

The background is a solid dark blue. It features several white geometric elements: a large, thin white line that starts from the top left and extends diagonally towards the bottom right; a cluster of thin white lines in the top left corner forming a complex, star-like pattern; a cluster of thin white lines in the top right corner forming a similar pattern; and a large white shape on the left side, composed of several overlapping geometric forms including a semi-circle, a triangle, and a square, creating a stylized, abstract figure.

Columbus Area Arts Council

**2021 ANNUAL REPORT**



## MISSION

To strengthen the community through arts and culture

## VISION

To be the central resource for the arts by inspiring a creative life for all

## VALUES

### 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

Engaging key partners in the process

### 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

## CULTURAL EQUITY STATEMENT

With a vision, “to be the central resource for the arts by inspiring a creative life for all,” CAAC is committed to providing everyone access to the arts. We are actively shaping a creative community that is inclusive, diverse and equitable, welcoming participation regardless of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, age or religion.





## PROGRAMS/EVENTS/ONLINE ACTIVITIES

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



# ONLINE ACTIVITIES

## LEARNING FROM CREATIVES

3 programs // 6 artists and creatives //  
261 participants

- “Language Matters” with Dr. Kelli Morgan
- Creative Placemaking: 6th Street Arts Alley with LAA Office
- Black Feminism, Film and the Performing Arts with Chasten and Marja Harmon





## FAMILY FRIENDLY

### FREE LIVE PERFORMANCES

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

#### First Fridays for Families

Events were held online due to pandemic restrictions

- The Lucky Band
- Charlotte Blake Alston

Total – 2 performances // 3 artists



## POP-UP

### FRESH NEW COLLABORATIONS

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.

Dance Kaleidoscope in concert with  
Exhibit Columbus

3 site-responsive performances //  
13 artists







## LIFE-LONG LEARNING

THOUGHT-PROVOKING, IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

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

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.

### Artist-led Workshops

- Handbuilding clay with Mitzi Davis
- Printmaking with Cat Head Press
- Glassblowing with Lisa Pelo and Glass Arts Indiana
- Super Natural Indigo-Upcycle Clothing Dyein with Daren Redman

# 411 GALLERY

EXHIBITIONS, ART-MAKING,  
AND EVENTS

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

5 exhibitions // 2 events // 380 attendees

## 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.





## PROGRAMS/EVENTS/ONLINE ACTIVITIES



# YOUTH ARTS

## EDUCATING AND 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 and exhibitions and civic-minded projects in the Columbus area.

## Arts Educators In-residence & Youth Arts Summer Program

Maria Souza and Alison Kocur

## Inside/Outside the Lines – The Commons Coloring Project

Four coloring pages designed by Jenni Kiesler

- Two Arcs de 212.5° by Bernar Venet
- Chaos I by Jean Tinguely
- Flamenco by Ruth Aizuss Migdal



# CREATIVE PLACEMAKING

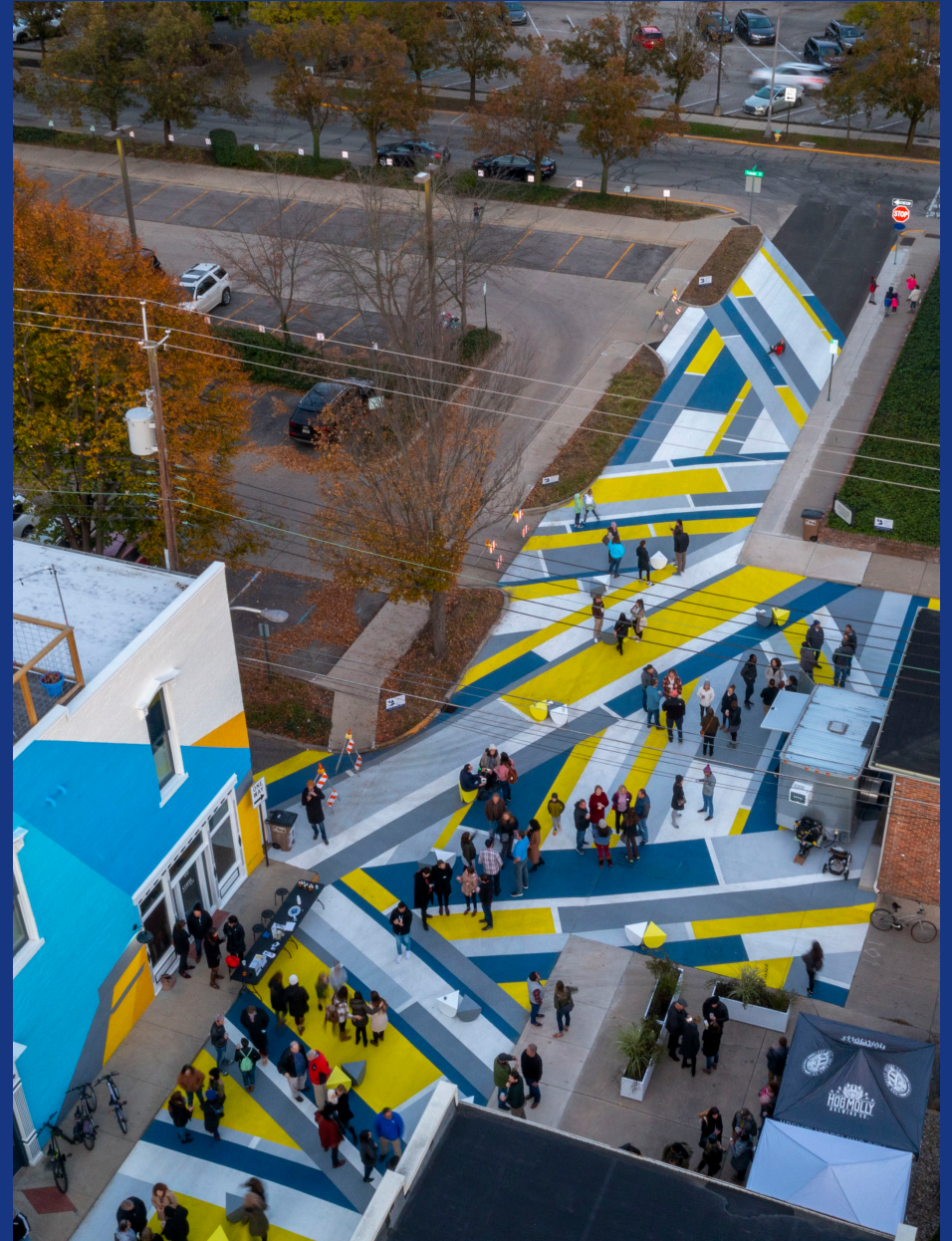
EXPANDING QUALITY OF PLACE

## 6th Street Arts Alley

Strategically located in downtown Columbus, CAAC developed 6th Street as a creative hub and transformed it into an Arts Alley. In 2021, CAAC teamed with LAA Office to design a flexible space for relaxation, informal gatherings, and events. With close proximity to art and cultural organizations and local businesses, the urban activation project has shaped 6th Street into a site for programs and community activities at the heart of the city.

Project planning, ground-plane mural and custom stools by LAA Office.

Vertical-plane mural by Nick Abstract.





## PROGRAMS/EVENTS/ONLINE ACTIVITIES



### Creative Residency

Artists and designers are provided access to studio space, and lodging for one week. Residency participants work on their creative projects and are invited to actively engage the community in some way, such as a workshop, public talk, curate an exhibit, or use the time in residence to develop a future project based in Columbus.

In 2021, painter Pierre Obando and sculptor Jennefer Hoffman participated in the Creative Residency program.



## PARTNERSHIPS

### CULTURAL DISTRICT MANAGEMENT

In partnership with the City of Columbus, Columbus Area Visitors Center, and downtown organizations and business, CAAC helps coordinate programming in the Columbus Arts & Entertainment District. Columbus is one of ten Indiana Cultural Districts recognized by the Indiana Arts Commission. The IAC provides project funding for designated Indiana Cultural Districts, facilitates statewide collaboration through the Indiana Cultural District Consortium, and provides other capacity-building opportunities for cultural district leadership.

### PUBLIC ART MANAGEMENT

In partnership with the City of Columbus, CAAC coordinates the Mayor's Public Art Committee. With membership of local artists and representatives from arts and civic organizations, this group reviews and considers new proposals and works with the community to gather feedback on public art projects in Columbus.

### CMAD GRANT PROGRAM

In 2021, CAAC partnered with the Columbus Museum of Art & Design (CMAD) to award grants to local artists.

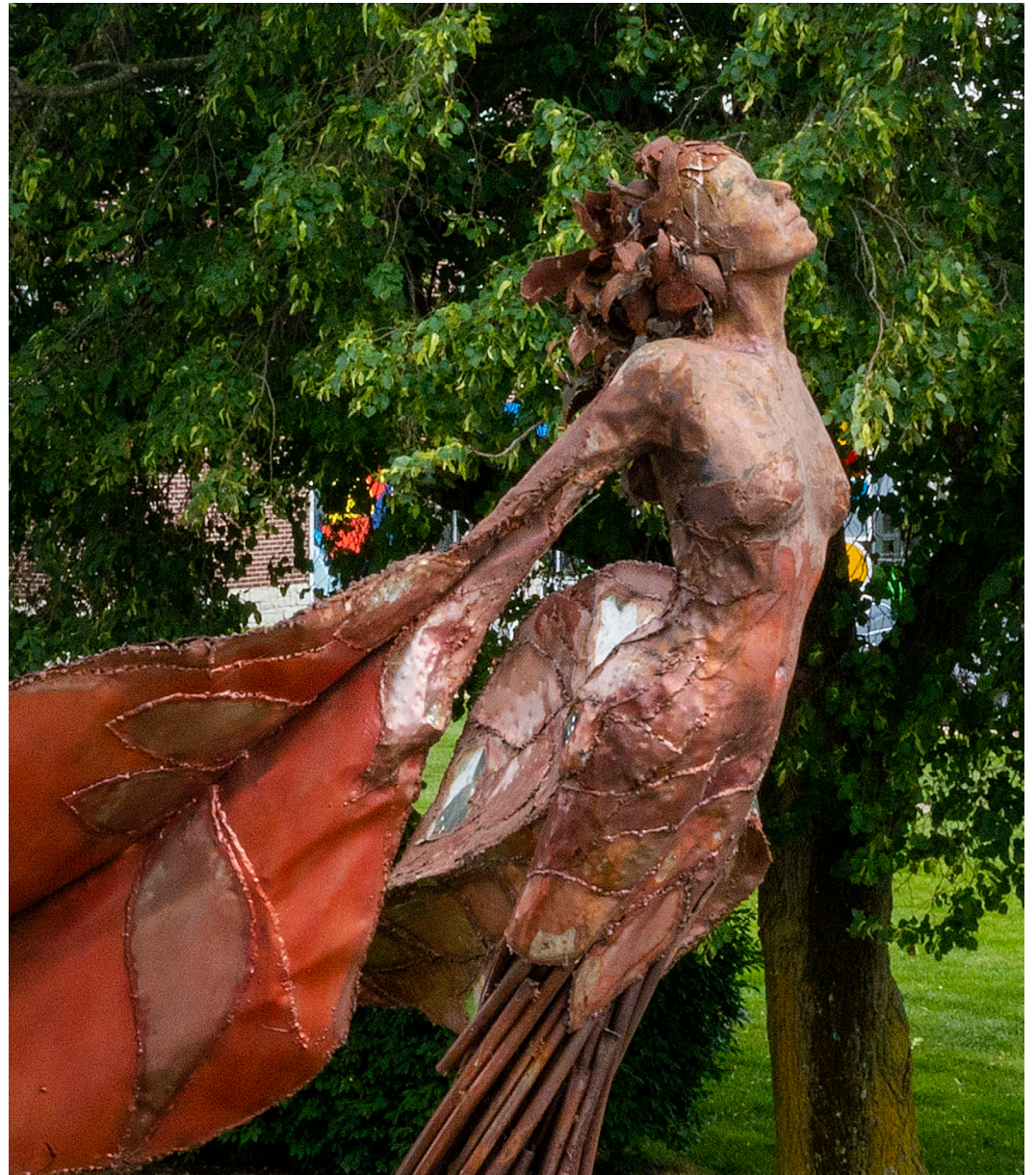


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# PARTNERSHIPS

## INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION REGIONAL ARTS PARTNER FOR REGION 9

The Columbus Area Arts Council is one of eleven 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 the following counties:

- Bartholomew
- Dearborn
- Decatur
- Franklin
- Jackson
- Jennings
- Ohio
- Ripley
- Switzerland

### FY22 GRANTEES

#### Arts Organizational Support (AOS)

Batesville Area Arts Council  
Ripley County

Columbus Pro Musica  
(Columbus Indiana Philharmonic  
Bartholomew County

The Columbus Symphony Orchestra, Inc.  
Bartholomew County

Dancers Studio, Inc.  
Bartholomew County

Dearborn Highlands Arts Council  
Dearborn County

Southeastern Indiana Dance, Inc.  
Ripley 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

Columbus City Band  
Bartholomew County

Dearborn County Citizens Against  
Substance Abuse – Dearborn County

Ethnic Expo, City of Columbus  
Bartholomew County

Exhibit Columbus  
Bartholomew County

Happy Tree Art Studio  
(Fiscal Sponsor: Everyday Connections)  
Jackson County

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana,  
Columbus – Bartholomew County

Jackson County Community Theater  
Jackson County

Ohio County Tourism, Inc.  
Ohio County

Our Heritage, Inc.  
(Jennings County Historical Society)  
Jennings County

Ripley County Tourism Bureau  
Ripley County

Vevay Main Street, Inc.  
Switzerland County



## CAAC STAFF

Kathryn Armstrong, Executive Director, 2021 & 2022

Mandy Grimes, Program Coordinator, 2022

Brooke Hawkins, Interim Executive Director, 2022

Kris Roberts, Operations Manager, 2021 & 2022

Susana Villegas, Program Coordinator, 2021

Kim Wadholm, Operations Manager, 2022

## CREATIVE TEAM

Haley Anderson, 6th Street Arts Alley Events Coordinator

Jan Banister, Interim Gallery Coordinator

Brooke Hawkins, Graphic Design 2021

Yoonji Jung, Graphic Design 2022

## 2021 INTERNS

Priscilla Rocha, graduate candidate of J. Irwin Miller  
Architecture Program

Rachel Staley, graduate candidate of J. Irwin Miller  
Architecture Program

Emma Nolting, BCSC Highschool Alumni

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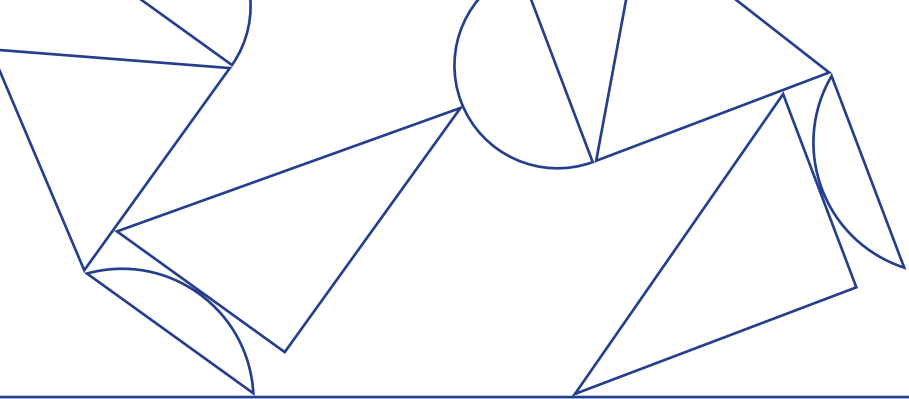
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National Endowment for the Arts  
Network for Good  
Noblitt Fabricating  
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United Way of Bartholomew County

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### **\$10,000 and Above**

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Lisa and Jeff Renner, in memory of  
Sharon Renner

## 2021 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

### Assets

Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$618,231</u>
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$618,231</b>
Fixed assets	
Furniture and equipment	\$464
Leasehold improvements	<u>\$16,84</u>
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>\$2,148</b>
Heritage Fund endowment	<u>\$325,432</u>
<b>Total other assets</b>	<b>\$325,432</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$945,811</u></b>

### Liabilities and Equity

Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$5,755
Other current liabilities	\$1,425
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$7,180</u></b>

### Equity

Unrestricted	\$698,248
Temporarily restricted	\$48,211
Board Designated	-
Operating Reserve	\$50,000
Net Income	\$142,172
<b>Total equity</b>	<b><u>\$938,631</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b><u>\$945,811</u></b>

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

### Revenue and support

Fundraising and Sponsorship	\$268,889
Grants	\$193,667
Programming	\$91,478
Other Income	\$13,613
<b>Total revenue and support</b>	<b><u>\$567,647</u></b>



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