

# Columbus Area Arts Council

2022

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,” 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 2022, the Columbus Area Arts Council celebrated a fantastic year of artistic achievement and community impact. The year was marked by a transition in leadership as the organization bid farewell to Executive Director Kathryn Armstrong after six years in the role. I was hired as the Interim Executive Director in April 2022 before taking the permanent position in February 2023.

We embraced change as an opportunity to deepen our connection to community partners, and we took time to listen and learn from our stakeholders. Throughout the year, CAAC's commitment to "enriching our community through the arts and culture" remained steadfast. We offered beloved programs that resonated with our community, showcasing the exceptional talents of local and regional artists through exhibitions, programs, and events.

Notably, we embarked on a new area of programming in response to a clear need in our community. This initiative supports local artists, with a particular emphasis on fostering their professional development. We introduced mentorship programs, offered business training workshops, and provided valuable resources that empower creative entrepreneurs to thrive.

We are committed to growing our arts community in size and in the richness of its talent. The impact of artists and arts programming will help make Columbus a vibrant and inclusive community. We look to the future with optimism and confidence in our work.

With Gratitude and Enthusiasm,

Brooke Hawkins  
Executive Director



# PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Programs and Events: 23

Artists Engaged: 110

Attendance: 3,063

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





## SPEAKER SERIES POP-UP

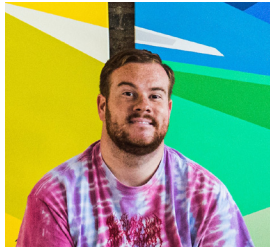
### Small Talk/s

8 talks // 8 artists // 274 attendees

A speaker series featuring local creatives telling their stories, which aims to highlight the varied and circuitous paths our local creatives take in their careers.

### Tiny Talk/s

10 artists // 24 attendees



**Nick Abstract,**  
Muralist



**Loran Bohall,**  
Designer,  
Fabricator  
& Musician



**Jamie Goldsborough,**  
Architect, Graphic  
Designer & Writer



**Louis Joyner,**  
Architect



**Yoonji Jung,**  
Graphic Designer



**Jan Lucas,**  
Musician  
& Author



**Daren Redman,**  
Textile Artist &  
Brown County  
Indiana Artisan



**Peter Thomas,**  
Artist & Educator





## FAMILY FRIENDLY FREE LIVE PERFORMANCES

### First Fridays for Families

3 performances // 15 artists // 758 attendees

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

- “African Folktales” by Bright Star Children’s Theatre
- “Cinderella” by Dancers Studio Inc.
- Mario the Maker Magician

## ARTIST-LED WORKSHOPS

### THOUGHT-PROVOKING, IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES

2 workshops // 2 artists // 59 participants

Workshop participants are guided through the creative process by trained professionals. No prior experience is required.

- Glass with Lisa Pelo
- Handbuilding clay with Mitzi Davis and New Harmony Clay Project







## 411 GALLERY

### EXHIBITIONS, ART-MAKING, AND EVENTS

4 exhibitions // 669 attendees

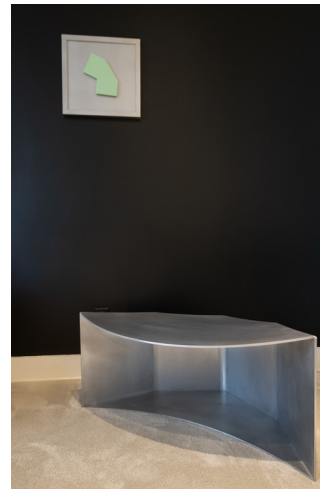
411 Gallery is a community arts gallery and cultural space for exhibitions, events, and collaborations.

#### Exhibitions

- *Home* by Jonathan Nesci & Hope, *Calm and Remembrance* by Rebecca Chamberlain
- *INPerspective* by Ian Carstens, Rachel Kavathe, Sarah Marsom, Jonathan Nesci, Timothy Rix
- *Holding Space* by Amy Greely, *Living in Color* by Daren Redman
- *50/50: A Community Art Project*

#### Community Studio

The Community Studio is a flexible space for local creatives to work, meet, and collaborate. Designed by local firm LAA Office and 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.



# CREATIVE PLACEMAKING

## 6TH STREET ARTS ALLEY

5 events // 1,250 attendees

The 6th Street Arts Alley is a creative hub where people come together to celebrate art, watch live performances, and enjoy local food and drink. Local design firm LAA Office conceptualized the Arts Alley, with features that include two large murals, *Fractalized* by Nick Abstract and *Learning Patterns* by LAA Office; custom-designed, locally fabricated stools; and a ground plane mural.

### Performers

- Southern Indiana Taiko
- 3 Beards Strummin
- Big Foot Yancey
- Dancer's Studio Inc.

### Good Vibes Only

Visitors and community members experienced the space in a new way as the street was closed during the Exhibit Columbus symposium. This passive program allowed visitors and locals to enjoy it freely, from spontaneous meet-ups and conversations to fun pet photoshoots.







## SUPPORT LOCAL CREATIVES

Fulfilling our vision “to be the central resource for the arts” to the community, CAAC empowers local artists, arts organizations, and non-arts organizations through grant funding, mentorship, marketing assistance, and access to resources like shared spaces and equipment.

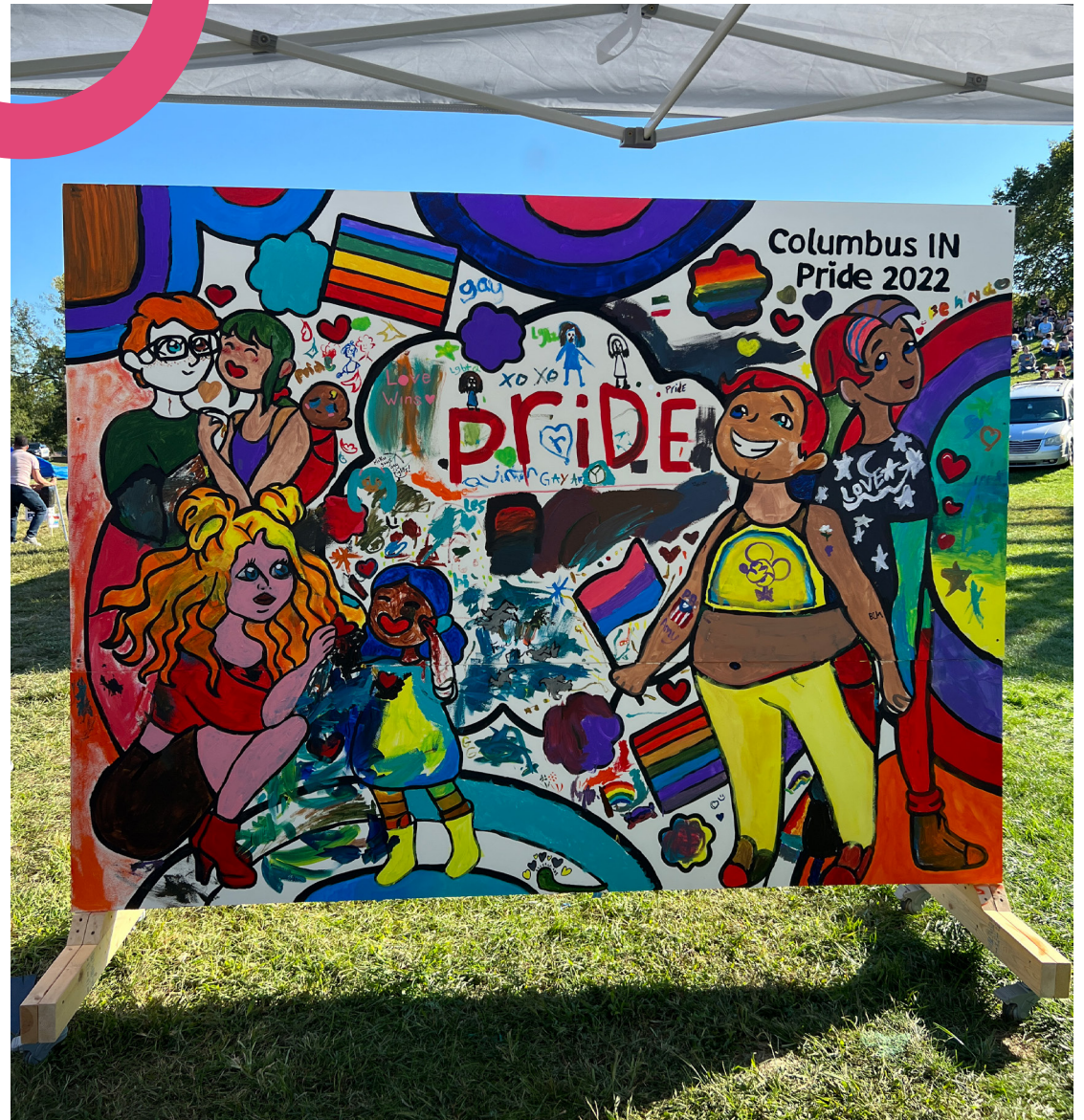
### ART OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Columbus Area Arts Council and Dan Nash of Catalyst Columbus (then Velocities) partnered for a day of learning and networking to accelerate the business of artists and creative entrepreneurs. This free workshop helped individuals brainstorm, plan, and jumpstart their creative businesses.



## COLUMBUS PRIDE

Local artist Adin Niedermeyer created a captivating line-drawing mural, welcoming community members to join in and paint at Columbus Pride Fest. The finished mural provided a picture-perfect moment for festival attendees.





## PARTNERSHIPS

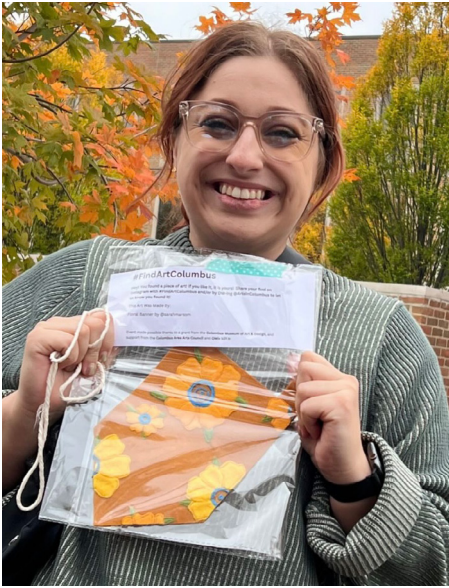
### Cultural District Management

In partnership with the City of Columbus, Columbus Area Visitors Center, and downtown organizations and businesses, CAAC helps coordinate programming in the Columbus Arts & Entertainment District, one of ten Indiana Cultural Districts recognized by the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC). The IAC partners with CAAC to provide 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

Mayor Jim Linehoop established the Mayor's Public Art Committee and invited CAAC to co-lead the initiative. The committee is tasked with stewarding the community's permanent collection of public art by ensuring adherence to best practices regarding the acquisition, creation, installation, maintenance, and procurement of appropriate insurance coverage through public and private support.





## CMAD GRANT PROGRAMS

In 2022, CAAC partnered with the Columbus Museum of Art & Design (CMAD) to administer \$8,900 in grants to local artists and art projects.

### 2022 Grantees

Alison Kocur, *Locally Grown*

Greg Potter, *Cowlaboration*

Kaylee Gesick, *Home To Olympians*

Sarah Marsom, *Find Art Columbus*



## ARTIST MENTORSHIP AND SUPPORT

**The HeART Show:** Supporting Turning Point, CAAC provided workshop space for local creatives to create artwork for this exhibition.

**Blueprints:** Supporting the artist collective One Drop, CAAC provided hospitality for the exhibition's opening reception at the Columbus Area Visitors Center.

**4th Street Art Fair:** Working with local creative Ally Marshall, CAAC provided marketing support, mentorship, and funding for live music.

**Nick Abstract Exhibition:** CAAC supported The Workshop by providing marketing assistance and administering artwork sales for this exhibition.

## INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION REGIONAL ARTS PARTNER FOR REGION 9

\$85,634 in Grants to Columbus Organizations

\$148,338 in Grants throughout our Region

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 Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland counties.

Through this partnership, \$85,634 was awarded to arts organizations and projects in Columbus and \$148,338 across Region 9 in Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023).

### FY23 GRANTEES

#### Arts Organizational Support (AOS)

Batesville Area Arts Council – Ripley County

Columbus Indiana Philharmonic – Bartholomew County

The Columbus Symphony Orchestra –  
Bartholomew County

Dancers Studio, Inc. of Columbus – Bartholomew County

Dearborn Highlands Arts Council – Dearborn County

Mill Race Theatre Company – Bartholomew County

Southeastern Indiana Dance, Inc. – Ripley County

Southern Indiana Center for the Arts – Jackson County

Tree County Players – Decatur County

#### Arts Project Support (APS)

Alisha Gaddis (Fiscal Sponsor: Columbus Museum of Art and Design) – Bartholomew County

Columbus City Band – Bartholomew County

Columbus Scottish Festival Inc – Bartholomew County

Ethnic Expo, City of Columbus – Bartholomew County

The Happy Tree Art Studio (Fiscal Sponsor: Crothersville Community Schools) – Jackson County

Historic Hoosier, Inc. – Switzerland County

Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Columbus –  
Bartholomew County

Jackson County Community Theater – Jackson County

Jennings County Historical Society – Jennings County

Just Friends, Inc – Bartholomew County

Lawrenceburg Community Schools - Central Elementary  
School Visual Art 9 – Dearborn County

Perceptions Yoga, Mindfulness & Art, Inc – Jennings County

Ripley County Tourism Bureau – Ripley County

Vevay Main Street, Inc. – Switzerland County



## 2022 CAAC STAFF

Kathryn Armstrong, Executive Director  
 Brooke Hawkins, Interim Executive Director  
 Mandy Grimes, Program Coordinator  
 Kris Roberts, Operations Manager  
 Kim Wadholm, Operations Manager

## 2022 CREATIVE TEAM

Haley Anderson, 6th Street Arts Alley Events Coordinator  
 Jan Banister, Interim Gallery Coordinator  
 Brooke Hawkins, Brand Manager and Graphic Designer  
 Yoonji Jung, Graphic Designer

## 2022 INTERN

Anna Kelley, Ball State University

## 2022 411 GALLERY VOLUNTEER DOCENTS

Jan Banister  
 Jaye Lahee  
 Nora Mitchell  
 Vanessa Gutierrez

## 2023 CAAC STAFF

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 Kim Wadholm, Operations Manager  
 Anjali Narayanan, Program Coordinator

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# PEOPLE MAKE OUR WORK POSSIBLE

## ARTISTS, DESIGNERS, AND CREATIVE ENTREPRENEURS

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.

3 Beards Strummin – Paul Gaskill, Joshua Hatton,  
Christopher Newman, Scott Wilson, and Griffin Wilson  
Nick Abstract  
Jan Banister  
Kyle Battin  
Bigfoot Yancey – Mike Angel, Loran Bohall, Kevin Grove,  
and Jerin Kelly  
Bright Star Children's Theatre  
Ian Carstens  
Rebecca Chamberlain  
Dancer's Studio, Inc  
Mitzi Davis  
Warrie Dennis  
Flat Earth  
Jamie Goldsborough  
Amy Greely  
Stacy Hardy  
Jules Iradukunda  
Louis Joyner  
Yoonji Jung

Rachel Kavathe  
Jenni Kiesler  
LAA Office – Lulu Loquidis and Daniel Martinez  
Jan Lucas  
Mario Marchese, Mario the Maker Magician  
Ally Marshall  
Sarah Marsom  
Tess Michalik  
Mill Race Theatre Company  
Anna Mort  
Jonathan Nesci  
Adin Niedermeyer  
Lisa Pelo and the Hot Blown Glass team  
Daren Redman  
Timothy Michael Rix  
Southern Indiana Taiko  
Peter Thomas  
Tony Vasquez  
Alfonso Wadholm  
Kevin Zeigler

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.”

With special thanks to:

## GRANTORS

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

## SUSTAINERS

### \$10,000 and Above

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City of Columbus  
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National Endowment for the Arts  
Cheryl Miles-Vieth and Ken Vieth

## SUPPORTERS

### \$5,000 and Above

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Mandy and Drew Wyant

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Anonymous — Individuals who  
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of Bartholomew County

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Laurie and David Wright

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Kelsey Finch  
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Amy McCormick  
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Michelle Spear

## HOGSTOCK HOSTS AND CONTRIBUTORS

Hogstock is an annual music festival that benefits the Columbus Area Arts Council. Thank you to this amazing team for their generous support.

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

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## STUDIO 207

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## TRIBUTES

In honor of Michelle Aton  
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In memory of Patricia (Patsy) Malina  
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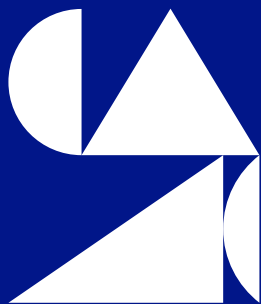
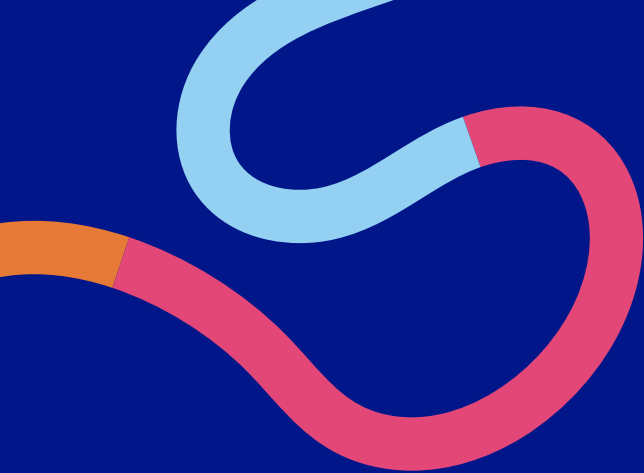


## 2022 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

<b>Assets</b>	
Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$649,674</u>
Accounts Receivable	\$50,882
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>\$700,556</b>
Fixed assets	
Furniture and equipment	\$638
Leasehold improvements	<u>\$2,612</u>
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>\$1,974</b>
Other assets	
Heritage Fund endowment	<u>\$272,751</u>
<b>Total other assets</b>	<b>\$272,751</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$975,281</u></b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$4,533
Other current liabilities	\$2,092
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$6,625</u></b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Unrestricted	\$698,248
Temporarily restricted	\$48,211
Board Designated	-
Operating Reserve	\$50,000
Net Income	\$191,854
<b>Total equity</b>	<b><u>\$988,314</u></b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>	<b><u>\$995,493</u></b>

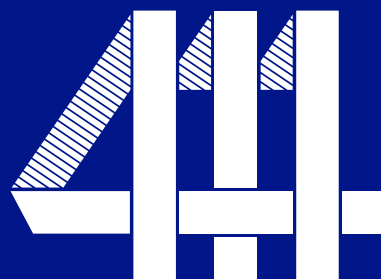
## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

<b>Revenue and support</b>	
Fundraising and Sponsorship	\$225,322
Grants	\$167,144
Programming	\$38,941
Other Income	\$14,699
<b>Total revenue and support</b>	<b><u>\$446,106</u></b>



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