



IGNITE Performing Arts, Inc.

Shelby County, Indiana

www.igniteperformingarts.org

Letter to Stakeholders from the Director

September 30, 2025

Dear Stakeholder,

Thanks to your support for IGNITE Performing Arts, Inc., we successfully finished our first fiscal year as a non-profit organization. We maintained a small ensemble and a shortened performance schedule for the 2024-25 season (Fiscal 2025). This allowed us to improve our organization's financial liquidity while offering our students a strong educational program and IGNITE Winter Percussion's 4th IPA State Championship and 3rd WGI Indianapolis Regional Finals appearance.



For the 2025-26 season (Fiscal 2026), we intend for IGNITE Winter Percussion to travel to WGI World Championships, April 16-18, 2026, in Dayton, Ohio. Below, you will see how Fiscal 2025 went for us and a conservative budget for Fiscal 2026 operations. We intend to pursue additional fundraising on top of this operating budget, which will primarily focus on acquiring musical instruments and other equipment.

Fiscal 2025 Financial Highlights

Revenue: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fundraising: \$2,968Student fees: \$2,175Donations: \$1,811In-kind: \$1,244 Total: \$8,198	Expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Supplies: \$1,367Contest fees: \$1,290Travel: \$1,244Staff: \$800Services & Fees: \$708 Total: \$5,091
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Fiscal 2026 Budget

Revenue: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fundraising: \$3,900Student fees: \$7,625Donations: \$2,200 Total: \$13,725	Expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff: \$4,000Supplies: \$3,809Travel: \$1,308Contest fees: \$1,965Services: \$1,250Unexpected & emergency: \$1,000
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	Total: \$13,332
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Explanation of Budget Items

Our primary fundraising sources for Fiscal 2025 were selling gift cards through the RaiseRight app and staffing events at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Student fees include clinic/audition fees (\$25/student) and season fees (\$275/student for 2025, \$475 for 2026). Some fundraising revenue (not tax-deductible donations) goes towards individual student fee accounts. Fiscal 2025 donations primarily came from individual donors. We intend to increase corporate sponsorship in Fiscal 2026.

Supplies include sticks, mallets, uniforms, props, tarp/floor, show shirts, patches, and more. Services include liability insurance, staff safety training, criminal background checks, and banking/financial services. We received many pro bono and in-kind services in Fiscal 2025. The Fiscal 2026 budget demonstrates our shift toward a more sustainable long-term model.

The reason for such a large unexpected and emergency allocation is that we will borrow and rent thousands of dollars worth of equipment during the 2025-26 season and travel almost 1,000 miles around Indiana and Ohio with it. If emergency funds do not need to be used for repairs or replacements of this equipment, they will be allocated to long-term savings at the end of the 2025-26 performance season.

Equipment

IGNITE Performing Arts, Inc. owns a limited amount of musical instruments that have been donated. Most of the equipment being used by IGNITE Winter Percussion is borrowed from staff members and from other organizations. It is our long-term goal for IGNITE to own more equipment directly and to improve the quality of the equipment we use.

It has always been the policy of IGNITE to allow our equipment to benefit the local schools as much as possible. Recent examples of this include our equipment being used by the Southwestern High School Band and for Shelby County Band Day. As our inventory of equipment grows, we intend for it to be used to benefit our local school band programs as much as possible.

Conclusion

I am proud of our organization's progress in our first year as a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Many of you reading this donated to the organization in Fiscal 2025 or plan to donate in Fiscal 2026. Please know that donations made by check or the PayPal Giving Fund ([igniteperformingarts.org](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https%3A%2F%2Figniteperformingarts.org) or the QR code to the right) will not be subject to any transaction fees. 100% of it goes to what you see in the attached financial reports. Please know that I take the stewardship of your investment and of this program seriously. I am committed to the health and safety of our students, to providing quality performing arts education, and to maintaining a sustainable organization. The Board of Directors is here to support me and to provide oversight on behalf of all of our stakeholders. If you know anyone who would be interested in serving on our Board, please contact me at dgaking@igniteperformingarts.org.



Sincerely,

Douglass Gaking

Executive Director
IGNITE Performing Arts, Inc.

Income / Cash Flow Statement

IGNITE Performing Arts, Inc.

Fiscal 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Revenue / Inflows

Donation	\$ 1,811.00	26%
Student fee	\$ 2,175.00	31%
Fundraising	\$ 2,968.36	43%
In-kind	\$ 1,243.77	18%
Equipment rental	\$ -	0%
Sale of merchandise	\$ -	0%
Sale of equipment & supplies	\$ -	0%
Total revenue	\$ 8,198.13	

Expenses / Outflows

Staff wages	\$ 800.00	16%
Circuit fee	\$ 1,290.42	25%
Transaction fee	\$ 73.33	1%
Equipment	\$ -	0%
Supplies	\$ 975.08	19%
Travel	\$ 1,243.77	24%
Services	\$ 708.44	14%
Intellectual property	\$ -	0%
Total expenses	\$ 5,091.04	

Net Income / Cash Flow

Net income/cash flow*	\$ 3,107.09
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Balance Sheet

IGNITE Performing Arts, Inc.

June 30, 2025

Assets

Short-term assets:		
Cash:		
	Cash	\$ (500.00)
	Checking	\$ 4,402.25
	Savings	\$ -
	PayPal	\$ -
Total Cash		\$ 3,902.25
	Accounts receivable	\$ -
Total short-term assets		\$ 3,902.25
Long-term assets		
	Investments	\$ -
	Equipment	\$ 1,645.00
Total short-term assets		\$ 1,645.00
Total assets		\$ 5,547.25