

Peninsula Music Festival Summary

Number of employees:

2 full time year round, up to 10 seasonal.

Number of volunteers:

It varies but usually 60.

What is your Mission Statement?

The Peninsula Music Festival celebrates our rich history by honoring the mission of our founders through bringing world-class performances to Door County. In pursuing this mission, the organization collaborates with local and regional partners and engages the community through exceptional and expansive musical experiences and educational initiatives.

What is the main source of your funding and what percent of your funding does that source provide?

Approximately 35% of our funding comes from our Endowment fund, about 40% comes from donations (Sponsorships, Annual Fund donations, memorials and special events) and about 25% comes from ticket sales.

What is the geographic scope of your services throughout Door County?

We serve the entire community, however our performance venues are in Fish Creek at the Door Community Auditorium and the Kress Pavilion in Egg Harbor.

Explanation of how you serve Door County including primary programs your organization offers to the community.

We grant scholarships to music students who will be studying music in college. All high school music students are eligible to apply. We have substantially discounted tickets for any student, and we offer paid student internships in the summer which gives students a hands-on opportunity to work both front and back of the house for an orchestra. We also have an Emerging Conductor and Composer in Residence program which is open to any college student. This our Composer in Residence is someone whose family has a summer home in Door County.

How would you define the impact your organization is making in Door County?

Our spring and summer concerts are an opportunity for people to gather in a beautiful location, and experience world-class musicians and world renowned Conductors play arguably the most magnificent music ever composed. It is an escape, and an opportunity to come together. On a community level, the PMF is a beloved arts organization with deep roots in the community, having been started by five women in 1953. The Festival is a much anticipated event, drawing volunteers from all over the community year round. With over 75 musicians coming to the area for three weeks, we contribute a great deal to the Door County economy.

What is your annual budget?

\$1,062,210.

If you were to receive a donation from 100+WWC, how would that donation be used?

It would be divided up into three parts: 1) Musician housing. STR's have decimated the affordable housing market not only for residents, but for musicians (artists, etc.) coming here to play. Many of our musicians pay more for housing than they receive in their paycheck. This clearly is not sustainable. We are not in a position to build a building like other organizations have, and for three weeks a year, it may not be feasible. 2) Shuttle transportation. The Door Community Auditorium parking area is shrinking due to their renovation and the majority of our patrons are seniors, many with mobility issues. We would like to have a shuttle every year to help people get from the parking area, which may be the YMCA and Top of the Hill shops, to the auditorium. 3) We would put some in our Annual Fund to use for the unexpected. Some years have had great expense in getting covid tests, masks, etc. Sometimes equipment breaks or we need to rent a truck or instrument we weren't expecting. It would be lovely to have a small cushion for these expenses.