participating students.

- **Collaborative Concerts with local students**

Target: Advanced high school students

Participants included students from Coupeville High School, Oak Harbor High School and South Whidbey High School as part of a joint concert with the Seattle Collaborative Orchestra. Dr. Anna Edwards, is music director of both ensembles.

The joint concerts were presented on April 19, 2019 in Seattle at Roosevelt High School and April 20, 2019 at South Whidbey High School. Combined attendance for both concerts was well over 500 people.

Members of the combined ensembles range from advanced high school students to members of the Seattle Symphony. This is a unique program in our region and an amazing opportunity for our rural students to be able to take part in this "big city" experience.

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- **Instrument Petting Zoo (IPZ)**

Target: All ages - For kids and kids at heart!

This is our extremely popular outreach program during our FREE family friendly concerts presented in Langley on December 8, 2018 and in both Coupeville and Oak Harbor on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

IPZ participants have the opportunity to get up-close and personal with the instruments of the orchestra. This is often the first time a child might be able to hold and play the violin or toot the trumpet. Giving children this access is an important part of our mission.

IPZ serves approximately 350 Whidbey Island residents annually.

- **Talent Development Program - Professional Mentorships**

Target: Whidbey Island high school students

Highly qualified students are selected by audition process and paired side by side with Saratoga Orchestra professional musicians for our Talent Development Program (TDP). Students from all three Whidbey Island School Districts participate throughout the year in various capacities. This past season we took part in a new event in which our TDP students were part of our instrument demonstration teams during the 2019 Children's Day hosted by South Whidbey Parks and Recreation on Sept. 14, 2019. This was a wonderful chance for the advanced students to introduce younger children on how to try out the musical instruments. Approximately 1000 families take part in the 2019 Children's Day.

Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island would like to extend our appreciation to the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions in support of our Educational Initiative Programs. Without this support, we would not be able to serve our local community with the resources and experiences we believe are vital to help educate and enrich our community.

Sincerely,



Larry Heidel,  
Executive Director

Enclosure

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**Free Family Concerts and  
Instrument Petting Zoo  
December 2018  
Langley, Coupeville  
and Oak Harbor (WA)**





**LINK UP  
May 21, 2019  
Oak Harbor (WA)  
School District**



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Teaching Artist  
Demonstrations  
Oak Harbor (WA)  
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**TALENT DEVELOPMENT  
PROGRAM Mentorships  
and Collaborative Concert  
April 2019**

