

ARTS for ALL

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2023

ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

TRANSITIONS



New Arts Education leadership came on board in the person of **Jennie Mullins**, an AFA teaching artist and former staffer at ArtWorking. Educator and artist **Sherrye Smith** joined our board of directors in 2022. **Leslie Brodhead-Griffith**, **Bob Tarrell**, and **Matthew Vogel** cycled off our board of directors after serving for many years, and we are grateful for their service.

Pam Anderson and **Miram Ofori** joined our staff in 2022 as choir directors in Appleton and Oshkosh, respectively. We were saddened to learn of the death of **Steve Singel**, a choir member for many years, as well as the death of arts class participant **Linda Skoegen**. Longtime AFA artist, **Bob Hanneman** (pictured above with his sister at the opening of his retrospective at AFA in October 2022), died in January 2023, leaving behind an enormous and impressive body of work. AFA was grateful to have given him a solo retrospective of his work in October 2022 which he attended. We will miss each of those we lost this past year, and our hearts go out to the families.

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CHOIRS

78

CHOIR
MEMBERS

2,800

CHOIR AUDIENCE
MEMBERS

SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to take a moment to send out a very special thank you to **Michelle Waldeck**, owner of Monroe Street Framing, who has generously donated professional framing services and materials for each **CREATIVE POWER** winning visual artwork since 2019. That's a total of 40 works of art and over \$10,000 in donated goods and services in support of AFA and CREATIVE POWER. Michelle and her amazing framing team have also helped repair and frame works for other exhibitions, notably several pieces from artist **Joyce Gust** for an exhibition of her work at Overture Center for the Arts in Madison.



STAFF + BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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2023 CREATIVE POWER AWARDS

We are thrilled to share the remarkable success of our 2023 CREATIVE POWER Awards Celebration! A first of its kind for AFA, the sold-out event left an indelible mark on everyone who attended.

From the captivating collaboration of our Madison Choir, members of the Madison Youth Choirs, and Tony Memmel to the vibrant dance from Martha Siravo and Wheels & Heels, each moment filled us with joy, and we hope if you weren't there you will take the opportunity to watch the recording on our YouTube channel (www.youtube.com/@artsforallwi).

"This event was important as it brought to life the work you do and highlighted it in a way that just reading a website or brochure cannot," wrote an attendee. "I'm certain the very positive publicity you will receive will increase the support from the community." One of our community award-winners told us that the celebration "re-invigorated me and made me want to do more!"

None of this would have been possible without the overwhelming support of our community. Local businesses, organizations, and individuals like you came together to offer their time, resources, and expertise to ensure the event's success.

The 2023 CREATIVE POWER Awards Celebration was generously supported by **Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Associated Bank, The Cap Times, Great Dane Pub & Brewing Co., TASC, American Family Insurance, Wisconsin Public Radio, Kaleidoscope Event Design, Big Dreamers United, and CI Pediatric Therapy Centers.**



From top: Bonnie Schetski, AFA Madison Choir and members of Madison Youth Choirs, dancers Arthur Sigmund and Martha Siravo, and Sophia Challoner, Christina Martin-Wright, and Finnley Mather. PHOTOS: John Urban/Big Dreamers Untied

EXHIBITIONS & ARTISTS

In fiscal year 2023 we were once again proud to be at the corner of Pinckney and Hamilton for the **Madison Museum of Contemporary Art's Art Fair on the Square!** We also were at the **John Michael Kohler Arts Center's Midsummer Festival of the Arts** in Sheboygan, **Agora Arts Festival** in Fitchburg, the **East Side Winter Market** at **Garver Feed Mill** in Madison, the **NAMI Gala**, and displayed our **CREATIVE POWER Showcase** at MYArts.

132 ARTISTS & POETS

CALL FOR ART



Our jurors for the 2023 Call for Art included **Elaine Scheer**, Professor of Art at UW-Madison (left), Green Bay-based artist **Gregory Frederic** (center), and Director of Portrait Society Gallery of Contemporary Art in Milwaukee.

SUPPORTING ARTISTS WITH DISABILITIES



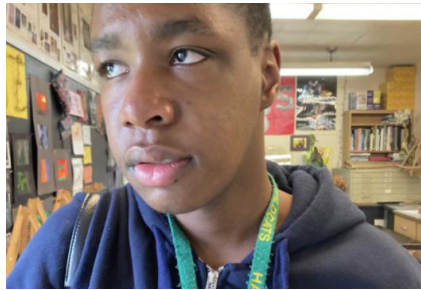
\$41,406 TOTAL VISUAL ART SALES

\$20,522 PAID TO ARTISTS IN SALES COMMISSIONS

191 ENTRIES

CALL FOR POETRY

We were fortunate to have **Grace Ruo** in 2023 to help us with our Call for Poetry. Our jurors for the 2023 Call for Poetry included slam poet, visual artist, and FirstWave Scholar at UW-Madison **Kai Brown**, Wisconsin Poet Laureate **Nicholas Gulig**, and artist **Alicia Obiakor** (right).



CREATIVE POWER Award winner DJ Simmons, Jr. and a detail of his winning piece *Self Portrait*



29,575 VIEWERS OF EXHIBITS

230 ARTISTS REPRESENTED

ARTS EDUCATION

Our Arts Education programming in 2022-23 included **School & Community Arts, SPARK!, Veterans Arts Studios, and Arts Classes in Madison.**

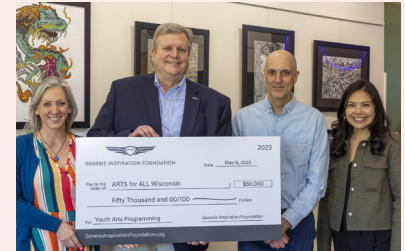
Our **Off-Site Youth Education** remained strong in fiscal year 2023 too. We had teaching artists working in visual art and music at **Wauwatosa West High School, Blue Lotus Farms and Retreat, Madison Metropolitan School District, Goodman Community Center,** and more.

Funding for Arts Education programs comes from **Altrusa International, American Girl Fund for Children, Madison South Rotary Foundation, Pleasant T. Rowland Foundation, and Endres Manufacturing Co. Foundation.**

932 CHILDREN
92 SPARK!
PARTICIPANTS
255 ADULTS



Final class of "Coloring My World with Stories" in 2023 at our Madison Art Center



Christina Martin-Wright and Mike Lawler accept a \$50,000 grant from the Genesis Inspiration Foundation



A contributing vet talking about her work in ***Veteran Voices***

VETERAN VOICES

“In partnership with Vet Centers, our Veterans Arts Studios give veterans opportunities to foster a sense of identity, accomplishment and belonging, while expanding their perspectives and building confidence,” Executive Director Christina Martin-Wright wrote in the preface of our limited edition zine ***Veteran Voices*** produced in collaboration with The Little Book Project WI. The zine featured literary and visual work created by seven artists currently living in the state who self-identify as veterans with disabilities. It was The Little Book Project’s sixth edition, released in November 2022, and contained the work of seven veterans in AFA programs. On November 17 of that year we held a small sharing event at the Madison Vet Center with the contributing veterans reading and speaking about their work.

Funding for Veterans Arts Studios comes from **WPS Health Solutions and Endres Manufacturing Co. Foundation.**



AFA Art Director Peter Bovenmyer (left) and Rachel Werner of The Little Book Project WI

20 VETERANS IN PROGRAMS

2022 Report on Giving

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022



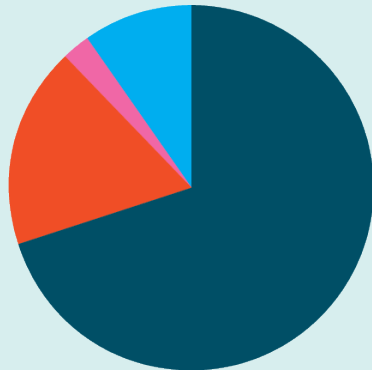
The ARTS for ALL Wisconsin Madison Choir performs with the La Follette High School Choir in Madison.



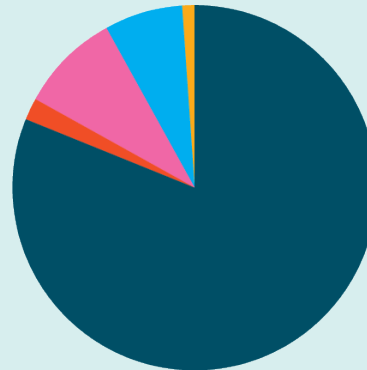
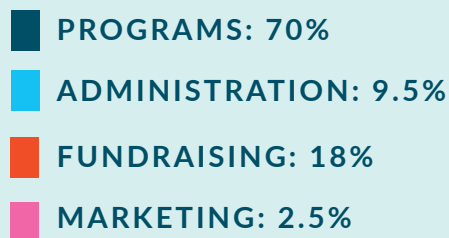
Call for Art juror Debra Brehmer evaluates visual art entries at MYArts in March 2023.



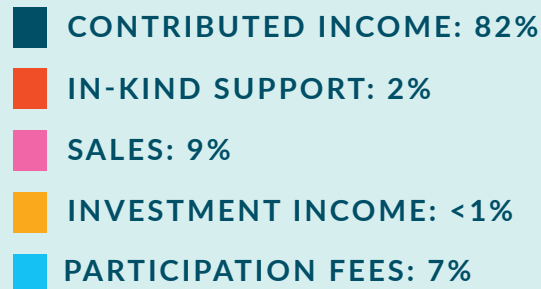
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Expenses



Types of Income



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\$100,000+

State of Wisconsin

\$50,000+

Wisconsin Department of Public
Instruction

\$10,000-\$49,999

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Wispack Foundation

\$5,000-\$9,999

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Janice Werlein
Wisconsin Arts Board

\$2,500-\$4,999

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The Cap Times*
WPS Health Solutions

\$1,000-\$2,499

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Achieving Collaborative Treatment
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\$500-\$999

100+ Women Who Care- Madison
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Iris Brigham
CI Pediatric Therapy Centers
Flad Architects
Cathy Hare
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Wendy Weiler

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Wisconsin Public Radio*

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Lesleigh Luttrell
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Linda Harvot
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Matthew Tamburrino
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Michele and Thomas Pellitteri
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Peter and Jill Lundberg
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- Grace Judd
- DeEtte Mears
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- Shane and Pamela Moen
- Francine Zaugg and Darcy Perrin

In memory of Al Brick

- Glenn and Glenn Battle
- Jennifer Mulligan
- Randall C Willis

In memory of Robert Hanneman

- Jan Holing

In memory of Duane Tirschel

- Susan Tirschel

In memory of Daniel Kellum

- Jane Moore

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In honor of Raymond & Leah Kessel's 60th wedding anniversary

- Eve Siegel
- Jerry and Merle Sternberg

In honor of Sharon Kessel's birthday

- Howard and Pam Erlanger

In honor of Mike Scheibinger

- Pat LaBella

"Thank you, Mr. Mike and Karie for making Beth and all of your students feel comfortable and welcome in your class."

In honor of Daniel J. Nowak

- Matthew Tamburrino

In honor of Jack Cioci's commitment to ensuring everyone has access to their creativity.

- Jessica Cioci

In honor of Jason and Ana Stephens

- Christina and Bruce Martin-Wright

In honor of Jessika Schultz

- Lark Gibson

In honor of Jim Ohm

- Susan Rutter

In honor of Joan Szekely

- Pamela Brite

A gift in honor of our friends at M3

- Matt Sabljak

In honor of Margaret Schneider

- Heather VanDusen

In honor of Steve Stricker winning his golf tournament

- Betty Olson

In honor of Ann Wenzel

- Salli Martyniak

In honor of Deidre Deforest

- Alix Gould-Werth

In honor of Nathaniel Astin

- Grace Shields

"Happy Birthday, Than! Here's to great art everywhere!"