

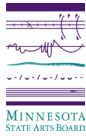
The quality of the mentors way exceeded my expectations, and it was a much deeper and inspiring experience than I expected it to be.

– Josh Hernandez-Camen, 2016 NextNotes winner



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2016 Annual Report

The career of an artist is full of struggle, rejection, and doubt, and to receive this kind of validation is truly wonderful and invaluable. It has sparked the fire in me to continue to get "out there" and seek new, exciting opportunities. This confidence also gives me the resolve to continue to probe deeper into myself and make work that's ever more personal.

- Reinaldo Moya, 2015 McKnight Composer Fellow

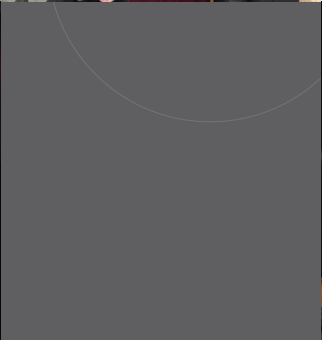
2016_{fy} Year in Review

Programs

- Awarded more than \$313,500 in grants to a diverse group of composers and performers of new music.
- In partnership with Sybarite5, produced the fifth annual ACF National Composition Contest, which encourages creativity by composers throughout the United States and to recognize and reward their accomplishments.
- Applications to the Minnesota Orchestra Composer Institute increased by 34%.
- Partnered with the *dream songs project* to present the third annual ACF Showcase Concert, featuring music by three composers chosen from a national call for scores.
- Launched Faith Partners residency projects in Rochester, MN, and Baxter/Brainerd, MN, and continued residencies in La Crosse, WI, and Mankato, MN.
- More than 230 people attended Landmark to Lowertown, a midday concert series in public spaces located in downtown Saint Paul.
- Served more than 2,000 members in all 50 states; Washington, DC; Puerto Rico; and 17 other countries.

Education

- Awarded six young composers with mentorship, professional performances, and scholarships through the second NextNotes High School Composition Awards®.
- Provided valuable composer panelist feedback to 28 NextNotes Honorable Mention recipients and free ACF student memberships to 121 NextNotes applicants.
- Reached over 1,461,000 children to date through the BandQuest® and ChoralQuest® series.
- The middle school band at McCracken Middle School in Skokie, IL, premiered the 23rd BandQuest® piece, *Deep Dish* by composer James M. Stephenson.
- The choir at Woodrow Wilson Middle School in Philadelphia, PA, premiered the seventh piece in the ChoralQuest® series, *Never Give Up!* by Rollo Dilworth.
- Promoted BandQuest and ChoralQuest series at Midwest Band Clinic, reaching an audience of 17,000 music educators.



Receiving the Minnesota Emerging Composer Award inspired Malamanya to study music with local experts and create new music in our genre and share with the greater community.

- Jesse Marks, *timbale player, Malamanya*

2016^{fy} Awardees & Commissions

- ACF National Composition Contest

Clarice Assad (*New York, NY*)
Brandon Ridenour (*New York, NY*)
Steven Snowden (*Austin, TX*)

- ACF Showcase

Jonathan Blumhofer (*Worcester, MA*)
Federico Garcia-De Castro (*Pittsburgh, PA*)
Dale Trumbore (*Los Angeles, CA*)

- BandQuest

James M. Stephenson (*Lake Forest, IL*)

- Champion of New Music Awards

Alex Ross (*New York, NY*)
Robert Spano (*Atlanta, GA*)
Gil Kalish (*New York, NY*)
Nicole Paiement (*San Francisco, CA*)

- ChoralQuest

Rollo Dilworth (*Philadelphia, PA*)

- Dale Warland Singers Commission Award

Cantus with Gabriel Kahane

- Faith Partners

Gary Ruschman (*Minneapolis, MN*)
Victor Zupanc (*Minneapolis, MN*)

- Healing and Hope Through Song

George Maurer (*Minneapolis, MN*)
Sierra DeMulder (*Minneapolis, MN*)

- Jerome Fund for New Music (JFund)

James G. Everest (*Saint Paul, MN*)
Saad Haddad (*New York, NY*)
Sean Harold (*New York, NY*)
Clara Hunter Latham (*Brooklyn, NY*)
Remy Le Boeuf (*Brooklyn, NY*)
Shih-Wei Lo (*New York, NY*)
Yue Lor (*Blaine, MN*)
Sky Macklay (*New York, NY*)
Tiffany Skidmore (*Saint Paul, MN*)
Anthony Vine (*Brooklyn, NY*)

- Landmark to Lowertown

Aby Wolf
John Keston and Graham O'Brien
Peter Hennig
Malamanya

- McKnight Composer Fellowships

Asako Hirabayashi (*Falcon Heights, MN*)
Sergey Kvoshchinsky (*Ham Lake, MN*)
David Means (*Minneapolis, MN*)
Joko Sutrisno (*Saint Paul, MN*)

- McKnight Visiting Composer Residencies

Wang Jie (*New York, NY*)
Peter Michael von der Nahmer (*Ozone Park, NY*)

- Minnesota Emerging Composer Awards (MECA)

Ariella Forstein (*Minneapolis, MN*)
Troy Rogers (*Duluth, MN*)
Dameun Maurice Strange (*Saint Paul, MN*)

- Minnesota Orchestra Composer Institute

Kirsten Broberg (*Denton, TX*)
Matthew Browne (*Ann Arbor, MI*)
Joshua Cerdania (*New York, NY*)
Emily Cooley (*Philadelphia, PA*)
Nicholas DiBerardino (*Milford, CT*)
Michael Gilbertson (*Hamden, CT*)
Anthony Vine (*Brooklyn, NY*)

- MN Varsity Showcase Composers

Austin Kraft (*Savage, MN*)
Seamus Hubbard Flynn (*St. Paul, MN*)

- NextNotes Composers

Michael Cabrera (*Auburndale, FL*)
Ángel Jochi (Josh) Hernandez-Camen (*Philadelphia, PA*)
Lucy McKnight (*Los Angeles, CA*)
Molly Monahan (*Holland, MI*)
J.P. Redmond (*Yonkers, NY*)
Karalyn Schubring (*Gilbert, AZ*)

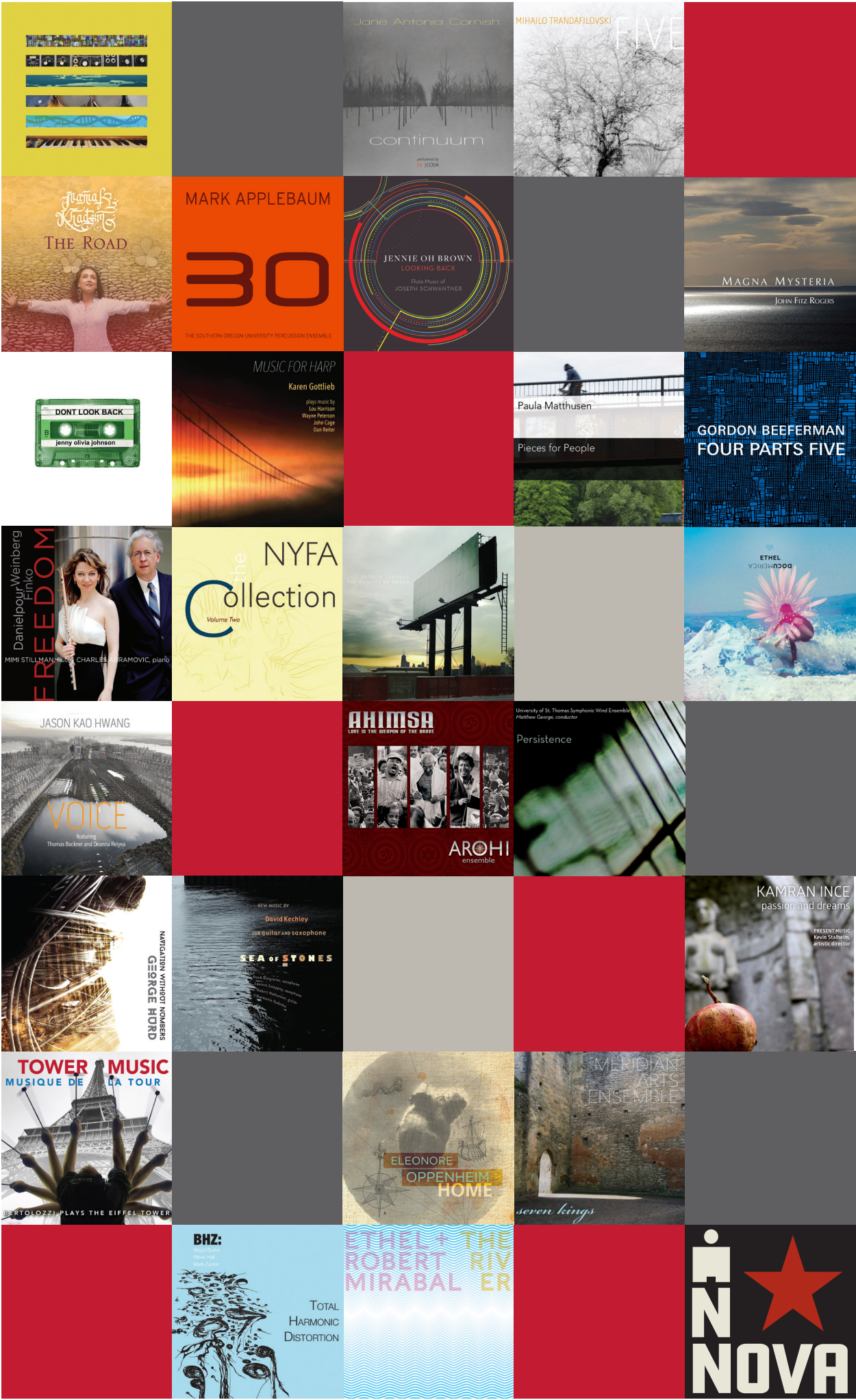
- NextNotes Teacher Recognition

Anderson Alden (private instructor), teacher of Lucy McKnight
Luke Carlson (private instructor), teacher of
Ángel Jochi (Josh) Hernandez-Camen
Andrew Eason-McGill (Orchestra Director at Auburndale Senior High School), teacher of Michael Cabrera
Matt Van Brink (Composition Faculty at Concordia Conservatory), teacher of J.P. Redmond
Cynthia Van Maanen (Instructor of Music Composition and Music Theory at Interlochen Arts Academy), teacher of Molly Monahan
Tomoko Yonemaru (Instructor at East Valley Yamaha Music School), teacher of Karalyn Schubring

- Welcome Christmas

Josh Bauder (*Crystal, MN*)
Laura Caviani (*Minneapolis, MN*)





Mike Olson

Six Projects

Jane Antonia Cornish

Continuum

Mihailo Trandafilovski

Five

Mamak Khadem

The Road

Mark Applebaum

30

Jennie Oh Brown

Looking Back; Flute Music of Joseph Schwantr

John Fitz Rogers

Magna Misteria

Jenny Olivia Johnson

Dont Look Back

Karen Gottlieb

Music for Harp

Paula Matthusen

Pieces for People

Gordon Beeferman

Four Parts Five

Mimi Stillman/Charles Abramovic

Freedom

The NYFA Collection

Volume Two

Patrick Castillo

The Quality of Mercy

ETHEL's Documerica

Jason Kao Hwang

Voice

Arohi Ensemble

Ahimsa – Love is the Weapon of the Brave

**University of St. Thomas
Symphonic Wind Ensemble**

Persistence

George Hurd

Navigation without Numbers

David Kechley

Sea of Stones

Joseph Bertolozzi

Tower Music

Eleonore Oppenheim

Home

Kamran Ince

Passion and Dreams

Meridian Arts Ensemble

Seven Kings

Burke, Hall and Zanter

Total Harmonic Distortion

ETHEL and Robert Mirabal

The River

Through the process of composition I'm able to get in touch with certain elements of music that fascinate me. With each new piece that I write and perform, I feel that I'm able to get closer to what captivates me. Performing my pieces in front of an audience with a group has been an integral step in my development as a musician and a composer. ACF made it possible for me to take this step by inviting me to play at the Landmark to Lowertown concert series.

- Pete Hennig, MECA awardee

2016^{fy} innova® recordings

- Released 26 titles (total catalog holds over 500) featuring artists and composers from brilliantly diverse backgrounds and experiences.
- Achieved high visibility playlist, digital, and physical retail placement and facilitated many licensing opportunities on artists' behalf.
- Received ongoing recognition and critical praise, both nationally and internationally for 2016 projects, from venues such as NPR, Wall Street Journal, Songlines, Downbeat, Gramophone, New York Times, Huffington Post, San Francisco Examiner, and more.
- innova continues to pay out 100% of all net sales to artists.
- Supported artists' tours and shows, and continued to foster community connections by arranging gatherings, appearing at events, and presenting at conferences.

This has been a true gift—an opportunity of a lifetime to create something meaningful—with a window of time to breathe, to learn, to consider, to write music. I am forever grateful.

- Robin Eschner, 2014 McKnight Visiting Fellow

ACF Social Media Stats:

14,573

Facebook followers increased

126%

364

YouTube followers increased

56%

254

Google+ followers increased

19%

13,539

Twitter followers increased

15%

Number of new works created in FY2016: 53



Cuba Delegation

In November 2015, American Composers Forum participated in the 28th Havana Contemporary Music Festival. With ten composers, the six-member ensemble Third Sound, and a contingent of friends and patrons, ACF spent a week in Havana, exploring the city and soaking in the music of the festival.



ACF would like to extend a special thank you to all the organizations that partnered with us last year.

- University of MN School of Music (Minneapolis, MN)

Woodrow Wilson Middle School (Philadelphia, PA)

McCracken Middle School (Skokie, IL)

Minnesota Public Radio (St. Paul, MN) and Music Makes Us Whole
- Landmark Center (St. Paul, MN)

Minnesota Music Coalition (St. Paul, MN)

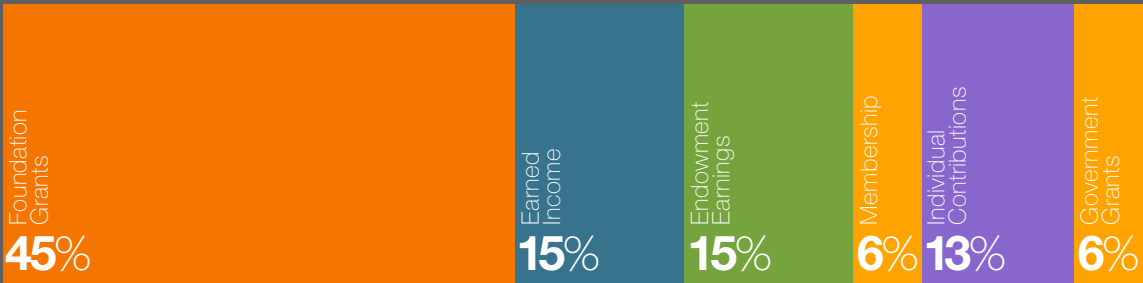
Studio Z (St. Paul, MN)

Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra (St. Paul, MN)

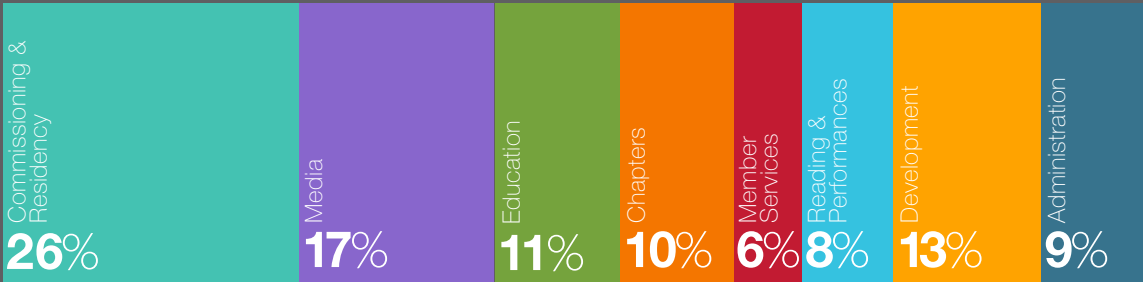
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Statement of Financial Activity
for the year ending
June 30, 2016

Financial Overview

Income	
Foundation Grants	\$741,833
Government Grants	106,463
Individual Contributions	213,231
Corporation Grants	6,408
Membership	101,245
Endowment Earnings	252,340
Earned Income	246,496
Total Operations Income	\$1,668,016



Expense	
Commissioning and Residency	\$436,074
Readings and Performances	127,033
Education	175,142
Media	291,102
Chapters	166,687
Member Services	104,612
Administration	145,498
Development	214,119
Total Operations Expense	\$1,660,267



PROGRAMS

Government, Foundation, and Corporate Support \$100,000+

Jerome Foundation
The McKnight Foundation
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\$25,000-\$49,999

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\$5,000-\$9,999

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HRK Foundation
The Wenger Foundation

\$1,000-\$4,999

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