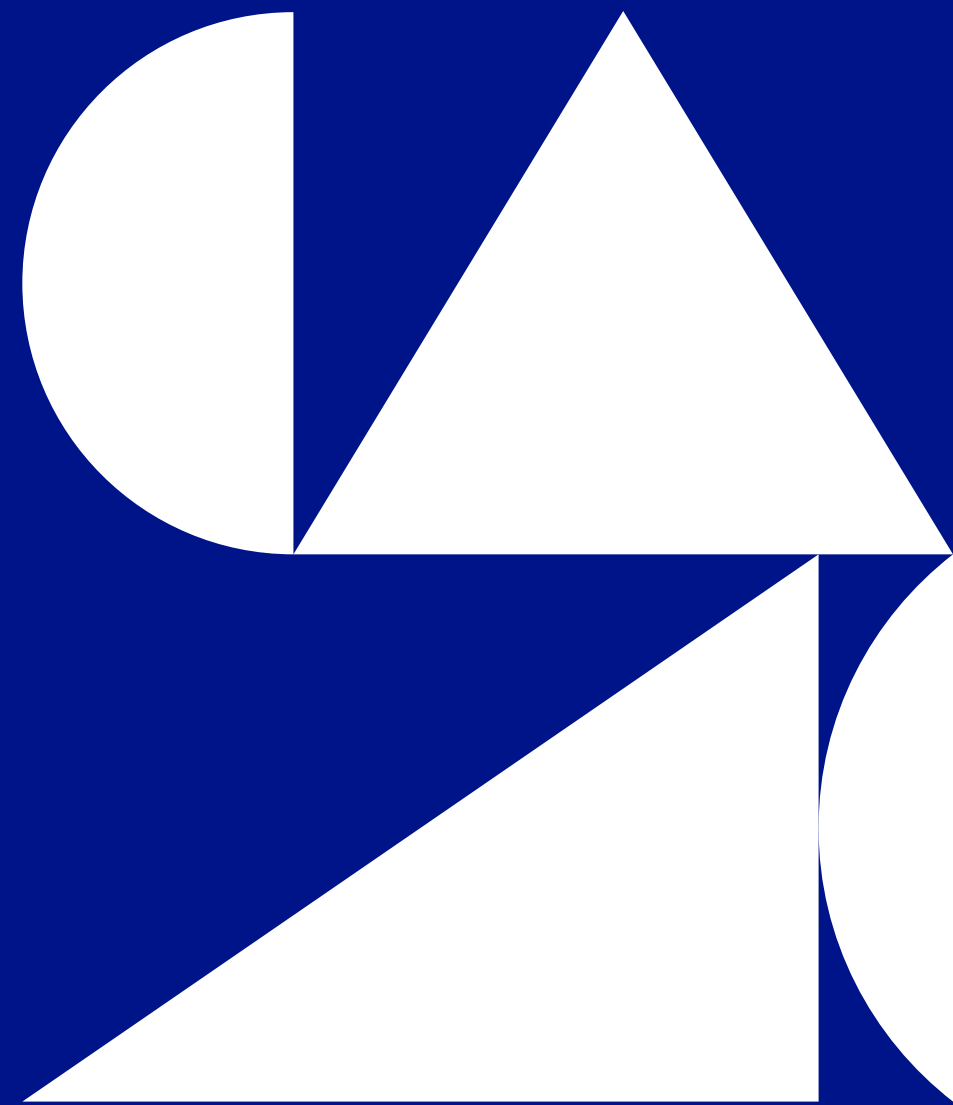


2019 Annual Report

Columbus Area Arts Council



Mission

To strengthen the community through arts and culture

Vision

To be the central resource for the arts

Values

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| Accessibility | Making the arts available to everyone regardless of their ability |
| Diversity | Embracing and enabling our diverse culture |
| Inclusion | Inviting everyone to participate and be better together |
| Collaboration | Developing partnerships with the right stakeholders at the table |
| Excellence | Delivering quality with integrity in everything we do |



Strategic Objectives

Serve the Community

Cultivate a Creative Network

Foster and Develop Young Talent

Expand Quality of Place

Areas of Focus

Visual Art

Painting, Drawing, Photography, Sculpture, Public Art

Design

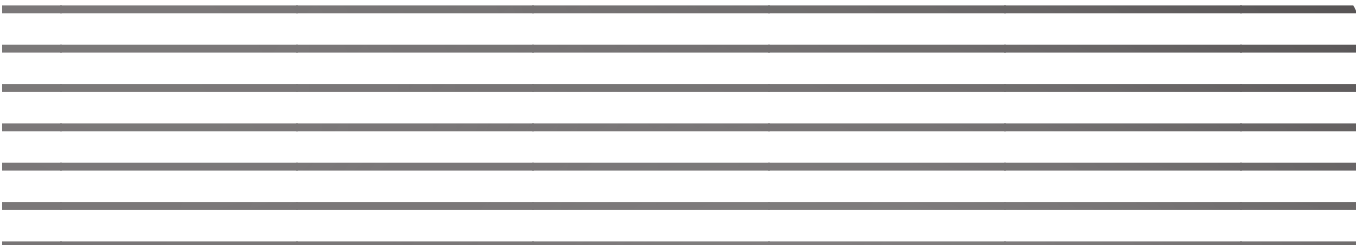
Graphic Design, Textiles, Furniture, Architecture

Performance

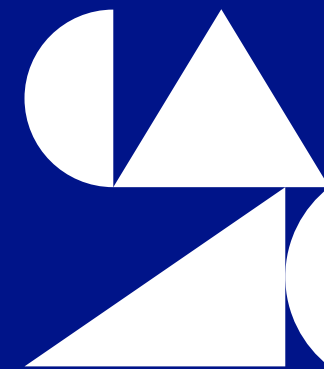
Dance, Theatre, Music, Literary Art Poetry, Spoken Word

Film

Independent, Documentary



Message from Mike Elwood, President of the Board of Directors



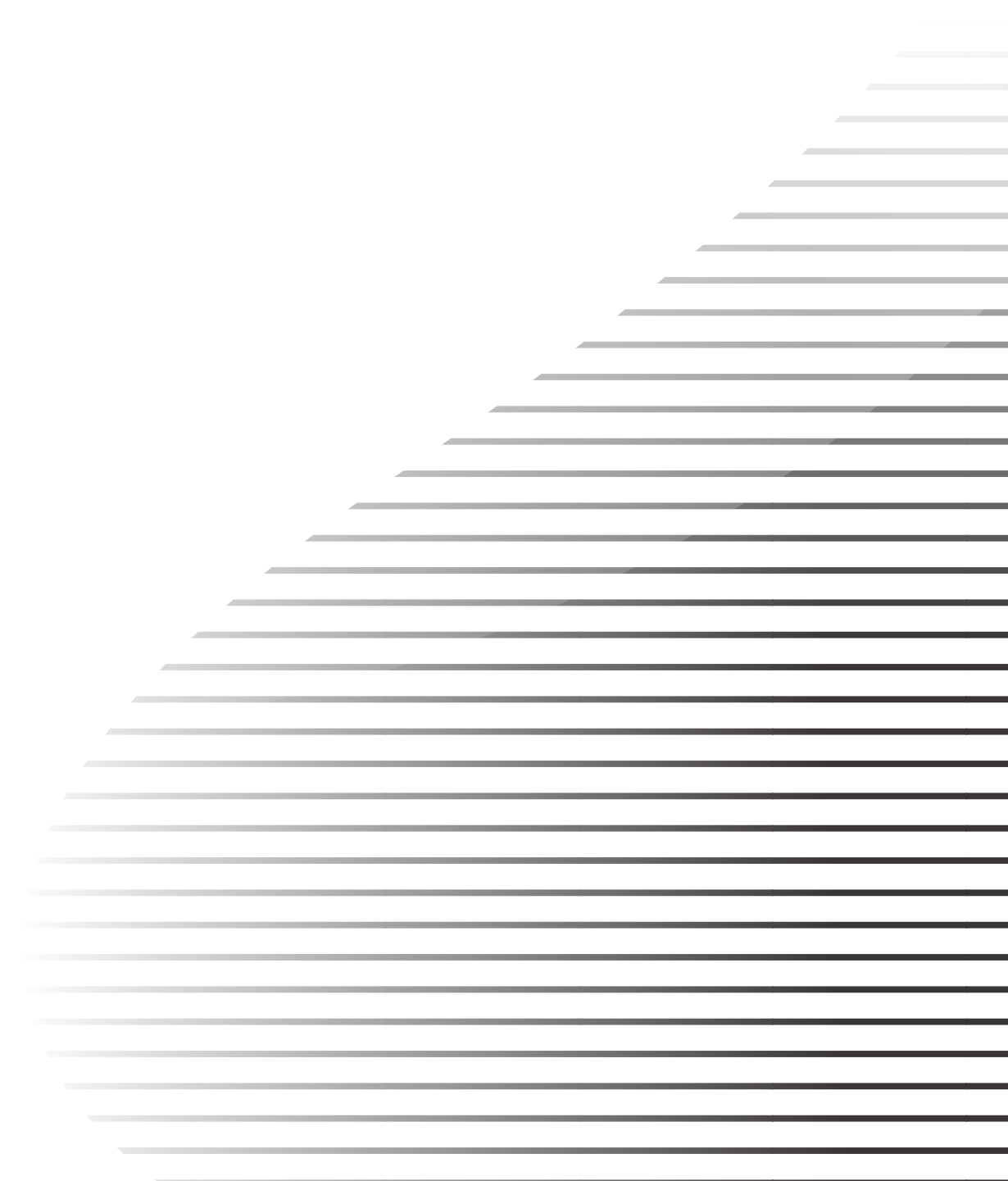
At one time or another, most of us have said something like, “What a difference a year makes.” As I round out my first year as Board President of the Columbus Area Arts Council, never has a colloquialism felt so incredibly misplaced. Forget the difference one year makes – how about one week in today’s world! The Arts Council has been significantly impacted, but in no way defeated. In fact, we have been inspired.

With the combined efforts of the CAAC Executive Director, staff and Board of Directors, we have not only recommitted to our mission, but meaningfully reimagined the content we want and need to create, and the best ways to deliver it. Now, perhaps more than ever, is a time to celebrate our community’s rich history of arts and culture, a time to invest in our future. This strong statement reflects not simply where we have been, but where we are going, an opportunity to put our collective fingerprints on the Columbus of tomorrow.

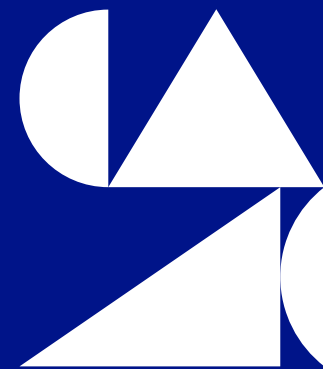
Our Executive Director, Kathryn Armstrong, will provide color in her remarks that follow on the projects, programs and initiatives CAAC has delivered in 2019, and share a few comments regarding the power of arts and culture to connect us as we respond to the current global crisis.

I am proud of the Arts Council’s accomplishments in the past year, but the opportunity over the next twelve months to be truly transformational and significantly contribute to the wellbeing of Columbus and its future is what really excites me!

Stay well,
Mike Elwood



Message from Kathryn Armstrong, Executive Director



It's hard to imagine what life was like before the COVID-19 pandemic turned our world upside down. Now, more than ever, the arts are critical to our well-being and have the power to connect us in new and innovative ways. Creativity is at Columbus' core as a forward-thinking community, and the arts are essential to our civic life. With unimaginable challenges come opportunities, a reminder of our continued purpose to work together to make the arts accessible to everyone.

Our mission, "to strengthen the community through arts and culture" has not changed, yet it has become more important for CAAC to inspire and uplift folks from near and far.

In 2019, we made great progress that tied to our mission, vision, values and strategic objectives. With the help of our generous donors, we raised nearly \$50,000 to support our Youth Arts Initiative. We increased our investment in arts and culture on Sixth Street with the addition of a mural, Learning Patterns installed on the exterior wall of 411 Gallery, and a custom Community Studio inside 411 Gallery, both designed by LAA Office.

These projects culminated in a community Arts Alley Celebration that brought new energy to our downtown. We intend to continue to transform Sixth Street into an arts destination, a place for engagement and interaction. Stay tuned for this future development!

Without the support of so many generous art patrons, community partners and sponsors, artists, designers and creative entrepreneurs, volunteers, board of directors and staff, we would be unable to serve as the lead arts agency for the Columbus area. Thank you for being a big part of our organization, and for understanding the value and the impact that CAAC brings to our community and to our quality life.

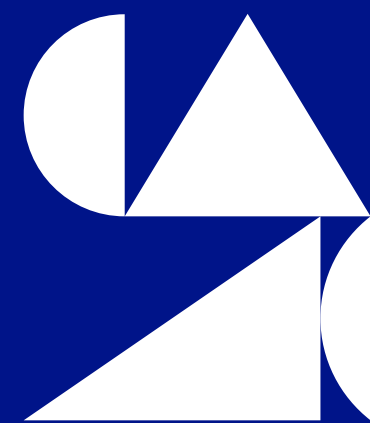
Stay Healthy–Stay Creative,
Kathryn Armstrong
Executive Director

Programs & Events

CAAC Programs and Events are focused around three pillars: education, engagement and enrichment with a priority to make the arts accessible to everyone.

MAKING ART
ACCESSIBLE
TO EVERYONE

Education
Engagement
Enrichment



21 Programs & Events
96 Artist Engaged
5565 Attendees

Programs & Events

FAMILY FRIENDLY **Free live performances**

First Fridays for Families

Mill Race Theatre Company:
The Magical Mind of Billy Shakespeare

Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band

Know Theatre of Cincinnati:
Alice in Neverland

Dancers Studio, Inc.:
The Dwarves' Tale of Snow White

Bright Star Theatre:
The Velveteen Rabbit

A family program that introduces young audiences to a wide variety of performing arts in a fun and informal setting at The Commons.



5 Performances

40 Artists Engaged

1189 Attendees



Programs & Events

POP-UP

Fresh new collaborations

Dance Kaleidoscope:
Site-Responsive performance in concert
with Exhibit Columbus

Buddy Wakefield at YES Cinema

Always fresh, new and collaborative, these one-of-a-kind events feature a broad range of art forms by bringing awareness to the arts as a transformative experience.



2 Performances
300 Attendees



Programs & Events

LIFE-LONG LEARNING

Thought-provoking, immersive experiences

Artist-led Workshops

- Tiny I.M. Pei with Sarah Marsom
- Glassblowing with Lisa Pelo
- Spoken Word with Buddy Wakefield

Workshop participants are guided through the creative process by trained professionals, no prior experience required.

Guest Speakers

- Meet the Artist and Public Talk with Samuel Levi Jones
- Meet the Artist and Public Talk with Delano Dunn
- Annual Meeting presentation by LAA Office
- Creative Roll Call with guest speaker Michele Pollock
- Meet the Artist and Public Talk with Sarah Marsom
- IAC Region 9 FY20 Grant Award Reception with guest speaker Grace Kestler

Hear the stories of artists, writers and other creative professionals, followed by Q&A. Speakers will inspire audiences to reimagine how arts and culture can build stronger communities.



11 Artists Engaged
501 Participants



Programs & Events

411 GALLERY

Exhibitions, art-making, events

2019 Exhibitions

Impressions of Sound and Color by Tony Vasquez, Visual Communications Students from Ivy Tech Community College and Site-specific installation by Nomad Art.

New Stories of the American Negro by Delano Dunn and *Soft Power* curated by Paula Katz, with artwork by Erin K Drew, Samuel Levi Jones, Gary Schmitt, Meredith Setser and Jamie Lynn Williams

(IN)place by Rachel Kavathe, Michele Pollock and Christine Sullivan

Learning Patterns by LAA Office and *Respectfully submitted, Cleo Rogers* curated by the Columbus Indiana Architectural Archives

50/50 – A Community Art Project and *COLLABORATION³* by Bob Anderson, Bobbie K Owens and Laurie Wright

A community arts gallery and cultural space for exhibitions, events and collaborations with Columbus' arts and cultural organizations.

411.



5 Exhibitions
13 Events
1675 Attendees



Programs & Events

411 GALLERY

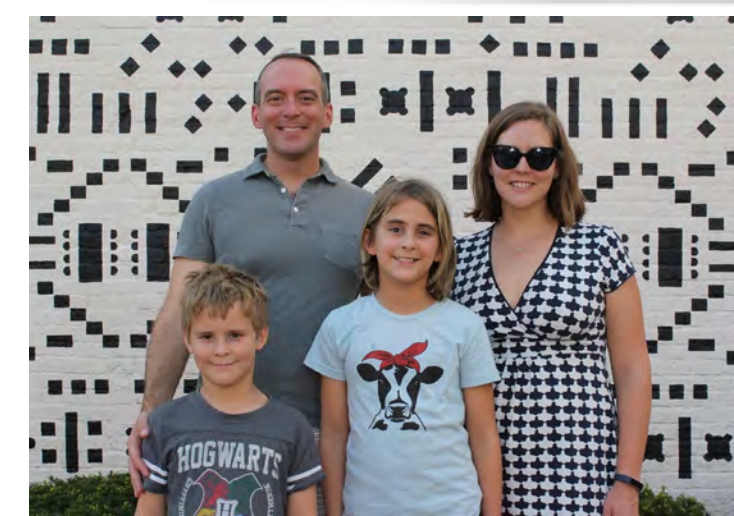
Exhibitions, art-making, events

Community Studio

The Community Studio is a flexible space for local and visiting artists to work, meet and collaborate. Made of custom plywood panels and built-in furniture, the space is meant to evolve as artists work with the community to reimagine the exhibition wall into temporary installations.

Arts Alley Celebration

Event held to celebrate *Learning Patterns* and *Respectfully submitted, Cleo Rogers* at 411 Gallery, *Learning Patterns* mural and 411 Community Studio
Live music, food and art activities on Sixth Street



411.

Programs & Events

YOUTH ARTS

Educating & empowering young artists

As part of CAAC's strategic objective to foster and develop young talent, the Youth Arts initiative is intentionally designed for young creatives ages 13–19. This program offers:

- Educational internships

- Hands-on training with professional artists and designers

- Exhibitions and civic-minded projects in the Columbus area



Resources/Partnerships

Creative Roll Call

Creative Talent Attraction

Cultural District Management

Public Art Management

Indiana Arts Commission Regional Arts Partner for Region 9

Columbus Area Arts Council is one of 11 Regional Partners charged with implementing a statewide initiative developed by the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC). CAAC serves as the Regional Arts Partner for Region 9, representing Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland counties.

FY20 Grantees

Arts Organizational Support (AOS)

Batesville Area Arts Council
Ripley County

Columbus Pro Musica (CIP)
Bartholomew County

The Columbus Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
Bartholomew County

Dancers Studio, Inc.
Bartholomew County

Dearborn Highlands Arts Council
Dearborn County

Southern Indiana Center for the Arts
Jackson County

Tree County Players
Decatur County

Arts Project Support (APS)

Actors Community Theatre of Seymour
Jackson County

Bartholomew County Public Library
Bartholomew County

Columbus City Band
Bartholomew County

Columbus Scottish Festival, Inc.
Bartholomew County

Ethnic Expo
Bartholomew County

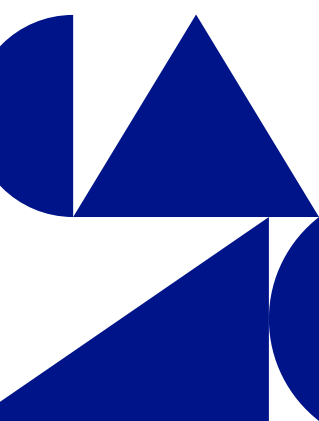
Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana
Bartholomew County

Jackson County Community Theater
Jackson County

Our Heritage, Inc.
Jennings County

Our Hospice of South Central Indiana
Bartholomew County

Switzerland County Historical Society
Switzerland County



Grants/Sponsors

African American Fund of
Bartholomew County
Bartholomew County Beverage
Carl Marshall & Mildred Almen
Reeves Foundation
City of Columbus
Columbus Area Visitors Center
Columbus Museum of Art & Design
Cummins Inc.
Efroymsen Family Fund
Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County
Indiana Arts Commission
Jackson County Bank
The Namaste Foundation
Old National Bank

Sustainers

\$10,000 & Above

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\$5,000 & Above

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David and Ella Elwood
Mark and Wendy Elwood
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Amy and John McCormick
Mandy and Drew Wyant

\$2,500 & Above

Amy Boerger
Sarah Cannon
Cheryl Miles-Vieth and Ken Vieth

\$1,000 & Above

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Dave and Katy Bush
Angela and Clayton Force
Jeffrey and Pamela Hagedorn
Patty and Brian Hannasch
Tom and Mary Harmon
Mickey and Jenny Kim
Alice and Rick Johnson
Schuyler and Tracy Marks
Eric and Missy Neal
Brigitte and Jeff Nolting
Chris Raskob
Hutch and Kevina Schumaker
Sherry Risk Stark
Doug Stender and Jill Tasker
Bob and Barbara Stevens
United Way of Bartholomew County

\$500 & Above

Rachel Bourne and Philip Foiles
John and Erin Bushouse
David and Wilma Doup
Tracy and Kevin Embree
Doug and Melanie Fauth
Tony and Diana Gambaiani
Bob Hawkins,
in memory of Cheri Hawkins
Louis Joyner
Mike and Nyra Miller
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Beth Schwenn
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Welcome New Board Members in 2020

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2019 Interns

Paige Richardson
Public Art Intern, 2019 graduate of
Columbus North High School

Kate Thomas
411 Gallery Intern, 2019 graduate of
Columbus North High School

2019 Statement of Financial Position

Assets	
Current assets	
Accounts Receivable	1,200
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>350,481</u>
Total current assets	\$351,681
Fixed assets	
Furniture & equipment	1,351
Leasehold improvements	<u>2,612</u>
Total fixed assets	\$3,964
Heritage Fund endowment	<u>260,205</u>
Total other assets	\$260,205
Total assets	<u>\$615,850</u>

Liabilities and Equity	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	8,643
Other current liabilities	<u>1,235</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>\$9,878</u>

Equity	
Unrestricted	557,761
Temporarily restricted	48,211
Total equity	\$605,972
Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$615,850</u>

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

Revenue and support	
Fundraising & Sponsorship	214,955
Grants	176,759
Programming	107,196
Investment return	<u>2,664</u>
Total revenue and support	<u>\$501,575</u>

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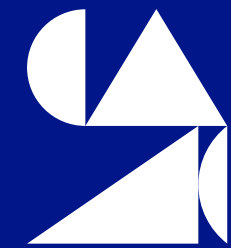
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