

OUR VISION & MISSION

The vision of the Patrons of the Centre is to sustain artistic excellence in our community through a broad range of cultural and artistic opportunities. Our mission is to directly support The Nixon Centre through membership giving, which sponsors events and educational opportunities in every aspect of the performing and visual arts.

MEET THE ARTIST: Gaeun "Sophia" Lee



As the winner of the 2023 Harriet Owens Alexander Visual Arts Scholarship, as well as the Anne Quinn Powell Scholarship, Sophia Lee has shown remarkable talent and dedication throughout her high school career. As a first generation immigrant from Korea, Sophia says "I have found comfort in the visual arts from a young age because of an initial language barrier. Visual arts was a bridge between myself and a foreign country, and I could communicate without actual words." Sophia plans to pursue a career in Fine Arts Education in hopes of facilitating growth in future artists.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear Patrons,

Thank you for supporting arts, education, and our community as a Patron of The Nixon Centre. Your support inspires minds, encourages innovative ideas, enriches lives, and strengthens our community. Your investment serves to open the world of art, music, theatre, literature, and new ideas to students of all ages.

What a tremendous year we have had, with the pandemic in our rearview mirror and the doors of The Nixon Centre open once again. Your generosity has enabled thousands of students and members of our community to enjoy programs, performances, art exhibits, lectures, workshops, and more! This year we enjoyed performances by The Contenders, Good Shot Judy, Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes, and many more. Your investment in the community has supported 150 students who participated in Art and Theatre Camps at The Nixon Centre this summer, as well as the STAR "Summer of Shakespeare" program for local high school thespians. Preschoolers came to "Dance Around the World" with the Atlanta Children's Museum on The Nixon Centre stage. Since we encourage the arts and learning for all ages, our adult community members learned how to look at art from Art History Professor Dr. Nathan Rees, studied the art of floral design with Karen Craddock, decorated cakes with renowned cake artist Bonne Boyd Bedingfield, and learned printmaking with Chad Loftin.

Our Grow the Arts grant program that serves Coweta County teachers provided direct funding for students in the classroom. Your support this year facilitated 22 grants awarded to Fine Arts teachers, providing instruments, art materials, and supplies for their work with students.

Additionally, in 2023 the Patrons awarded scholarships to 10 exceptional graduating seniors who have excelled in the performing and visual arts. The art on our cover was created by Gaeun "Sophia" Lee, who was awarded the Harriet Owens Alexander Visual Arts Scholarship, as well as the Anne Quinn Powell Scholarship. Be inspired by all of our scholarship winners as you read about them in the pages that follow.

Through your Patron membership and support by attending events at The Nixon Centre, you are inspiring and enriching lives every day. Thank you in advance for your renewal as a Patron for the coming year and season. We look forward to seeing you soon at The Nixon Centre, and a heartfelt thank you for your investment in education and the arts through The Nixon Centre.

Sincerely,

Board Chair

Board Chair Elect



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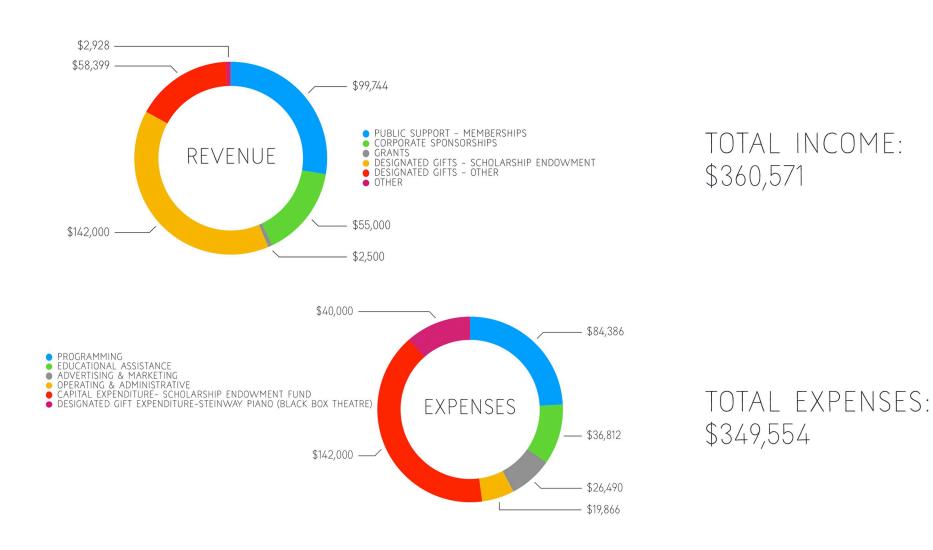






FINANCIAL STATEMENT GIVING & EXPENSES

Summary of Fiscal Year Ending 06/30/2023



NET OPERATING INCOME: \$11,017



2023 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



OLIVIA LANDIVAR
East Coweta High School
Patrons of The Nixon Centre
Choral Scholarship



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Scholarship



SOPHIA LEE
East Coweta High School
Harriet Owens Alexander
Visual Arts Scholarship
& Anne Quinn Powell
Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

The Patrons of the Centre, Inc is a nonprofit organization formed in 2007 to support the Nixon Arts Centre in Newnan, Georgia, as part of the Coweta County School System. Our membership organization's mission is to directly support the Nixon Centre for the Arts through membership giving, which sponsors events and educational opportunities in every aspect of the performing and visual arts.

Since its inception, the Centre Patrons have donated more than \$1,000,000 in funding to the Nixon Centre for the Arts in support of artistic programming and educational opportunities!

The Centre Patrons began funding and awarding scholarships to graduating Seniors from the Coweta County School System in the disciplines of the arts in 2009. Since that time more than \$90,000 in scholarships have been awarded to more than 75 students.

When the pandemic hit in 2020, the Centre Patrons organization experienced a drop in funding, along with many other nonprofits. It was with that experience that the Patron Board realized the scholarship program required assurances that funds would be available each year to award scholarships to deserving students within our community.

As a result, in 2021 the Patron Board formed the Centre Patrons Scholarship Endowment Fund in an effort to raise a minimum of \$200,000 to endow the Patron Scholarships awarded each year. The creation and fulfillment of this endowment will ensure the funding of our current scholarships each year.

Donations of all levels to the Scholarship Endowment fund are welcomed and appreciated! A \$20,000 level donation to the Endowment allows for named scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each year to honor and/or memorialize individuals in the disciplines of the arts.

The Scholarship Endowment Fund will enable our current scholarships to be funded in perpetuity. It will allow the opportunity for community members to endow a scholarship in honor or in memory of an arts patron with a "named" scholarship for years to come.

Donations to the Patrons Scholarship Endowment can be sent to PO Box 1422, Newnan, Georgia 30264. Please make checks payable to The Patrons of the Centre and mark "scholarship endowment" in the memo line.

For more information, contact centrepatrons@gmail.com.

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*As of July 1, 2023









































































GROW THE ARTS

SUPPORTING FINE ARTS TEACHERS IN THE CLASSROOM





This year our Grow the Arts program made an exceptional impact on our community. We had the privilege to award 22 grants to local Coweta County teachers, totaling \$10,000. These grants have allowed our Fine Arts departments to purchase various needed items and expose students to experiences that were not possible within their alotted budgets for the school year. It is our goal to continue to fund these efforts through continued grants. These tools and experiences are highly important to the continued expansion of arts education within our community. It is through Patron funding that these programs are possible, and it is so rewarding to see the joy this program brings to our educators and their students.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

- "So thankful for this opportunity! My students used the art supplies to paint in U.S. History, as well as to create ceiling tiles through our Ambassador program for Elevate, Guidance, Front Office and a few classrooms! We also made cards for a lot of different groups throughout the year and created a MakerSpace within the classroom!"
- Erica Pater, East Coweta High School
- "Thank you so much for the grant! We worked very hard to turn the materials purchased with grant funds into beautiful tables that are much safer for our pottery classroom."
- Alyssa Hale, Newnan High School
- "We hosted a glass harp demonstration. Our students learned about the science of sound and pitch and were able to hear Mr. Brien play the water harp, a unique instrument!"
- Lilith Tate, Western Elementary School







STAR PRODUCTION

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM SUMMER 2023

The Superintendent's Theatre Arts Resource (STAR) program is a summer theatre opportunity for students from all three of Coweta County's public high schools. This summer 17 students presented a production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, led by Coweta County school teachers Scott Ondovchick, Cassandra Scott-Fortune and Kate Fussell, along with professional movement director and choreographer for *Shakespeare's Globe Theatre* in London, Kate Webster

Nixon Centre where she taught the students all about Shakespearean dialect, movement and choreography. Helping students connect to the work of Shakespeare through the characters and learning how its relevance translates across history is key to her instruction. She said "Shakespeare is kind of this thing that gets put on a pedastal, but actually within all this, [the actors] still have the same amount of freedom to offer up choices. You can see [the students] developing with that more and more, that there really isn't a 'right' way to do it."

The value of opportunities like the STAR program is immeasurable. Students learn the ins and outs of theatre productions and develop a greater appreciation for theatre. They learn to interact with students from different schools, with a variety of backgrounds in a positive, non competitive environment. The arts are meant to create a discussion and working together on a production can connect students in a unique and valuable way. When experiences like STAR exist, the learning doesn't stop when the curtain closes, but continues long after the final curatin.

































































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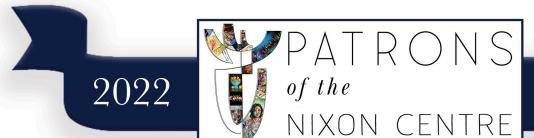
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FROM THE DESK OF DIRECTOR, CATHERINE L. NIXON

"The Nixon Centre for the Arts is immensely grateful for the invaluable support of the Patrons of The Nixon Centre. As we look toward our next season of community and school events, we are filled with appreciation for the contributions of the Patrons that play a tremendous part in making The Nixon Centre the beacon of the arts in our county. Together, we are able to enrich the lives of students of all ages through the visual and performing arts as an extension of the classroom and as a home for creativity, individuality and imagination. The Patrons and The Coweta County School System provide the foundation on which The Nixon Centre stands tall as a venue of excellence. We look forward to pulling back the stage curtains on another successful season as partners committed to the arts."





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- Recognition in all Patron programs

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- Pre-Sale Tickets available for Patron sponsored performances
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- Pre-Sale Tickets available for Patron sponsored performances
- Invitations to special Patron events
- Recognition in all Patron Programs

PRODUCERS - \$1000

- Pre-Sale Tickets available for Patron sponsored performances
- Invitations to special Patron events
- 2 seats in the Patron reserved seating section for all Patrons sponsored performances
- Recognition in all Patron Programs

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- 4 seats in the Patron reserved seating section for all Patrons sponsored performances
- Recognition in all Patron Programs

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- 6 seats in the Patron reserved seating section for all Patrons sponsored performances
- Recognition in all Patron Programs

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"Creativity is a way of living that is open to us all, because it arises frm the spirit within us. This is one of the best-kept secrets in the Western world. In fact, we have been taught the opposite: that creativity is only for the elitist few.

Of course there are in every generation some very specially talented artists, whose work brings great pleasure and joy. But if we put these great artists on a pedestal, to the exclusion of everyone else, we can kill off the creative gifts in the rest of us. And if we do that, we destroy our vitality as a people.

Not every artist is a special kind of person, but every person is a special kind of artist."

- Eric Gill

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