

**MISSION**

To strengthen the community through arts and culture

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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

**CULTURAL EQUITY STATEMENT**

With a vision, “to be the central resource for the arts by inspiring a creative life for all,” the Columbus Area Arts Council (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.

Message from Brooke Hawkins, Executive Director

In 2023, the Columbus Area Arts Council (CAAC) had a remarkable year as we deepened our focus to “strengthen the community through arts and culture.” We grew our relationships with esteemed organizations like the Heritage Fund, Bartholomew County Public Library, and Columbus Philharmonic by engaging in holistic conversations about arts and culture and how we might respond to the evolving needs of our community.

CAAC introduced “Flourishing Through Art,” a programmatic theme aimed at addressing the mental health crisis. A cornerstone of this initiative is our monthly “Open Mic Poetry and Prose,” hosted by local artist Skye Nicholson. This event has cultivated a passionate following while creating a nurturing environment for local artists to thrive. It serves as a powerful testament to the profound impact of art on personal and collective well-being.

We worked with a record number of artists, providing paid opportunities to showcase their talents in our community. Our unwavering dedication is to empower local artists and creative entrepreneurs, nurturing a stronger sense of community identity and belonging through their work.

On the reverse side of this page, you will find a list of names. These people – our friends, volunteers, and supporters – make our work possible. I thank each of you for your dedication to the Columbus Area Arts Council. In the coming year, let us continue to celebrate and cultivate the arts locally, nurturing a vibrant and thriving community.

With Gratitude and Enthusiasm,

Brooke Hawkins  
Executive Director



**2023 CAAC STAFF**

Brooke Hawkins, Executive Director  
Kim Wadholm, Operations Manager  
Anjali Narayanan, Program Coordinator

**CREATIVE TEAM**

Yoonji Jung, Graphic Designer  
Sarah Bernard, Graphic Designer  
TRIFLIX LLC, Photographers and Videographers

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**2023 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$746,614
Accounts Receivable	\$3,250
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$749,864</b>
Fixed assets	
Furniture and equipment	\$812
Leasehold improvements	\$2,612
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>
Other assets	
Heritage Fund endowment	\$307,185
<b>Total other assets</b>	<b>\$307,185</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$1,058,849</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$8,362
Other current liabilities	\$0
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>\$8,362</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Unrestricted	\$919,281
Board Designated	-
Operating Reserve	\$50,000
Net Income	\$81,206
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>\$1,050,487</b>
<b>Total liabilities &amp; equity</b>	<b>\$1,058,849</b>

**2023 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

<b>Revenue and support</b>	
Fundraising and Sponsorship	\$322,135
Grants	\$114,855
Programming	\$54,528
Investment Income	\$23,852
Other Income	\$1,477
<b>Total revenue and support</b>	<b>\$516,848</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Operating	\$210,838
Programming	\$224,803
Artist Fees	\$38,607
Public Art Longevity Fund	\$11,991
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$435,641</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$81,206</b>

Financial Statements presented are unaudited.

# 2023

## columbus area arts council annual report by the numbers

42 programs and events

263 artists engaged

4,516 attendees

411 GALLERY	4	exhibitions	54	artists	1,247	attendees
6TH STREET ARTS ALLEY	4	events	18	artists	1,082	attendees
ARTIST-LED WORKSHOPS	1	workshop	4	artists	40	attendees
ARTIST TALKS	8	talks	17	artists	218	attendees
FIRST FRIDAYS FOR FAMILIES	3	performances	15	artists	745	attendees
OPEN MIC POETRY AND PROSE	11	events	32	artists	329	attendees
POP-UP AND COLLABORATIONS	10	events	101	artists	637	attendees
UNCOMMON CAUSE	1	awesome event	22	artists	218	attendees

# people make our work possible

Thank you to the artists and creatives whose dedication, talent, and creativity are the heart of our community's cultural vibrancy. Your work is the catalyst that sparks conversations, changes perspectives, and forges community connections.

## ARTISTS, DESIGNERS, AND CREATIVE ENTREPRENEURS

3 Beards Strummin – Paul Gaskill, Joshua Hatton, Christopher Newman, Scott Wilson, and Griffin Wilson  
Kyle Battin  
Joshua Bilisko  
Debi Black  
Loran Bohall  
Bright Star Children's Theatre  
Michael Brown  
Alison Buck  
Cheryl Liz  
Karen Chilman  
Betty Creech  
Dancers Studio Inc  
Aja Essex  
Flat Earth – John Carroll, Michelle Chestnut, Marc Gotoh, Kaila Lifferth, Andy Robbins, and Jonathon White  
Laura Foster Nicholson  
Tricia Gilson  
Nina Graue  
Amy Greely  
Elisabeth Hegmann  
Allison Horner

Indianapolis Children's Choir  
Alfonso Jerome  
Annie Johnson  
Samantha Johnson Helms  
Kenyettá Dance Company  
Jenni Kiesler  
Kudmani  
LAA Office – Lulu Loquidis and Daniel Martinez  
Landmark Columbus Foundation  
Stacie Larrison  
Nuni Lee  
Lucky Diaz and the Family Jam Band – Alisha Gaddis, Lucky Diaz  
Ana Meza  
Maddie Miller  
Kendal Miller  
Ryan Murray  
Johnathan Nesci  
Patrick Nevins  
Christopher Newell  
Skye Nicholson  
Adin Niedermeyer

Jess Novitski  
Prachee Palekar  
Greg Potter  
Pretoria – Josh Bilisko, Matt Burdick, Ben Dewitt, Rob Gullett, and Matt Pavlock  
Matthew Ramsey  
Melissa Reardon  
Jaylan Robinette  
Abhishek Satham  
Annie Shields  
Taglia Tool  
Peter Gethin Thomas  
Trifix LLC – Cole Ankney and Tristan Watkins  
Vasquez Photography – Tony Vasquez  
Holly Warren  
Sarah Wells  
Callie Wilder  
Rachel Wilken  
T. Kelly Wilson  
Glenda Winders  
Laurie Wright  
Kevin Zeigler

## 411 GALLERY VOLUNTEERS

Jan Banister  
Amey Dubey  
Vanessa Gutierrez  
Stewart Kelly  
Jaye Lahee  
Nora Mitchell

Thank you to our supporters, program/project partners, volunteers and everyone who helped us deliver our mission, “to strengthen the community through arts and culture.”

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Arts Midwest  
City of Columbus  
Columbus Area Visitors Center  
Columbus Museum of Art & Design  
Custer Nugent Foundation  
Heritage Fund  
Indiana Arts Commission  
The Namaste Foundation  
National Endowment for the Arts

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Eric and Missy Neal  
Scott and Shannon Poling  
Toni and Andrew Ryan  
David and Michelle Spear  
Chuck and Suzanne Wells

## UNCOMMON CAUSE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Kelsey Finch  
Ross Kunkler  
Abhishek Satham  
Cheryl Miles-Vieth

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Hog Molly Brewing Co.  
Scott Wilson State Farm Insurance  
Party Chef  
Junkyard Barbeque  
Antojitos Rosita

## 411 GALLERY

City of Columbus  
Columbus Museum of Art & Design  
Cheryl Miles-Vieth and Ken Vieth

## STUDIO 207

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Columbus Museum of Art & Design  
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## TRIBUTES

In honor of Brooke Hawkins  
Beth Morris  
Karen Shrode