Midsummer's Music, and its affiliate the Griffon String Quartet
Summary

Number of employees:
3 Full Time (Executive Director, Development Director, Artistic Director) and 3 Part Time (Operations Manager, Accounting Manager, Office assistant)

Number of volunteers:
143

What is your Mission Statement?
Our mission is:
- Presenting world-class classical chamber music
- Performing at the highest standard of artistic excellence
- Enriching audiences near and far
- Sharing dynamic, distinctive and engaging performances

We are:
- Actively committed to accessibility and intentional inclusivity in all aspects of our work
- Continually striving to provide all people with opportunities to connect with the music we perform at our classical chamber music events

What is the main source of your funding and what percent of your funding does that source provide?
The majority of our funding comes from contributions and grants, which represent approximately 58% of our total revenue, reflecting strong support from individual donors, foundations, and institutional partners.

What is the geographic scope of your services throughout Door County?
Midsummer’s Music and its affiliate the Griffon String Quartet serve the entirety of Door County, with programs intentionally distributed to reach northern, central, and southern communities, as well as rural and population-limited areas.

Geographic scope includes:
- Northern Door: Sister Bay, Ellison Bay, Washington Island
- Central Door: Ephraim, Fish Creek, Egg Harbor, Baileys Harbor
- Southern Door: Sturgeon Bay, Brussels, Forestville

Explanation of how you serve Door County including primary programs your organization offers to the community.
Midsummer’s Music, and its affiliate the Griffon String Quartet, serves Door County through a county-wide model of performances, education, and community outreach that ensures equitable access to high-quality chamber music for residents of all ages and backgrounds. Programs are intentionally presented in schools, libraries, senior living facilities, and community spaces—including many nontraditional

venues—so that music is accessible regardless of geography, income, or prior experience with the arts.

In addition to public concerts, Midsummer's Music offers three primary programs that deeply engage the community:

Einstein Series (Education & Youth Engagement)
The Einstein Series is a highly interactive education program serving school-age children throughout Door County. Through in-school residencies, group instruction, and hands-on workshops led by the Griffon String Quartet, students experience live music while connecting musical concepts to their academic studies and daily lives. Signature components include Instrument Petting Zoos, which offer hands-on exploration of string instruments, and Strings & Stories, where children's literature is brought to life through live musical storytelling. These programs foster creativity, confidence, and early appreciation for the arts.

B Double Sharp (Health, Aging & Accessibility)
B Double Sharp provides intimate, welcoming performances for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and their caregivers. With a focus on those living with Alzheimer's and dementia, these programs create supportive environments where participants can engage, reflect, and connect through music. Offerings such as the Gather with the Griffon Noon Day Series, Musical Museum, and Memory Café performances help reduce isolation, support emotional well-being, and build meaningful community connections. Many events include conversational Q&A opportunities to deepen engagement.

Community-Embedded Concerts (Access & Audience Development)
Community-Embedded Concerts bring live chamber music into everyday spaces such as restaurants, coffee shops, galleries, museums, and local businesses. These informal, family-friendly performances remove barriers to entry, making classical music approachable and relevant. By meeting people where they are, these concerts strengthen Door County's cultural ecosystem and create a welcoming pathway to deeper arts engagement. Each event typically includes opportunities for audiences to interact directly with musicians.

Through these interconnected programs, Midsummer's Music ensures that world-class chamber music is not only presented in Door County, but truly integrated into the life of the community.

How would you define the impact your organization is making in Door County?
Midsummer's Music's impact in Door County can be defined through three core pillars: access, collaboration, and artistic excellence.

We are committed to making high-quality live music accessible to all, with the majority of our programs offered free of charge or at low cost. This ensures that individuals and families (regardless of income or background) can experience the power of chamber music.

Our impact is deepened through strong community partnerships with schools, medical centers, community centers, places of worship, the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, food pantries, assisted living communities, libraries, and more. These collaborations allow us to meet people where they are, bringing music into everyday spaces across the county.

Through these efforts, we deliver world-class chamber music experiences that reach audiences of all ages and abilities—including youth, seniors, individuals with disabilities, caregivers, families, and underserved populations—fostering connection, enrichment, and a stronger sense of community throughout Door County.

What is your annual budget?
$900,000 in 2026.

If you were to receive a donation from 100+WWC, how would that donation be used?
If selected to receive a donation from 100+ WWC, the funds would directly support the Griffon String Quartet's outreach across the community, bringing live music to those who need it most.

This grant would allow us to increase the number of school visits, senior living performances, and community-based programs offered throughout Door County. Through the Einstein Series alone, the Quartet already reaches thousands of students with hands-on, interactive experiences that spark curiosity and creativity . In parallel, the B Double Sharp program serves older adults and individuals living with Alzheimer's and dementia, creating moments of connection, calm, and joy through music.

Funding would support program development, including instruments for hands-on petting zoos, sheet music for students and seniors, retreat materials, and resources to strengthen the Musical Museum. This investment would allow us to reach more classrooms, care facilities, and community spaces across the county. Many of these programs are offered free of charge, ensuring that cost is never a barrier to participation.

With this investment, we can expose and demystify a proven model that has already engaged thousands of students, seniors, and community members, deepening its impact and reaching even more people where they are.

In short, this gift would do more than support performances—it would provide access, reduce isolation, inspire young minds, and strengthen mental health and social well-being. Above all, it would deepen connection across the Door County community through the shared experience of live music.