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# 2022 Year in Review

Headwaters Music & Arts is a 501(c)(3) organization.

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**Our Vision** Seek Music, Engage the Arts, Build Community

**Our Mission** To provide opportunities for creativity through instruction & inspire the community through music & the arts



recovering, we can report solid progress. We have made some much needed building improvements, had a crew of volunteers involved in events and projects, and expanded our programming with more classes and programs. A heartfelt thank you to our participants and contributors for your ongoing investment, support, and interest. ❤️

## Some 2022 Headwaters Highlights

305 youth and adults took part in one-on-one instruction in piano, violin, viola, cello, guitar, ukulele, saxophone, trumpet, clarinet, and voice. 250 youth attended summer camps, group music, art and pottery classes. Another 85 adults took part in pottery, art classes, and performed as members of First City Singers or Headwaters Bell Choir.

Music and arts scholarships were available for ALL of our youth programming. We provided \$6,000 in financial assistance for youth music lessons, art clubs and pottery classes.

We increased our arts programming capacity through the construction of a wall to separate our pottery and visual arts studios. While we were at it we upgraded the heating/cooling for both spaces with energy efficient units in both rooms.

As an affiliate of Schmitt Music Company, we serve as a community resource for instrument purchase plans along with books, accessories, and special orders. As of 2022 we now have a dedicated display area for advanced instruments.

Thanks to USDA funding, we now have more energy efficient lighting making our classrooms and lobby more welcoming and conducive to learning and creativity

Headwaters' *Green Sustainability Action Plan* is our commitment to be a leader in environmental sustainability. In 2022 we focused on energy efficiency and increasing the area and prevalence of natural landscape features.

Our *Indigenous Lands Acknowledgment Statement* celebrates the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today, as well as the cultural significance that Indigenous music and arts brings to the community we share.

2022 was the return to a full season of live music! Along with monthly open mic events, we hosted a John Prine tribute show, *Bemidji Sings! Vocal Competition*, Monroe Crossing, Fiddle and Rock Band camp performances, concerts by Jeremy Messersmith, Dan Navarro, John & Myra Svoboda of No Bow Tie, Joy Zimmerman & Ryan Dugan, and Chris Hudson.

We spent time celebrating 30 years of music and "heART" and held a party with ice cream, popcorn and a special message from Headwaters founder Ann Hayes.

Community members hosted two house party fundraising events with musical guests Chris Hudson and Jeremy Messersmith.



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## Instructors

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