







2021 ANNUAL REPORT
36 YEARS OF ARTS PROGRAMMING

1985-2021









It Takes a Village

Including administrators, teaching artists, and choir directors AFA has over two dozen people on staff. Our board of directors, volunteers, supportive family members, and donors make up a team of people committed to our mission.

TRANSITIONS

In August 2020 Patti Jungbluth retired after 24 years of service to the organization. Her influence and dedication continues to be felt here and we know she is enjoying retirement! AFA also welcomed new Program Associate Matthew Sanborn in April, and said goodbye to longtime Appleton Choir Director Tiffany Vollrath with new director Greg Behrend taking over for her in May.

Virtual Arts Education

Creating a safe and accessible way for our participants to continue engaging with AFA programs during the pandemic was a big part our fiscal year. We worked closely with our wonderful landlord, The Alexander Company, to maximize how we used our facility to livestream and record videos so that we could share progerams with people throughout the state safely. Our administrative staff spent a lot of time working from home and we turned over their offices to create streaming studios.

The need for transportation, inclement weather issues, cancelations due to sickness or concerns of contagion were eliminated with virtual programming.



Program Associate, Matthew Sanborn



Executive Director Christina Martin-Wright and award-winning AFA artist Fred Seger

ARTS EDUCATION

65

ADULTS ENGAGED IN ARTIST RESIDENCIES

36

ACTIVE CHOIR MEMBERS

ART CENTER CLASSES

121

ART CENTER STUDENTS

"At AFA, I am able to make the most of what I have to offer. I'm so glad to be on this marvelous team working to create art opportunities for people with disabilities."

MATTHEW SANBORN

STAFF + BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STAFF

Christina Martin-Wright
Executive Director
Jill Jaworski

Director of Arts Education

Mike Lawler

Director of Development & Storytelling

Matthew Sanborn Program Associate

Debra Scheibinger Art & Operations Manager

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jason Stephens, Chair Matthew Vogel, Treasurer Leslie Brodhead-Griffith Secretary Jason Makowski Jason Rasmussen James Riordan

Robert Tarrell

Collaboration

We take pride in partnering with organizations and individuals whenever we can. Collaboration has the benefit of making everyone stronger, and in 2020-21 we could all could use a little help along the way.

One of our favorite collaborations during Fiscal Year 2021 was assisting the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation with their first-time virtual version of Celebrate the Arts. We thank the Madison Community Foundation for helping make this connection.

"As a student interpreter these opportunities help me work on my craft and remind me why I am doing what I do."

KYLIE LEVERETTE

UWM INTERPRETING STUDENT

UW-MILWAUKEE AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE/ENGLISH INTERPRETING

In 2021 we partnered with Pam Conine and the UW-Milwaukee ASL Interpreting Training Program to provide consistent interpreting for virtual events. Gaining practical training experience, UWM students interpreted segments for our first telethon, virtual Creative Power Awards Celebration, and virtual arts classes.



Virtual music class (above) led by AFA teaching artist Junko Yamauchi with UW-Milwaukee student ASL interpreter

SUPPORTING ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES

\$8,420

\$4,624

PAID TO ARTISTS IN SALES COMMISSIONS

12,150

TRAVELING EXHIBITION ATTENDEES

259 A

ARTISTS EXHIBITED

35

ARTISTS WORK SOLD

114

ARTWORKS SOLD

THANK YOU

Many photos in this report (nos. 2-6 at right for example) were provided through generous support from Big Dreamers United, a nonprofit with the mission to help other nonprofits with their creative communication needs. Special thanks to Executive Director Lea Culver and photographer and BDU Creative Director John Urban.





CREATIVE POWER & MERIT AWARD-WINNING ARTISTS AND POETS ON THE COVER

- 1 Child visual artist Bentlee Mlejnek (Menasha)
- 2 Adult poet Rose Heflin (Madison)
- 3 Adult visual artist Marleah Grinnell (Madison)
- 4 Youth visual artist Olivia Bruske (Milwaukee)
- 5 Adult visual artist Fred Seger (Madison)
- 6 Youth visual artist Isla Donahue (Hudson)
- 7 Adult visual artist Jerome Glenn (Madison)

1st Annual Telethon

On November 14, 2020 AFA held it's first ever Telethon live online. The event, featuring art of all kinds from local and international artists (including music, aerial dance, comedy, theatre, magic, and much more) was such a success that we plan to create a Telethon each year for the foreseeable future, and hope to soon include in-person events to webcast live too!

One of the most wonderful outcomes of the 1st Annual Telethon was the outpouring of support we received from sponsors, contributors, and everyone in the AFA family. "Thank you for inviting us to perform," wrote Magic Morgan, "I hope everyone enjoyed the show as much as we enjoyed entertaining you!"

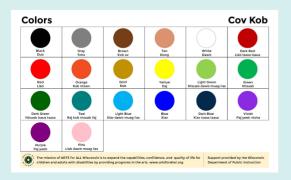


"Congratulations on a terrific telethon!!! I watched much of it and was very impressed with the enjoyable content, how well it flowed, your emceeing work, and the technology use."

LINDA KUSTKA, WISCONSIN 4-H FOUNDATION

Communication Boards

With the support the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction we designed new communication boards to use in our programming and to share with educators throughout Wisconsin. We have two versions of the boards: one in English and Spanish, and one in English and Hmong.





TELETHON SPONSORS











Call for Art 2021





"My Little Reason Why" (left), a CREATIVE POWER award-winning piece by Young Adult artist Malachi Schmidt (below), from Fond du Lac



Thomas Dunne, Adult Merit award-winning poet from Fort Atkinson

184 ENTRIES

114 ARTISTS & POETS

WISCONSIN COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED

With the addition of a poetry category in our 2021 Call for Art we also added a fourth juror to evaluate all poetry entries. We were fortunate to have **Angie Vasquez**, the Madison Poet Laureate, select **CREATIVE POWER** award recipients and add four poems to the Traveling Exhibition for the first time ever.

Thanks to longtime supporter Michelle Woldeck and Monroe Street Framing, all award-winning art and poetry was professionally framed for the Traveling Exhibition. We would also like to thank Teel Plastics and Wisconsin Public Radio for their support of Call for Art in 2021.



"The artists were able to produce such beautiful and creative work at all different levels. My experience as an arts teacher, special ed teacher, and a muralist gave me a better understanding of the hard work that went into their artwork."

EMIDA ROLLER, 2021 CFA VISUAL ART JUROR

2021 Report on Giving

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021



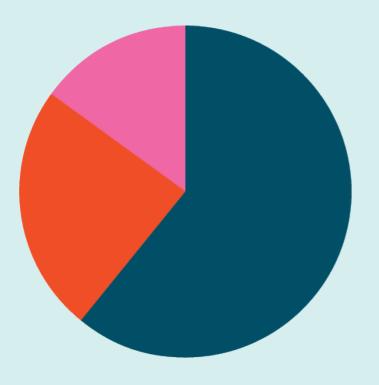
AFA Teaching Artist Patrizia Ferreira leading a virtual visual art class from a webcast studio space in our Madison Art Center



A screenshot from the end-of-season virtual performance of the AFA Madison Choir $\,$

"I am constantly learning from my students. Their untrained approaches to art making are so refreshing to me. It is always humbling to see students who might struggle in more ways than one overcome their challenged personal situations and come together to share and make art."

PATRIZIA FERREIRA (AFA TEACHING ARTIST)

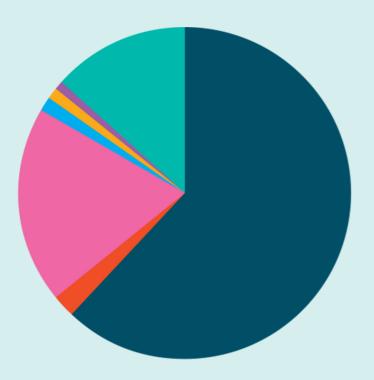


Types of Expenses

PROGRAMS: 61%

ADMINISTRATION: 24%

FUNDRAISING: 15%



Types of Income

CONTRIBUTED INCOME: 71%

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM: 13%

INVESTMENT INCOME: 22%

IN-KIND SUPPORT: 2%

SALES: 1%

PARTICIPATION FEES: 2%

OTHER: 1%

Operating Budget

\$542,513

Average Individual Gift

\$263

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

\$100,000+

State of Wisconsin

\$50,000+

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

\$10,000-\$49,999

American Girl Fund for Children

James Riordan

National Guardian Life

Thompson Investment Management

Tikkun Olam Madison Fund

\$5,000-\$9,999

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Monroe Street Framing*

Jason and Ana Stephens

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Teel Plastics

Wisconsin Arts Board

\$2,500-\$4,999

Access to Community Services

Anonymous

Capital Times Kids Fund

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*In Kind

TRIBUTE GIFTS

In honor of Sharon Kessel, in support of Telethon

- Pam and Howard Erlanger

In honor of Fred Seger and John Walsh

- David G. and Nancy B. Walsh Family Foundation

In honor of Erin Frush's 15th Anniversary with Flad

- Flad Architects

In honor of Mr. Steve & Nicki Stricker

- Betty Olson

A gift for Patti's retirement

- Robert and Elizabeth Tarrell

In honor of Sidney Prince and Anne Beatty

- Susan Tirschel

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of Paul William Jones

- Ginger Aderle and Pat Billing
- Leoga and Terrence Kilgore
- Shelly Smith

In memory of Duane Tirschel

- Bruce and Christina Martin-Wright

In memory of Mary Schroeder

- Patholgy Service Corporation
- The Schroeder and Nowak families

