

MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY

# CONSERVATORY



## IMPACT REPORT 2024/2025

Your support of the Mount Royal University Conservatory is creating a space dedicated to nurturing artistic potential and fostering a lifelong love for the performing arts in students of all ages and skill levels. It is also bringing the power of music and creative arts to those who might not otherwise have access.

As a supporter, you are now a part of a dynamic community of artists and learners. You are building on a century of excellence offering students the opportunity to develop their skills in a supportive and inspiring environment.

It's exciting to share this year's highlights that would not be possible without your generosity.

**3,000+**

**Registered in  
Programs**

**94**

**Conservatory  
Scholarships and Bursaries**

**\$786,557**

**Raised for MRU Conservatory in 2024/25**

We know and appreciate the tremendous benefits that can be obtained through engagement with the performing arts. This is why we are extremely grateful to all of our generous donors for your support of Conservatory bursaries and scholarships.

You are making it possible to provide exceptional learning, access and opportunities for more people to engage in the transformative power of performing arts.

We couldn't do what we do without our donors' generous support!

Terry Clark  
Director



## SCHOOLS

200

School bands and choir students had the opportunity to learn and rehearse with Conservatory instructors, on campus at the Taylor Centre or within their schools.

- Provided professional development and mentorship for school band and choir teachers to help build capacity for music education.
- Workshop instructors travelled to Calgary-area elementary schools to give concerts, helping inspire and excite young students about music.

Bringing music education to schools that would not have the funds or capacity without your support!

25,000 Students Impacted

<p><b>8</b> Orchestras</p>	<p>The Conservatory's orchestra program has groups for musicians of all levels ranging from beginner to advanced, focusing on Western and Chinese Classical music.</p>
<p><b>3</b> Large Ensembles</p>	<p>The Conservatory currently offers two Jazz Bands for high school and university-aged students delivered in partnership with JazzYYC, as well as a wind ensemble for high school students.</p>
<p><b>8</b> Choirs</p>	<p>The Conservatory offers several vocal groups arranged by age and skill level to perform choral music, ranging in age from Kindergarten to adult. Our choirs provide a fantastic opportunity to meet and perform with others who share a passion for singing.</p>
<p><b>8</b> Small Ensembles</p>	<p>The Conservatory's small group ensembles offer a creative community in which to learn new skills and techniques from our world-class instructors. Classes currently include guitar, flute, Taiko, and steel pan drumming.</p>

## HIGHLIGHTS



Strong enrollment in elementary choir program allowed for Grades 1-2 & Grades 3-4 Choirs.



Partnership with JazzYYC, allowed for the addition of a second Youth Lab Band this year.



Steel Pan drumming delivered in partnership with TEMPOYYC grew! Now offering 3 classes.



Kantorei, one of the adult choirs, attended the Cork International Choral Festival and was awarded the PEACE trophy, for being the choir that best embodies the intent of the festival.



## ARTS CARE HUB

The Hub is offering arts engagement with the aim of supporting healthy development and wellbeing.

- Hosted the third annual symposium exploring Arts for Health and the role that MRU can play within this area.
- Conducted a needs assessment, gathering over 200 responses, about the training and performing needs for musicians in healthcare spaces. Findings from this survey are now being used to help develop training.
- A 6-week pop-up choir for MRU students focused on using group singing to support student mental health.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

- Provided numerous performance opportunities for students, at United Active Living's two facilities in Calgary.
- Worked with Honens' Keys for Newcomers providing newcomers to Canada accessible music education by removing financial and language barriers. As well as providing employment opportunities for newcomer piano teachers helping them to get established in Calgary.

## UPCOMING

- A partnership with Recovery On Campus to offer group singing workshops to support students, staff, and faculty in recovery from substance abuse.
- Group piano classes for babies and children up to 5 years old with various types of neurodiversity and their parents/caregivers.
- Partnerships with colleagues and departments at MRU including Wellness Services, Nursing and Midwifery. As well as The Iniskim Centre, providing opportunities for Indigenous students and families to engage in the transformative power of creative arts.



When you give a gift to Mount Royal University, you are helping students grow beyond their expectations, reach for their dreams and attain their goals. Your generosity is providing the scholarships, awards and bursaries that allow students to pursue their passions and make the most of the transformative power of education.

### MEET COCO

Coco has been studying piano for 12 years she came to the Conservatory at the recommendation of her piano instructor. Coco notes that it's a decision that has changed her life, she now calls the Conservatory Academy her "second home" where she gets to share music, nurture her growth and develop her character.

Akiko Tominaga, Piano Instructor, and Facilitator of the Advanced Performance Program at the Conservatory shared, "I am very proud of Coco and of our programs. We are able to open doors and build bridges for young talents like Coco, some ending up choosing a career in music because of their experience at the Conservatory."

During her time at the Conservatory, Coco was awarded a bursary. When asked to share the impact of being the recipient of this gift Coco shared:

**"I want to once again express my heartfelt appreciation for this award. It has played a pivotal role in my journey and I will never forget how it has helped shape me into the person I am today!"**

What's next for this inspiring young musician as she embarks on the next part of her journey? Coco will be studying for a Bachelor of Music in Performance at McGill University this fall, and is very excited to move to Montreal. She will take all that she has learned in her time at the Conservatory including playing in chamber recitals, working with renowned pianists and attending masterclasses with her as she furthers her music education. She credits the love and care she received at the Conservatory with shaping her into a more confident and passionate musician.

Coco's story is a great example of how your generosity is helping students expand their potential, push past expectations and step confidently into their futures.

To learn more about your impact, register for a program or see a performance visit:

