



# THE RENO JAZZ ORCHESTRA

## Northern Nevada

Annual Report 2022

## ***Continuing the Jazz Tradition!***

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On behalf of the entire Reno Jazz Orchestra, our Board of Directors, and our dedicated staff, I wholeheartedly wish to recognize the tireless efforts of our former Executive Director, Chuck Reider, who is now President of the RJO Board.

***His enthusiasm and passion for jazz have inspired countless concertgoers, musicians, and students for over two decades.***

Our annual report details Chuck's vision, creativity and stewardship for our community's finest professional jazz orchestra. The following details are testimonies of his efforts in expanding our educational components, the merger of the Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra (RYJO) and a wide variety of performances with guest artists that have thrilled our audiences.

We look forward to future spectacular years with the Reno Jazz Orchestra and Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra with Chuck Reider as the driving force of the organization and new leadership to take us into the future.

Respectfully,

Vernon Scarbrough, Interim Executive Director





## History & Mission

The Reno Jazz Orchestra has been based in Northern Nevada for over 25 years and was formed by musicians who performed and traveled the world with acts such as Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr., Elvis Presley, Natalie Cole, Luciano Pavarotti, and other legendary performers. The tradition of jazz excellence set by the founders continues today with jazz professors, educators, and graduates from the University of Nevada, Reno's jazz studies program setting new performance standards.

## 2022 Educational Programs

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RJO's Education Programs, directed by Nichole Heglund, are increasing their scope, breadth, and outreach. This year's expansion includes the addition of the Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra (RYJO) to its already robust educational endeavors.

**Jazz in the Schools** This marked a return to an in-person event with 15 local school ensemble performances and over 250 students performing. This year, in partnership with the UNR big band and Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra, the Friday event provided professional development sessions to UNR music education students and local directors.

**Saturday Jazz Workshops** Directed by Dylan Coleman-Tunstall, this intimate and engaging program focused on jazz improvisation, ear training, and rhythm. The workshop program included four sessions and 18 students during its twice-offered 8-week program. The highlight was seeing them perform as they opened for two RJO shows. You can view their talent on RJO's YouTube channel!



## **2022 Educational Programs (continued)**

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**Mentor Program** The Reno Jazz Orchestra Mentor Program completed its twelfth year of supporting jazz education in our area schools. This program sends professional jazz musicians and educators to local schools to work on improvisation, jazz style and instrument-specific techniques. Our 2022 program statistics include the involvement of 17 RJO Mentors and 130 sessions at 18 different schools. Thanks to supporters like you, the RJO provides mentors at no cost to the schools.

**Lessons Program** RJO piloted an after-school lessons program at a local Title I middle school in Spring 2022. Students received 16 hours of instruction in a small group setting. This vital outreach gives students from low-income families the opportunity to receive additional instruction to improve their skills at no cost. In the Spring of 2023, we will expand to offer individual and small-group lessons at local Title I schools.



## ***Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra (RYJO)***

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This year was an exciting one for us as we merged the Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra into our organization.

RYJO is the vehicle for big band performances for student age youths with ensembles that perform throughout the Northern Nevada and Northern California area.

The RYJO season begins with auditions and the selection of the band members in October, with rehearsals beginning the first week in November. RYJO conducts, on average, twelve performances during their nine-month season. Additionally, five former RYJO members perform regularly with the RJO.

Their first performance as part of the RJO was for the 2022 Holiday Jazz Jubilee.





## ***Creative Directions in Jazz CD***

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This year, we charged ahead to record our 7th album that features current and former RJO members. Unique compositions from Chuck Reider, Dr. Larry Engstrom, Hans Halt and Julien Knowles were the focal point of this project. We could not have done this without Tom Gordon and his team at Inspired-Amateur Productions for their professionalism and commitment to excellence. We expect the release of *Creative Directions in Jazz* sometime in 2023.



## ***RJO Calendar Highlights***

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### **Performances**

February 11 - 12	Jazz in the Schools – featuring Guest Artist - Annie Booth
July 4	Artown – A Patriotic Salute
July 17	Education Fundraiser – Private Home in Reno
July 30, 31 & August 1	Stevie Wonder & Tina Turner Review – Reno & Lake Tahoe
August 5	Carson City Jazz & Beyond - Governor's Mansion
August 21	RJO featuring Diane Schuur & Ernie Watts – Nightingale Concert Hall
August 22	RJO featuring Diane Schuur & Ernie Watts – Sand Harbor State Park
October 21	Creative Directions in Jazz Concert – Nevada Museum of Art
October 22 - 23	Creative Directions in Jazz CD Recording Sessions – UNR
November 12	RJO Quartet - Nevada Museum of Art
November 19 - 20	Live at the Village Vanguard/Music of Thad Jones/Mel Lewis – GLM Theatre
December 18	Holiday Jazz Jubilee - The Theatre

## ***RJO Calendar Highlights (Continued)***

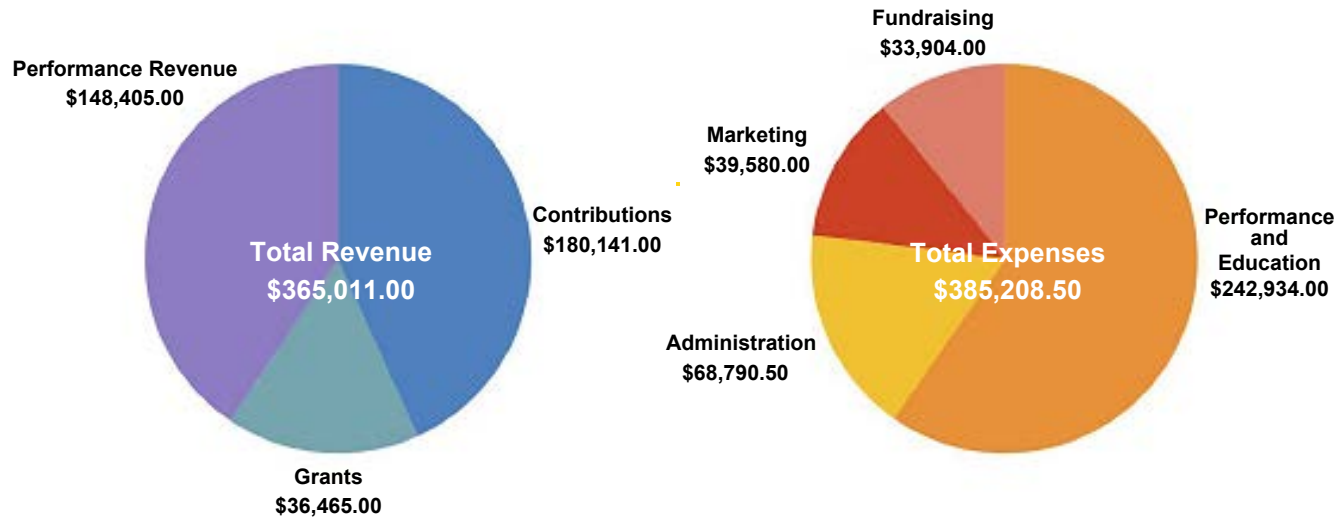
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### **Education Performances**

January - April	Spring Mentor Program
February 11 - 12	Jazz in the Schools
March - May	Spring Jazz Workshops
March - May	After School Lessons Program
June 4	Workshop Performance: GLM Theatre
August - November	Fall Mentor Program
September - November	Fall Jazz Workshop
November - July	Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra Season



### Annual Report Summary





## **2022 Legacy Members**

Mary Ann and Jim Kidder  
Candy and Chuck Reider

## **2022 Circle of Friends**

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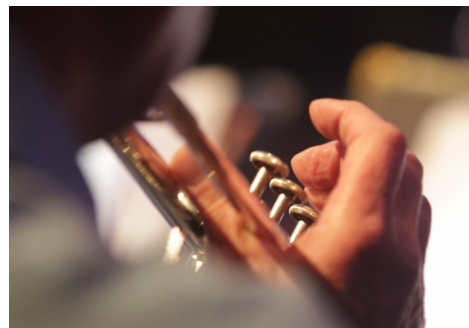
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 John Bennum  
 Bernard Bronov  
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Chuck Reider – President  
Vern Scarbrough – Vice President  
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### ***Reno Jazz Orchestra Staff***

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*Chuck Reider, President, RJO  
Board of Directors*

## *Inspiring Our Youth, Making Music Together*

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Due to the generous support of our donors and community, the performances of the Reno Jazz Orchestra and Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra continue to enrich our community's cultural landscape, inspire excellence and innovative collaboration and transform lives through education.

Let us all celebrate the ways music connects us all for all the right reasons. Thank you for your support.





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