



Patrons view
"Repose in Amber"
at Fort Wayne
Museum of Art

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

OUR HISTORY

1955

Arts United was established as the Fort Wayne Fine Arts Foundation. The first member organizations were Fort Wayne Arts School and Museum, Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, and Fort Wayne Musical Society. Sam Rea of Rea Magnet Wire was the first Board Chair.

1958

Chaired by Margaret Ann Keegan, the **first Fine Arts Festival was held at Franke Park.** The annual event was held until 1975. **The first Annual Fund Drive raised \$88,900** for five arts organizations.

1959

A needs assessment was completed for the arts. **Facilities were identified as a critical community need.**

1961

After a nationwide search, **world-famous architect Louis I. Kahn was hired to develop a vision for a multi-venue downtown arts complex** inspired by Lincoln Center in New York City.

1964

The first capital campaign was launched to fund the initial phase of the arts campus.

1970

Construction began on the Performing Arts Center, which was renamed the Arts United Center in 2005 in celebration of Arts United's 50th anniversary.

1972

Freimann Square Park was dedicated by Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation with a posthumous gift from Magnavox president Frank Freimann.

1973

Arts United Center was opened. Architect Louis Kahn attended opening ceremonies and died shortly after. The first performance in the theatre was presented by Fort Wayne Youtheatre.

1981

The Community Arts Council was established to provide project grants and networking opportunities for a larger network of arts organizations. Today, it's known as the Regional Arts Connection.

1984

Fort Wayne Museum of Art was dedicated with proceeds from a 1980 capital campaign.

1988

With leadership by Board Chair Anita Cast, **the Fine Arts Foundation was renamed Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, Inc.** to reflect its expanded membership and multi-county footprint.

1989

Board Chair Ian Rolland led the Renaissance Campaign, establishing a long-term maintenance fund for arts facilities and supporting immediate capital improvements for the History Center, Arts United Center, and Embassy Theatre. The campaign also established the Hall Community Arts Center, which houses Cinema Center and Fort Wayne Dance Collective today.

1995

Arts United partnered with the Lincoln Financial Foundation and the Foellinger Foundation to increase arts outreach efforts to benefit youth and their families through the Creative Alternative Programs grant initiative.

2000

Arts United became a Regional Arts Partner of the Indiana Arts Commission to distribute state arts funding in Northeast Indiana.

The inaugural **Taste of the Arts Festival was launched** at Arts Campus Fort Wayne.

2010

With leadership from Board Chair Bix Benson, **Arts United led “A Home for the Arts,” a capital campaign** to develop the Auer Center for Arts & Culture, which houses Fort Wayne Ballet, Artlink, FAME, Fort Wayne Trails, and Arts United's administrative offices today.

2011

The ArtsTix Community Box Office program was developed.

2014

Parkview Physicians Group ArtsLab, an innovative black box theatre, was opened to the public. The first performance was presented by Fort Wayne Youtheatre.

2015

Arts United celebrated its 60th anniversary with a special Annual Fund Drive for the arts. Arts United led a major cultural and strategic planning initiative and established a community vision for the arts.

2016

Amplify Art, an innovative crowdfunding grant program, was developed with a grant from the Knight Foundation in partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne.

Cultural Advancement Projects, LLC was established to provide fiscal agencies for programs like Middle Waves Music Festival, Kickstart, and Make Music Day.

With leadership from Board Chair Doug Wood, **Arts United initiated an inclusive Arts Campus Master Planning effort to prepare for the renovation of the Arts United Center and development of Arts Campus Fort Wayne** as a regional destination.

2018

Arts United partnered with the City of Fort Wayne to establish the Fort Wayne Public Art Program and Commission.

At the 2018 Arts United Awards, **Ben Eisbart and Youtheatre's Young Heroes of Conscience Series** received the first Mayor's Arts Awards.

2019

Arts United partnered with PBS39 Fort Wayne, Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne, and the Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics to host the **first Mayoral Forum on Quality of Life during the mayoral election for the City of Fort Wayne.**

2020 IN REVIEW

APRIL 2020

Arts United initiated the #ArtStartsHere campaign. Arts United encouraged professionals, hobbyists, and families to share the art they create and participate in at home and in their neighborhoods on social media with the hashtag #ArtStartsHere.

MAY 2020

Arts United announced the **first round of the Fort Wayne Artist Relief Fund, in partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne.** This grant program, made possible by a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, was intended to help individual artists who lost work and income due to COVID-19.

JULY 2020

Arts United worked with representatives from more than 30 organizations and the Allen County Department of Health to develop the Arts and Culture Reopening Guide. This guide supported arts and culture program and venue administrators as they engaged the communities of Northeast Indiana during the COVID-19 pandemic.

AUGUST 2020

Arts United hosted Taste of the Arts Online on August 29, 2020 to adapt the festival safely to an all-online format. It featured traditional events of the festival, including three streamed performance stages, at-home STEAM activities for kids, and an online version of The Art Market.

SEPTEMBER 2020

The inaugural Make It Your Own Mural Fest took place September 8 - 18. In collaboration with Arts United, the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership presented this 11 day festival, during which 11 artists created 11 murals in 11 counties of Northeast Indiana.

OCTOBER 2020

Arts United announced its **first distribution of grants through its Arts & Culture Nonprofit Resilience Fund.** These funds provided both operational and facilities support for 18 arts and culture nonprofits during the pandemic.

LOOKING AHEAD

As the primary Local Arts Agency serving Northeast Indiana, Arts United plays an important leadership role as a convener, facilitator, and partner. in the following areas:

- Advocacy
- Fundraising
- Purpose-driven grant programs
- Cultural planning and place-making
- Cultural facility operations
- Cultural district development
- Member services coordination
- Other initiatives to develop, coordinate, and support arts and culture in Northeast Indiana

ARTS UNITED'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Promote a culture of belonging in Northeast Indiana by integrating our vision for IDEA (inclusion, diversity, equity, and access) in everything we do.
- Support a strong, integrated downtown Fort Wayne as the cultural and creative centerpiece of Northeast Indiana.
- Lead the development of and advocacy for a stronger, more inclusive, and highly collaborative network of arts and culture nonprofits and artists in Northeast Indiana.

VISION

Arts and culture are present every day, everywhere, for everyone in Northeast Indiana.

MISSION

Arts United mobilizes resources to develop, coordinate, and support arts and culture, enhancing the quality of life and the economic vitality of Northeast Indiana.

VALUES

- Excellence and innovation**
- Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access (IDEA)**
- Good stewardship of community assets**
- Alignment with priorities for economic and community development**

ARTS & CULTURE NONPROFIT RESILIENCE FUND

With the challenges facing arts and culture nonprofits through the duration of COVID-19, Arts United took action to ensure a vibrant future for our community. The Arts & Culture Nonprofit Resilience Fund was devised to provide operating and facilities support for 18 arts and culture nonprofits throughout the pandemic.

Recipient Organizations	October 2020 Distribution 1 Operating Support	October 2020 Distribution 2 Facilities Support	January 2021 Distribution 3 Operating Support	May 2021 Distribution 4 Operating Support	July - Oct. 2021 Go Live! Marketing Campaign	August 2021 Restart Grant Program	Total Fund Distribution
ARCH	\$ 8,517	\$ 6,537	\$ 13,055	\$ 9,450	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 47,559
Artlink	\$ 13,663	\$ -	\$ 20,560	\$ 14,882	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 59,105
Arts United	\$ 162,178	\$ 140,002	\$ 51,163	\$ 37,034	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 390,477
Audiences Unlimited	\$ 16,048	\$ -	\$ 23,432	\$ 16,961	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 66,441
Embassy Theatre	\$ 141,345	\$ 121,197	\$ 49,329	\$ 35,707	\$ -	\$ 4,731	\$ 352,309
FAME	\$ 8,712	\$ -	\$ 13,354	\$ 9,666	\$ -	\$ 6,400	\$ 38,132
Fort Wayne Ballet	\$ 68,711	\$ -	\$ 41,597	\$ 30,110	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 150,418
Fort Wayne Children's Choir	\$ 23,410	\$ -	\$ 32,297	\$ 23,378	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 89,085
Fort Wayne Cinema Center	\$ 12,912	\$ -	\$ 19,655	\$ 14,227	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,794
Fort Wayne Civic Theatre	\$ 60,666	\$ -	\$ 40,540	\$ 29,345	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 140,551
Fort Wayne Dance Collective	\$ 29,927	\$ -	\$ 35,291	\$ 25,545	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 100,763
Fort Wayne Museum of Art	\$ 112,120	\$ 64,994	\$ 46,769	\$ 33,854	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 257,737
Fort Wayne Philharmonic	\$ 300,119	\$ -	\$ 54,466	\$ 39,425	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 394,010
Fort Wayne Trails	\$ 15,183	\$ -	\$ 22,390	\$ 16,207	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,780
Fort Wayne Youththeatre	\$ 14,751	\$ -	\$ 21,870	\$ 15,831	\$ -	\$ 3,800	\$ 56,252
The History Center	\$ 31,474	\$ 60,210	\$ 35,630	\$ 25,791	\$ -	\$ 7,500	\$ 218,291
Science Central	\$ 66,346	\$ 73,272	\$ 41,287	\$ 29,886	\$ -	\$ 7,569	\$ 160,674
Unity Performing Arts Foundation	\$ 39,589	\$ -	\$ 37,315	\$ 27,010	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 103,914
Totals	\$ 1,125,772	\$ 466,211	\$ 600,000	\$ 434,309	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 2,826,292

ARTIST RELIEF FUND

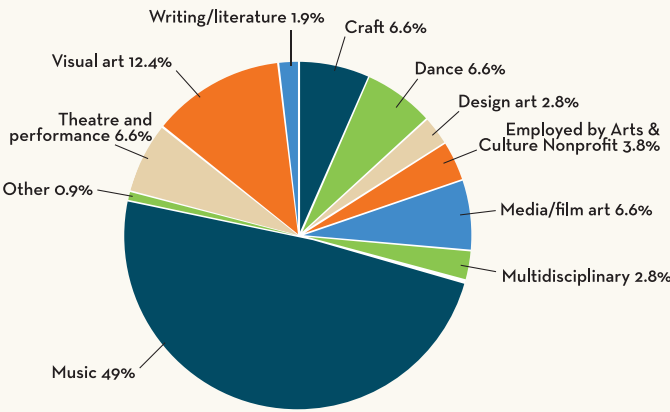
In 2020, the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne and Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne established the Fort Wayne Artist Relief Fund to help individuals who have lost income due to COVID-19. Eligible individuals included self-employed artists of all disciplines, artists contracted by arts and culture nonprofit organizations, and employees who have been laid off or furloughed by a nonprofit arts and culture organization or venues.

Individual financial support grants supported urgent basic needs such as food, shelter, caretaking, and healthcare. Reimagining Your Artistic Practice grants provided individuals support for creative ways to reimagine artistic practices, such as technology needs to provide virtual one-to-one lessons, PPE supplies and other safety supplies to start or continue one-to-one lessons, resources to explore new markets and audiences, and performance space adaptations.

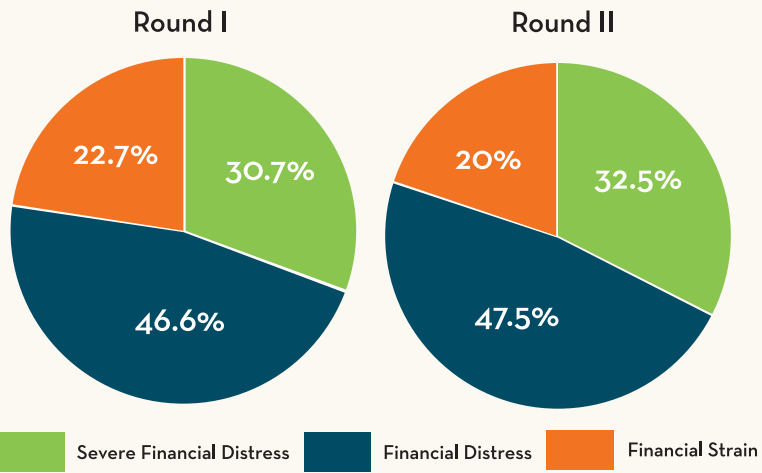
\$106,060 was granted to a total of 106 artists

ROUND I: \$57,410 to 88 ARTISTS
ROUND II: \$30,500 to 40 ARTISTS
REIMAGINING YOUR ARTISTIC PRACTICE: \$18,150 to 14 ARTISTS

Relief Fund Recipient
Artistic Practice

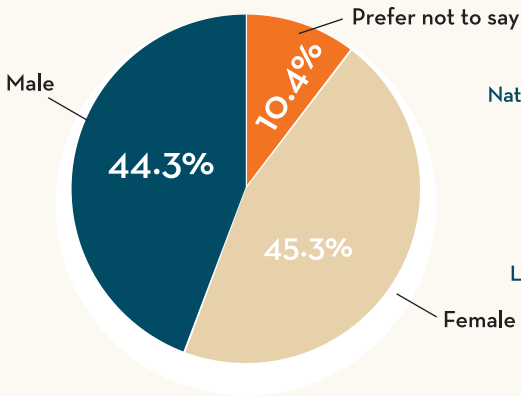


Level of
Financial Hardship



12.7% self-identified as LGBTQIAP+
6.6% self-identified as DISABLED

Gender



Racial Identity

Asian, South Asian, or Southeast Asian
Biracial or Multiracial
Black or African-American
Native American, Alaskan Native, or Native Hawaiian
I prefer not to answer
Latinx
Latinx; Native or Indigenous; Biracial or Multiracial
White or Caucasian

	Round I	Round II	Reimagining Your Artistic Practice
Asian, South Asian, or Southeast Asian	3.4%	5%	7.5%
Biracial or Multiracial	6.8%	2.5%	7.5%
Black or African-American	3.4%	7.5%	24.4%
Native American, Alaskan Native, or Native Hawaiian	--	5%	--
I prefer not to answer	14.8%	10%	--
Latinx	2.3%	5%	--
Latinx; Native or Indigenous; Biracial or Multiracial	1.1%	2.5%	7.5%
White or Caucasian	68.2%	62.5%	53%

Fort Wayne Dance Collective Touring Company performing at Taste of the Arts 2020 Online.



2020 AUDITED FINANCIALS

Audited balance sheet for the period ending December 31, 2020

Assets

Cash	2,078,236
Contributions receivable	3,966,418
Accounts receivable	121,570
Grants and prepaid expenses	45,629
Investments	8,416,465
Property and equipment	5,956,029
Beneficial interest in perpetual trusts	880,725

Liabilities

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	118,137
Funds held for others (health insurance reserve)	15,810
Grants payable	0
Line of credit	0
Deferred revenue	321,326

Total Assets	21,465,072
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Total Liabilities	455,273
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Net Assets

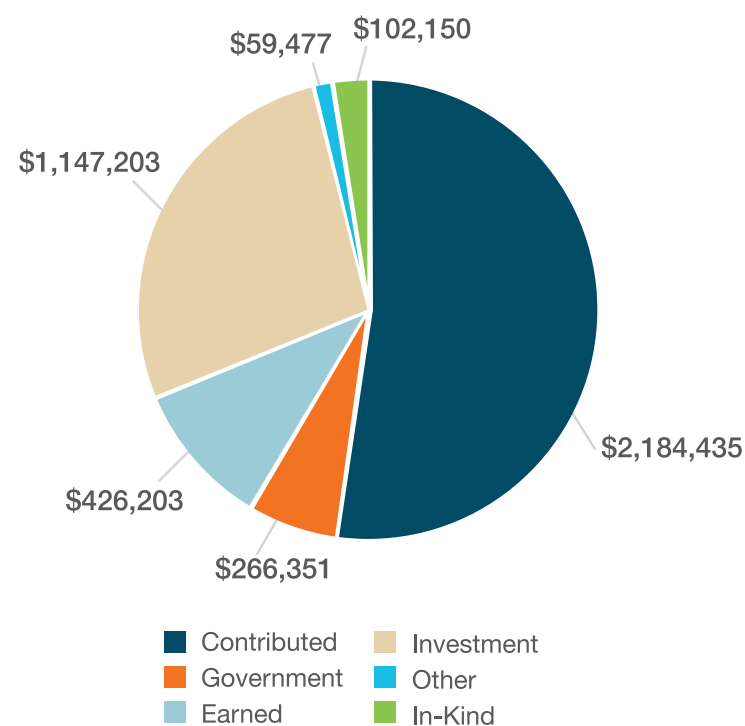
Unrestricted	7,819,853
Restricted	13,189,946

Total Net Assets	21,009,799
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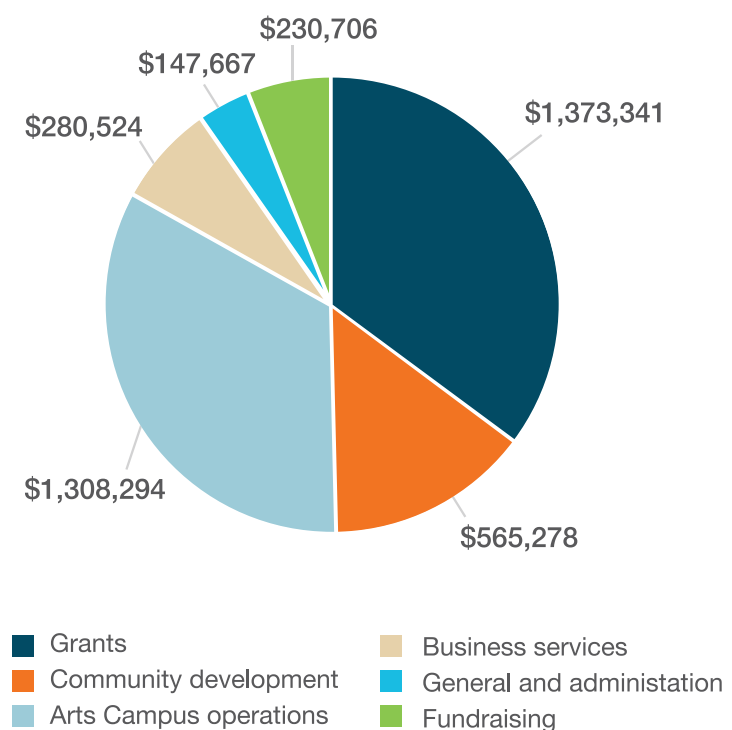
Total Liabilities and Net Assets **21,465,072**

*The following charts represent Arts United's audited operating financials for 2020.
This is not inclusive of financials for Cultural Advancement Program, LLC, a fiscal agency of Arts United.*

2020 REVENUE **\$4,185,819**



2020 EXPENSES \$3,905,810



Fort Wayne Youtheatre's MLK Jr. Performance



Justin Suarez of New York created a mural in Angola, Indiana for the 2020 Make It Your Own Mural Fest.

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