



2023

Annual Report



From the Director

After a few years of uncertainty due to the pandemic, 2023 was smooth and consistent. As an organization, it was a time to reflect on our mission and goals as we prepare for the year ahead.

We continued our efforts to expand programming, while seeking out new endeavors and experiences. We were proud to play a role in the career advancement of eight local and regional artists through our *Visual Arts Exhibition Series*. Our classes and workshops provided educational opportunities for people of all skills and abilities, and our *Creative Families Fund* ensured that everyone had access to arts education. We brought the arts directly to our community through various outreach programs and activities.

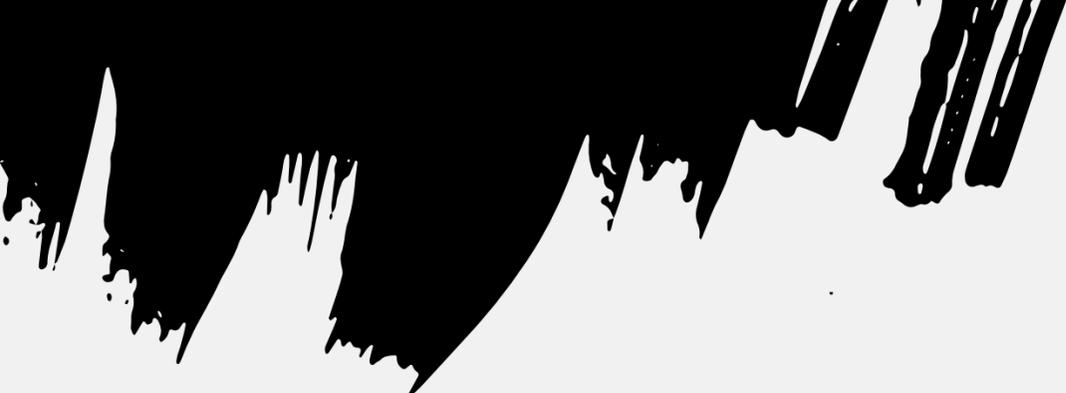
We are committed to delivering top-notch programming in our efforts to deepen the arts experiences for our rural community. To our donors, volunteers, staff, board, & participants, thank you for being a driving force behind all that we do.



Molly Rivera
Executive Director



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HCA Staff

Molly Rivera, *Executive Director*
Ann Lamecker, *Program Assistant*
Robin Kashuba, *Bookkeeper*

“HCA is a hidden gem, the caliber of art being shown in the rural area is amazing, [...] art is so important in our lives, it truly can be healing and is such a benefit to our community. Its been a pleasure serving on the board and being an advocate for the arts.” - Kerry Ward

Board of Directors



Justin Beck, *President*
Jamie Risner, *Vice President*
Teri Vandesteege, *Treasurer*
Kerry Ward, *Secretary*
Tara Erickson
Cassandra Meuffels
Andrew Rivera
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2023 Goals



Education

Increase educational opportunities for the community.



Outreach

Become more involved in local events and activities.



Exhibitions

Provide opportunities for artists to advance in their careers.

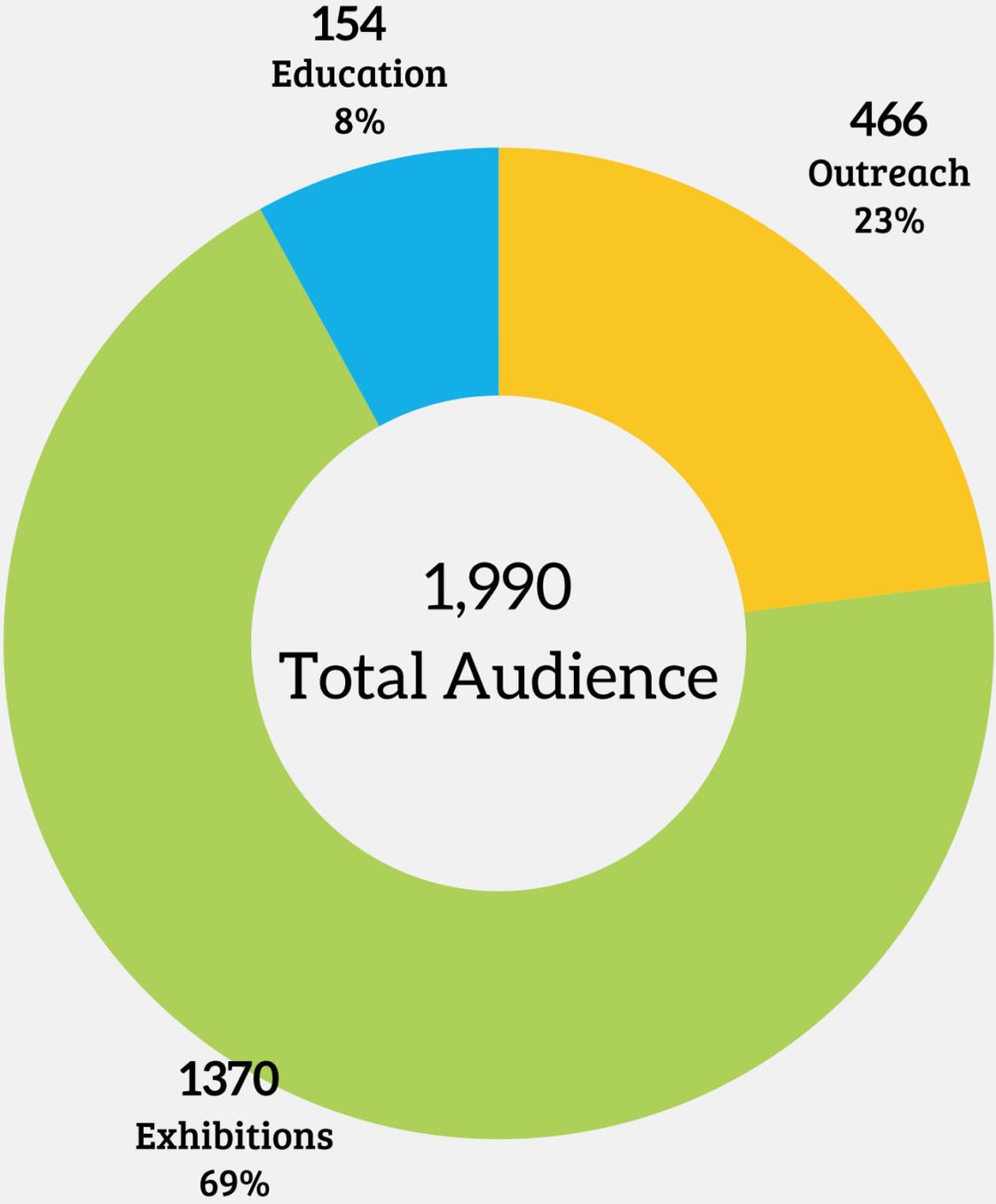


Audience



1235
Adults
62%

755
Youth
38%



Exhibitions

- 01. Established Artists**

Our *Visual Arts Exhibition Series* featured eight artists across MN. They were given space to show work, the option to teach workshops and give an art talk, and the opportunity to create new pieces and network with new audiences.
- 02. Local Artists**

Our first annual *Holiday Craft Boutique* featured six local artists. Our sales gallery supported local makers year-round by featuring the work of 25 artists working in different mediums living in McLeod county and neighboring communities.
- 03. Community Art**

The annual *Community Showcase* highlighted 40 local artists and makers, while the annual *Youth Art Show* featured about 1,000 local youth from area schools.



Naomi Ramona Schliesman,
Granite Falls MN

Education

01.

Adults

Monthly art classes for adults are taught by local and visiting artists. Topics include, printmaking, watercolor, acrylic painting, ceramics, and more.

02.

Youth

Monthly classes and our Summer Studio Art Camps taught kids a variety of art forms. Our Creative Families Fund helped three kids to attend camp this year!

03.

Teachers

Alexis Ammerman Hogan

Emily Cederstrom

Mary Fylling

Izabella Maher

Layl McDill

Glenna Olson

Melissa Ovadje

Andrew Rivera

Katie Webster

Alexezandra Woodmansee



Summer Studio Clay Camp

Outreach

- 01. Open Studio**

Free programming at the Center that provided all the materials and instructions for a different project each month. We had 241 participants in 2023!
- 02. Local Events**

Free activities at the Hutchinson Farmers Market and Water Carnival brought art to the community. We also participated in Empty Bowls last year, hosting a bowl making event to raise money for local food shelves.





Partners

- Crow River Area Youth Orchestra
- Crow River Singers
- Crow River Youth Choir
- Historic Hutchinson
- Hutchinson Parks & Rec
- Hutchinson Theatre Company
- Litchfield Area Male Chorus
- Minnesota Pottery Festival
- No Lines Improv Troupe
- RiverSong Music Festival

Statement of Activities

Ending December 31, 2023

Beginning cash	\$72,282
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Revenue

Grants	\$38,731
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Donations	\$43,278
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Programming	\$6,645
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Sales Gallery	\$4,940
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Expense

Payroll	\$57,011
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Facilities	\$37,666
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Business	\$11,312
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Programming	\$10,190
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	\$116,179

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Assets	\$53,697
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Goals for 2024

01

COMMUNITY

Develop new partnerships to increase awareness of the Center and strengthen our relationships with local residents.

02

ADULT ARTISTS

Build programming for adult artists that provides community and resources for success and growth.

03

YOUTH

Offer consistent, monthly educational opportunities for youth of all ages.

04

SUPPORT

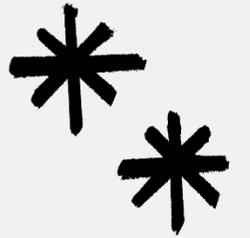
Maintain donor relationships and look for new opportunities to increase membership and donor support.

Thank you

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Donors

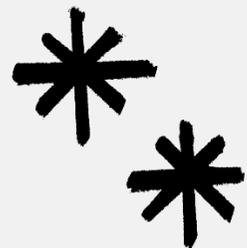


3M
Alexis Ammerman Hogan
Amanda Carroll
Amanda Marty
Amanda Weibel
Amazon Smiles
Andrew Rivera
Angela Koch
Ashley Docken
Barbara Baum
Berit Morse
Betsy Price
Betty Jodzio
Tom "Buzz" Burich
Carol Nissen
Cassandra Meuffels
Compass Occasions
David Byron
Donna Mills
Emily Cederstrom
Erika Kellen
Georgia Beck
Holly Dapper

Jack Bonniwell
Jacqueline Rossi
Jamie Risner
Jerry & Jeanette Lindberg
Jill Bloemke
Jill Warner
Jody Runke
John Dorival
Jon & Judy Otteson
Josh Laffen
Joyce Young
Justin Beck
Karen Gabler
Kathleen Eggimann
Kathryn Hultgren
Kay Haag
Kerri Meyer
Kerry Ward
Kris & Jeff Haag
LaMae Maiers
Laura Beach
Laurel Bacon
Layl McDill

Lena Mowlem
Linda Anderberg
Linda Krentz
Linda Remucal
Lisa Elfering
Lori Fotis
Lorne & Carolyn Streiff
LuAnn Drazkowski
Mary Jo Bromley
Mary Mulenburg
Maureen Froemming
Melanie Nagel
Michele Mackenthun
Mike McBrady
Mike & Lori Krenik
Molly McLouth
Network for Good
Philip Graves
Roseann Heaton
Sandy Tracy
Sarah Hansen
Sarah Work
Sheryl Hoffman

Shiloh Schnabel
Stacey Kohn
Stacey Schumann
Sue Boske
Tara Erickson
The Benevity Community Impact Fund
Theodore Beatty
Thomas McClure
Tiffany Barnard
Tinea Graham
Tom & Barb Daggett
Tom & Mary Inglis
Tom Wirt
Val Elder
Yong Hee Oh
Zachary Chilson



Wirt Award

Established in 2019, this award recognizes outstanding local citizens for their commitment to building community through the arts. The Wirt Award is named after Tom Wirt, one of several visionaries who helped bring the Hutchinson Center for the Arts to life.



– **2023 Wirt Award**

Valerie Mackenthun

