



**VERMONT  
SYMPHONY  
ORCHESTRA**

**VERMONT HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES  
APPROPRIATIONS  
COMMITTEE**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2026**



**Oklahoma! in Concert in Stowe**

## VSO MISSION STATEMENT

The Vermont Symphony Orchestra fosters and encourages the love of music throughout Vermont.

## VSO STRATEGIC PLAN (2025 - 2027)

GOAL 1: To provide meaningful, evocative, and high caliber musical experiences

GOAL 2: To serve as a resource for statewide music education

GOAL 3: To embed inclusivity and equity in the work of the VSO

GOAL 4: To operate a sustainable non-profit business



Summer Tour Musical Petting Zoo

## WHAT WE DO

### Educate

4,900 students involved in eight statewide programs

### Serve the state

42 towns reached across 14 counties

### Generate business

\$745K for businesses & \$1.45M for arts practitioners

### Perform

68 live concerts for 23,000 people

# VT COMMUNITIES REACHED

Barre	Grand Isle	Pittsford
Bennington	Greensboro	Randolph
Brattleboro	Hardwick	Richmond
Burlington	Highgate	Rutland
Castleton	Island Pond	Saxtons River
Charleston	Ludlow	Shelburne
Chester	Lyndon	S. Burlington
Colchester	Lyndonville	S. Hero
Danville	Manchester	S. Pomfret
Derby Line	Middlebury	St. Johnsbury
Dummerston	Montpelier	Stowe
Fayston	Moretown	Strafford
Glover	Mount Holly	Swanton
Grafton	Newport	Tunbridge



**VSO & Grace Potter at The Paramount in Rutland**

# VSO EDUCATION



**Musicians in Schools:** Barton, Bridport, Bristol, Brownington, Burke, Burlington, Chelsea, Cornwall, Fairfax, Fletcher, Grand Isle, Halifax, Hartford, Jay, Morristown, Newark, Newport, Norwich, Readsboro, S. Burlington, S. Hero, Sheffield, Shoreham, Swanton, Thetford, Troy, Tunbridge, Waterbury, Weybridge, Wilmington

**Musical Petting Zoo w/Summer Tour**

**Music-COMP** student premieres (Warren, Newport, Manchester, Grafton, Montpelier)

**Student Insiders** (Rutland, Manchester, Burlington)

**VT Youth Orchestra** side-by-side concerts (Burlington)

**World Music & Drumming Workshop** (Castleton, Charlotte)

**First Steps in Music pre-K** (Chittenden, Addison Counties)

# SERVING THE STATE



## Holiday Food Shelf

Barre: Hedding United Methodist  
South Burlington: SB Food Shelf  
Ludlow: Black River Good Neighbor

## Free tickets

VT Assoc. for the Blind/Visually Impaired  
Me2 Orchestra for mental health  
Vermont National Guard  
Students aged 5-17  
\$10 tix for music educators, 18+ students

## Free concerts

Bennington, Burlington, Chester,  
Grafton, Ludlow, Montpelier, St. Albans,  
St. Johnsbury, Warren, Windsor



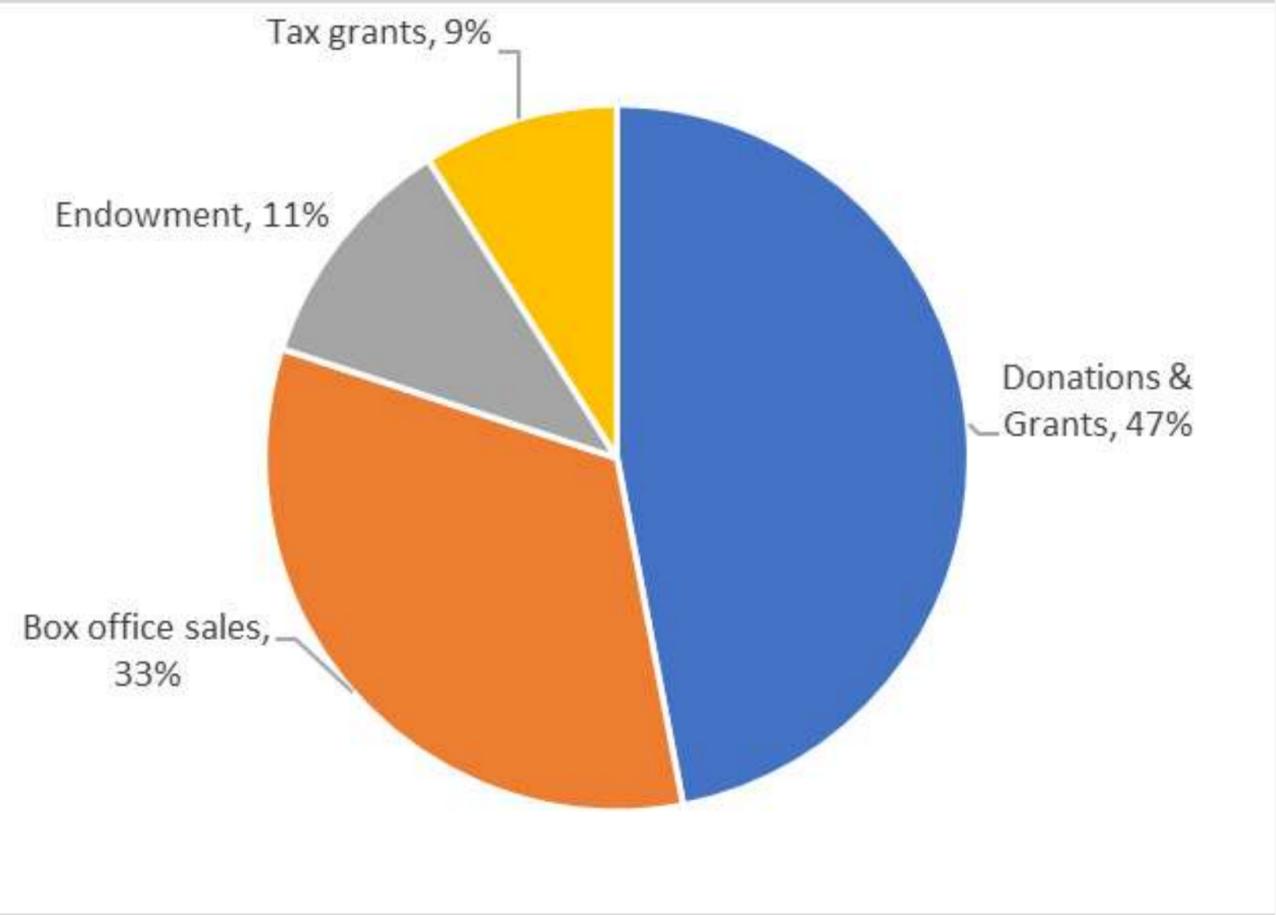
Free Concert at U32 High School in E. Montpelier

# FY27 BUDGET REQUEST

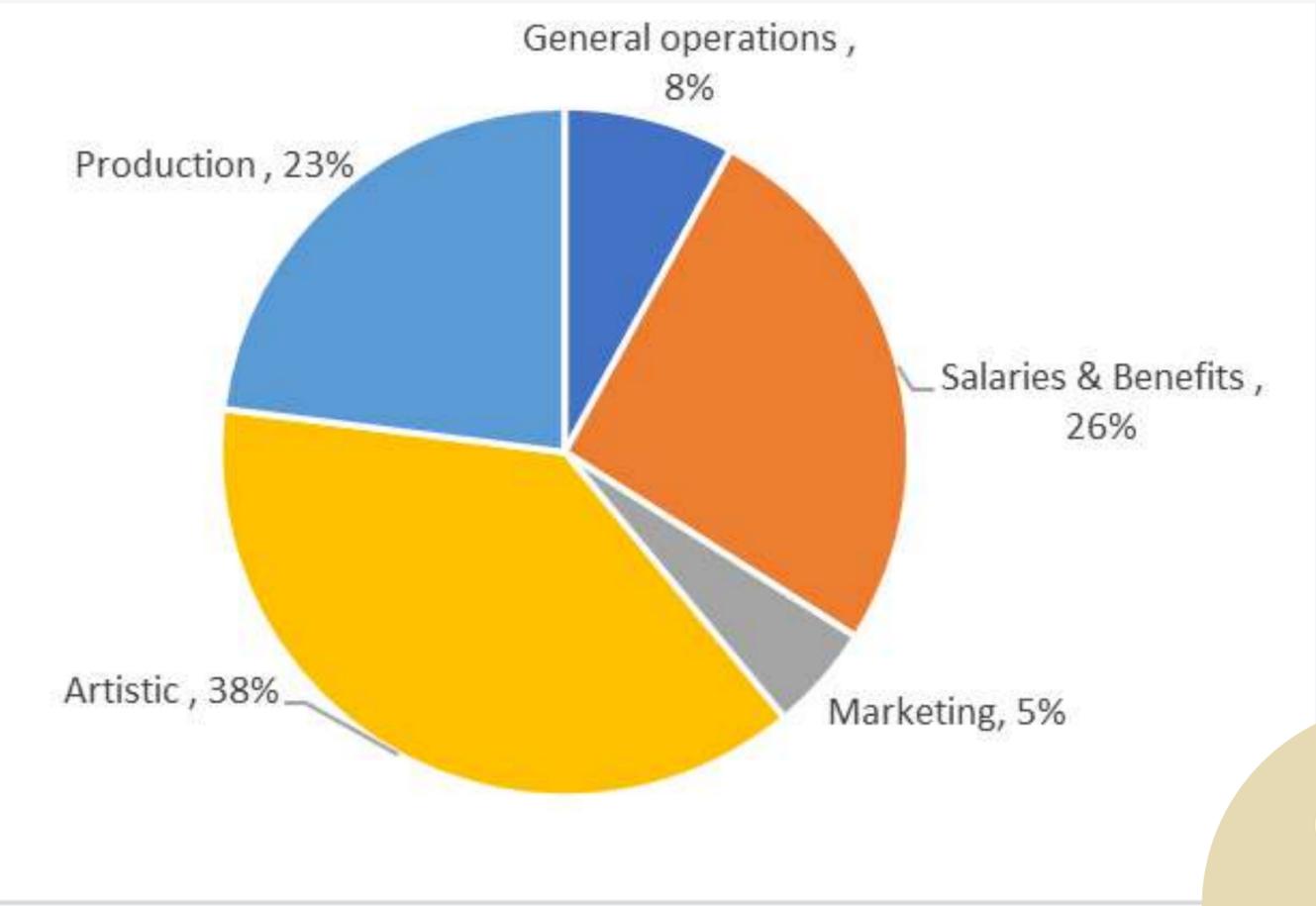
VSO FY27 Gov budget	\$158,795
Additional 10%	\$15,880
<b>VSO FY27 total request</b>	<b>\$174,675</b>

**VSO \$2,279,649**  
**FY27 Budget**

## Income



## Expense





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**Jukebox Quartet at The St. Johnsbury Athenaeum**