MUSIC Established as Headwaters School of Music in 1992, music continues to be our strongest program area. With 22 instructors teaching piano, voice, guitar, violin, viola, ukulele, clarinet, flute, brass, and percussion, there are times when all 8 of our music studios and even the performance hall, are filled to overflowing.

Our enrollment the last four Novembers shows a solid increase each year. As we reach our maximum building capacity, we are exploring ways to continue our growth, such as lessons on weekends and small group lessons.

As an affiliate of Schmitt Music Company, we serve as a community resource for instrument purchase plans along with books, accessories, and special orders.

Thanks to Beltrami Electric’s Round Up program, we have a music and art resource library, with carpeting on its way. Our new floor was made possible through a generous private donation. Other improvements are new studio doors with windows, updated lighting in the lobby and a monitor that gives updates, reminders and announcements.

Our tax credit loan program provided $9,900 in no-interest loans to families, eliminating the barrier of monthly out-of-pocket expenses for music lessons. An additional 40 children received financial assistance or reduced fees for art or music programming.

In 2019 Headwaters became a Minnesota Music Teachers Association Studio.
COMMUNITY  Our vision for Headwaters meets at the
magical intersection between art and community. Each week, over
400 adults and kids come through our doors. Along with music
lessons and art or pottery classes, some of our programs led by
community volunteers are First City Bell Choir and First City Singers,
Headwaters Chess Program, and Headwaters CoffeeHouse & Open-
mic.

Our activities extend beyond our doors, reaching out to the larger
community with performances and education, including a standing
room only Bemidji Sings! Vocal Competition, Monroe Crossing
concert, and shows by Kelley Hunt, David Greenberg and Carrie
Dlutkowski.

Our focus in 2019 was on developing sustainable programs. Headwaters Art Clubs
for grades K-2 and 3-6 expanded to a teen group this year, each led by talented artist
instructors. Our pottery program, anchored by our Monday classes for youth and adults,
expanded to offer open pottery and a Monday flex plan for adults.

Other arts programming included adult workshops, and youth and adult summer camps. A new
addition to our summer camp line-up was Camp Ooo-Koo-Ley-Ley, led by Tea Renee.

Our heartfelt thanks for the over 80 individuals, organizations and
businesses who invested in Headwaters Music & Arts. We can thrive
only with your contributions of time, creativity, and resources

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