Dear MAC Family,

The Peggy R. McConnell Arts Center of Worthington experienced unprecedented growth in its 2022-2023 season with expanded performances ON STAGE, exceptional gallery exhibitions ON VIEW, and a tripling in offerings of educational programs IN CLASS. The MAC has reinvented itself as the hub of arts activities in Worthington and BEYOND.

The MAC has established its prominence in the community through activities as diverse as performances featured in its Cultural Connections series, stirring documentaries shown as part of “Exhibition on Screen”, and also as a destination for community conversations.

Welcoming in our community was part of our objectives for the 2022-2023 fiscal year and we did this through collaborations and partnerships with organizations including: Worthington Chorus, Worthington Community Theater, Worthington Chamber Orchestra, The Contemporary Theatre of Ohio, BalletMet, and more.

The MAC continues to strive to be a beacon of entertainment, a source of inspiration, and a home to everyone who walks through its doors.

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The McConnell Arts Center strives to be an integral part of the local creative and civic community. With our beautiful theatre and multiple classroom spaces, the MAC is able to support the efforts of everyone from the Worthington Chamber Orchestra to a local writers’ group. The MAC was even able to step in when the TWHS Theater program was impacted by the high school remodeling.

MAC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
- Dhvani
- Harding-Buller Foundation of Worthington
- Songs at the Center
- Worthington Alliance of Black Families and Educators
- Worthington Chamber Orchestra
- Worthington Chorus
- Worthington Community Theatre

IN-KIND RECIPIENTS — WORTHINGTON
- Building Worthington’s Future
- League of Women Voters
- TWHS Theater Department
- Worthington Pools
- Worthington Women’s Club

IN-KIND RECIPIENTS — CENTRAL OHIO
- Songwriters Group
- VIVO Music Festival
- Writers Group
The McConnell Arts Center strives to fulfill its mission of “Building Pathways to Experience the Joy and Wonder of the Arts” by removing barriers to access in whatever form they may take, believing that everyone benefits from being immersed in the arts and the creative process.

It has been a privilege for us to partner with organizations in Worthington and the greater Central Ohio area, including the YWCA Columbus to support the women they assist. This year we donated high quality art supplies for their Women’s Empowerment Event in the spring. In the fall we provided arts classes to their residents.

We hosted the annual Learning Never Ends art exhibition in our gallery spaces. This show showcases and celebrates the work of developmentally disabled artists.

At our annual MAC Arts Enchanted Evening fundraiser, we raised money for scholarships specifically to provide scholarships that created the opportunity for underserved children to attend Camp Creativity.

Our very highly regarded “ABCs of Encouragement for Girls” exhibit brought an important conversation around girls’ self esteem to the forefront. It also offered an opportunity to get copies of these meaningful books to refugee girls being helped here in Ohio.
ON VIEW

Number of Gallery Exhibitions in FY23
6

Number of Professional Artists Featured in FY23
11
Plus a Selection of Emerging Artists

Number of attendees for On View Events in FY23
6,871

Number of Gallery Tours/Artist Talks in FY23
5

Resin Color Splash by Lee Ann Lander
The past year has seen a **greater than 50% increase in attendees** to MAC exhibitions, with the diversity and caliber of exhibiting artists drawing the attention of **local and regional media**, recognizing Worthington as a cultural destination.

This year saw all of our gallery spaces filled fully for the first time after the pandemic. We welcomed emerging artists in the group show *Worthington on the Walls*, and the season continued with Columbus-based artists showcasing mediums that included photography, fiber arts, clay, and other mixed media. We have welcomed musicians to play during our gallery openings, which is a new addition for this year!
ON STAGE

Number of On Stage presentations in FY23

36

Number of attendees for On Stage Events in FY23

4,978

Number of Free On Stage Events in FY23

8

Number of Student admissions in FY23

419

Griset Damas-Roche performs Flamenco as part of our Cultural Connections series.
In the past year, we have had a **46% increase in attendees**, and audience surveys indicate our programming is attracting patrons **beyond Worthington**, bringing dollars into the community.

In this year we began two new series, a **Cultural Connections series** and a **Family series**. These helped expand our audience and connect our community to new pathways in arts. We welcomed back local and international fan favorites to our performing series, such as Jim and Susie Malcolm, Bobby Floyd, FLIPPO, and Mad, Mad Men.

Patrons responding to our audience surveys praised the quality of performances as well as the venue, many citing the appeal of the intimacy of our theatre experience. One patron summed up what they most appreciated about the concert by saying “hearing great live music once again in this great venue!”
IN CLASS

Number of Classes and Camps held in FY23
114

Class and Camp Enrollments in FY23
1011

Number of Youth Class Offerings in FY23
48

Youth Class Enrollments in FY23
282

Number of MAC Instructors in FY23
26
The number of classes offered at the MAC is almost triple the amount offered last year, while the number we were able to run was more than double. Along with that, the number of class enrollments has jumped by 57%.

We developed new programming for teen intensive summer camps and increased the total number of youth classes that we offer. We have expanded our dance classes to include Flamenco and accessible movement classes as a result of a continued partnership with one of our Cultural Connections performing artists, Griset Damas-Roche and her studio U Will Dance.

We have invested in new tools for the expansion of our visual arts classes including 8 new pottery wheels and a clay extruder for the ceramics studio and a new printing press to explore more printmaking styles through classes.

Additionally, we have been thrilled to have added 7 new teachers to the MAC roster, and as we move into the next fiscal year, we have our eye on even more expansion with additional staff including a Ceramics Technician. Our amazing MAC students and instructors fill the building with creative energy, and we look forward to creating opportunity for it to grow and thrive.
Arts Enchanted Evening is the MAC’s annual fundraiser. Guests were treated to delicious food from Steven’s Catering and this year with a “Game Night” themed song list from Amber Knicole of MoJo Flo. The evening raised over $52,000 to support the MAC’s educational program and specifically a new partnership connecting patrons of the Worthington Resource Pantry with free registration to the MAC’s popular “Camp Creativity”.
The 2023 Worthington Arts Festival was back at the Village Green due to TWHS remodeling. We saw a bump in attendance from businesses and the Farmers Market, and in turn, local merchants reported increased patron traffic.

The Worthington Arts Festival is one of Central Ohio’s premier Fine Art festivals. The 2023 community event was produced by the McConnell Arts Center in coordination with the City of Worthington. Drawing 23,000 visitors and more than 110 artists, the Worthington Arts Festival built pathways to experience the joy and wonder of the arts for Worthington residents as well as patrons from surrounding community who came specifically for this event.

We returned to our roots at our original location on the Worthington Village Green. Located at the intersection of High Street and 161, the festival was featured on all four quadrants of the park and was just a short walk from the businesses and restaurants of historic Old Worthington.

The McConnell Arts Center would like to thank our generous sponsors who made the amazing 2023 event possible, and we look forward to bringing our community together to celebrate creative arts experiences during the 2024 Worthington Arts Festival.

Number of Attendees at 2023 Festival

23,000

Number of Exhibiting Artists at 2023 Festival

113
FINANCIALS

**Income**

- Contributions • 58%  
  $531,438
- Education • 20%  
  $171,333
- Facility Use/Rental  
  9%  
  $83,727
- Arts Festival/Miscellaneous  
  7%  
  $71,886
- Performing Arts  
  6%  
  $61,101

Total Operating Income for FY23  
$919,485

**Expense**

- Programming  
  38%  
  $377,806
- Operations  
  25%  
  $242,662
- Management  
  22%  
  $217,994
- Development  
  15%  
  $150,672

Total Operating Expense for FY23  
$989,134
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The Peggy R. McConnell Arts Center of Worthington brings people together through experiences that spark learning and explore creative conversations.

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