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OF KERSHAW  
COUNTY

# Annual Report

2022-2023

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# Executive Report

*Celebrating Creativity, Community, and Culture*

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we are pleased to share the 2022-2023 Arts Center of Kershaw County Annual Report. This year has been a remarkable journey filled with artistry, inspiration, and the unwavering support of individuals and businesses who believe in the transformative power of the arts.

At the Arts Center, our mission is to enrich lives through the beauty and diversity of the arts. Whether it is through the stroke of a paintbrush, the melody of a song, the grace of a dancer, or the words of a playwright, we believe the arts have the extraordinary ability to connect, educate, and inspire. And it is you – our valued donors, volunteers, and community partners – who make this mission come to life.

This report will share an overview of our achievements and the impact we have had on our community over the past year. From captivating exhibitions and mesmerizing performances to engaging educational programs and meaningful community outreach, we have strived to make the arts accessible to all.

As we reflect on the past year's accomplishments, we also look forward to the future with optimism and enthusiasm. With your continued support, we aspire to reach even greater heights, fostering an environment where the arts flourish and our community thrives. Your belief in our mission fuels our passion and inspires us to dream bigger, create bolder, and connect deeper. Together, we are weaving a vibrant tapestry of culture and creativity which enriches the lives of everyone we touch.

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We invite you to explore this report and discover the magic of the Arts Center of Kershaw County! It is a testament to the power of art to inspire, unite, and transform lives. Your feedback, suggestions, and continued involvement are invaluable to us!

With heartfelt appreciation,

*Dolly G. Patton*

Dolly G. Patton  
Executive Director

*Missy Ferguson Peebles*

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President, Board of Directors

The Arts Center of Kershaw County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to creating an environment that promotes artistic and cultural experiences and provides superior educational, instructional and entertainment opportunities that elevate and enrich the community.

**Christmas by Candlelight**  
Featuring Mark Rapp



**Godspell**

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*At the Arts Center of Kershaw County, our goal is to create a vibrant hub where creativity knows no bounds and where the arts become a source of contemplation and wonder for all!*

**2022-2023 Accomplishments:**

- A new brand identity and logo was created with the tag line “Be Inspired”.
- 2023-2027 Strategic Plan adopted based on interviews with people in the community.
- Facility and rental policies were updated.
- The 25th (and final) Carolina Downhome Blues Festival was held in October 2022 with more than 2,600 people attending. The four-day event had an estimated economic impact of more than \$528,000!
- The Holiday Market returned for 10 days, welcoming more than 600 happy holiday shoppers!
- Affiliate groups are busy as well with Fall and Spring music concerts, quilting workshops, and poetry events.
- More than 17,000 children and adults participated in music, art, drama, and dance programs as well as a variety of community and family events!

**Music**

- Five Blankets & Bands Concerts in partnership with the City of Camden
- Three Jazz Concerts
- Two Chamber Music concerts
- One Big Band Concert

**Art**

- Four gallery exhibitions – Mountain Girls, Kershaw County Visual Arts Society, This Far by Faith, and Boyd Saunders Paddock Parade

**Drama**

- Five musicals – SpongeBob, Bots, A Christmas Carol, Once Upon a Mattress, and Godspell
- One non-musical – Akeela & the Bee

**Dance**

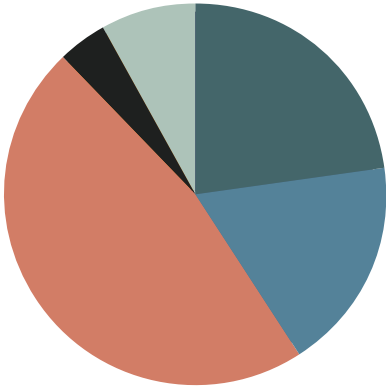
- Two nights of professional Ballet – Romeo & Juliet

**Education**

- The Heritage Tea Annual student project competition and awards program was held.
- Six school performances to more than 1,500 students
- An outdoor concert with North Central High School Marching Band
- A High School Poetry contest with 24 participants
- Arts Arising – more than 100 children are here every day during the month of June!

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# FINANCES FY 2023-2024

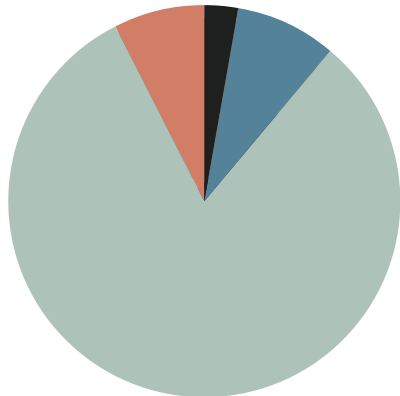


## INCOME

- Donations (23%)
  - Grants (18%)
  - Programming (47%)
  - Rentals (4%)
  - Investment Income (8%)
- Total: \$624,064**

## EXPENSES

- Facility (3%)
  - Admin (9%)
  - Programming (87%)
  - Depreciation (8%)
- Total: \$788,028**



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7/1/2022 — 6/30/2023

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The Sibby and Max Wood Memorial Fund

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# Arts Center of Kershaw County 2023-2024 Season

Highlights include:

- Party at the Pavilion (Sept. 21)
- MAD Festival (Sept. 30 – Oct. 8)
- Dracula: Ballet with a Bite (Oct. 21)
- The Holiday Market (Nov. 30 – Dec. 10)
- Charlie Brown Christmas Concert with the Reggie Sullivan Band (Dec. 7)
- Bassett Gallery – Five fabulous exhibitions
- Black Box Series – Mark Rapp Group (Nov. 2), The Pack (Jan. 12) and an Irish Pub Night (Feb. 29)
- Theatre Season – Quilters (Oct. 6-8), Elf (Dec. 1-3; 8-10), Finding Nemo (Mar. 15-17; 22-24), and To Kill A Mockingbird (April 25-28)



**Paddock Parade Plus**



**This Far By Faith**

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