



# Harmony Lounge & Music Club



## Vestry Report: 2024

### September 2022



The Harmony Lounge & Music Club pilot project launches in September promoting group classes on social media. Partnering with Napanee District Secondary School helps to bring student co-op teachers into the program which enables Harmony to offer private lessons in drums, piano and ukulele. Classes and lesson spots fill up, with 36 students registered.

### October 2022



Media launch event helps to create buzz in the community and begins to open doors with other possible funding organizations. This event celebrates the Reach Grant and highlights the work of the Anglican Diocese of Ontario in supporting parishes that wish to grow innovative community programs. The Bishop of Ontario, the Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton affirms this youth outreach effort.

### November 2022

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**New program offers musical opportunities for Napanee youth**  
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Adam Chiodini, left, plays guitar with rock band program member Ethan Stone at the Harmony Lounge and Music Club at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Napanee on Tuesday, Nov. 8. The free music program and after-school drop-in for teens runs Tuesdays and Thursdays. PHOTO BY MEGHAN BRIDGER/The Whig-Standard

Harmony is featured in the Kingston Whig-Standard and the Napanee Beaver as local media outlets respond positively to the focus and goals of the program.



A little bit of elbow grease, a whole lot of paint, and some cool furnishings transform the old parish office and the under-used nursery space into a lesson room (left) and lounge (above). The Lounge works as it was designed: it becomes a safe space where students quickly make themselves at home—snacking, jamming, and generally having a great time.



The parish hall expands to provide drum teaching as well as the rock band program. Drums quickly become one of Harmony's most popular instruments.

## November 2022 (Cont'd)



This pilot season is a time of learning and discovery as this community program is established. It is also a time for the congregation to gradually grow its comfort level with sharing space with a noisy (and occasionally messy) new roommate! Parishioners quickly get behind the program and there is no resistance to the effort. The “this is worth a try” mood dominates even when there are occasional growing pains. Parish Advisory Council meetings move from Tuesdays to Wednesdays to accommodate the rock band program. Champions for Harmony in the church and across the community agree that SMMAC is a great home for a community music school.



Kingston singer-songwriter Yan-Nick Michaud (centre) joins students for a free PA Day interactive performance and workshop. Harmony begins to establish a reputation for being very serious about student enrichment. PA Day funding is included in the Atura Grant.

## December 2022



Harmony's first concert is a huge success with energized performers and a full house of 250+ people! There is no large indoor performance venue for youth musicians and it becomes clear that with a few adaptations, SMMAC has the potential to be the place for youth musicians to flourish.



## Winter Session: 2023



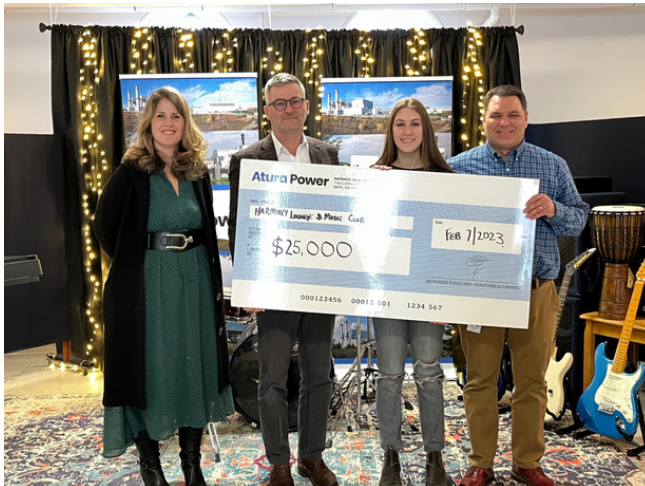
Students from the fall 2022 session advance to Level II and a new batch of students fill up spaces in the beginner level class. Both classes exceed capacity, with 8 to 10 students registered in each.



A group percussion class is offered on a trial basis and spaces fill up quickly. The class has 10 students registered. Overall registration has gone from 36 to 70.



Word spreads that Harmony is the place to be for youth ages 12 to 16. Community Partners come forward to offer programming, making excellent use of the flexible space in the parish hall.

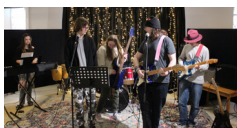


Members of the public and friends of the Harmony Lounge & Music Club gather in the Parish Hall to announce \$25,000 in funding from Atura Power.

The funding from Atura Power and the Town of Greater Napanee will fund the majority of the 2023 season and all costs related to group classes and the emerging paid student internship program.



## Spring Session: 2023



The March Break Rock Week is a huge success. Student mentors work with two band groups: a junior band during the morning and a senior band in the afternoons. These youth unleash their inner rock stars!



## May 2023



The closing concert of Harmony's inaugural 2022-2023 season sees 40 youth performers take to the stage. It is the largest youth variety concert the community has seen.

## Summer Session: 2023



Matt Alkenbrack's return from Fanshawe launches a partnership between his record label—Basement Town Records—and Harmony. The Young People's Recording Studio begins to work with those singer-songwriters in the Harmony program who are ready to record demos. The stage and lounge rooms are converted to control rooms and recording studios for the summer months. A full-length, 8-track album called "Origin Story" emerges from this effort.

## Fall Session: 2023



Harmony's Rock Band program grows in popularity and bands are invited to perform at community events including Culture Days and the annual Salvation Army Toy Drive.



The emphasis on student enrichment continues with the first-ever Songwriters' Workshop led by Karen Sheffield. It is attended by more than a dozen students.



The group class schedule from the 2022-2023 season increases to include a boys' vocal class. The combined boys' and girls' choral groups perform "I get by with a little help from my friends" at the December concert. The song is highly emblematic of the supportive student culture that continues to grow at Harmony.



Harmony receives the first-ever Stretch Grant awarded by the Diocese of Ontario. A grant for \$20,000 will support the purchase of new equipment, small capital improvements, and the student internship program.

**St. Mary Magdalene  
Harmony Lounge**

Beginning balance January 1 2023 Actual  
\$ 1,522.79

**Income**

Atura Power Community Grant	\$ 25,000.00
Donations	\$ 5,714.43
Concert ticket sales	\$ 4,358.00
Diocese of Ontario Foundation Grant	\$ 2,000.00
Diocese of Ontario Stretch Grant	\$ 20,000.00
Walmart Grant	\$ 1,000.00

**Total Income** \$ 58,072.43

**Expenses**

Teaching Honoraria	\$ 26,162.60
Food and Beverage	\$ 1,245.34
Equipment Purchases	\$ 6,239.85
Furnishings	\$ 743.15
Reception and Marketing	\$ 1,320.00
Website	\$ 216.82
Live Sound tech/other services	\$ 510.00
Shared services - Insurance	\$ 2,100.00
Shared services - Fuel	\$ 3,100.00
Shared services - Hydro	\$ 520.00
Shared services - Water	\$ 300.00
Shared services - Telephone	\$ 200.00
Shared services - Photocopier	\$ 250.00
Shared services - Bank charges	\$ 30.00
Shared services - Treasurer	\$ 500.00
Young People's Recording Studio Project	\$ 440.00
Bank Fees	\$ 87.69
miscellaneous	\$ 30.00

**Total Expenses** \$ 43,995.45

**Ending Bank Balance** \$ 15,599.77