Message from the Executive Director

I feel a sense of awe as I think back on the past 20 + years of Artistree’s operation, observing how we as human beings long to express ourselves from our early childhoods through our senior years via one form of art or another, and how we are compelled to be together. I am impressed with our communities’ collective will to engage with their creative energies. I am tremendously grateful to those who recognize the importance of a community art center and contribute their resources to keeping Artistree alive and well as an organization. A place like Artistree exists solely due to the will and enthusiasm of its community members.

Accessibility in terms of affordable programming is the fundamental resource that Artistree strives to provide to our area. It is so very important that arts experiences are offered in a way that excludes no member of our community for any reason - but particularly due to expense hardship. Artistree also requires a formula for sustainability so it can continue to be a thriving community asset.

Donors such as yourselves are the real heroes of Artistree. Not only do donations help Artistree keep programming affordable and available—they assure those of us who work and teach here that we are valued and appreciated. Our commitment to what we do becomes strengthened.

My hopes for Artistree’s future are simply that it continues to be a well-used, life-enriching and perpetual attribute of our surrounding towns and villages. Ultimately this is up to the community itself—the participants and benefactors that believe in how the arts strengthen us as individuals as well as encourage and reinforce the bonds of communication that make us a flourishing community. Thank you for being right here with us this year. We simply could not do this work without your generosity and support.

Kathleen Dolan

Clockwise from top left: Kathleen in the kids’ playroom; Summer concert on the hillside; Spectators at the Wimby Hoyt Gallery Exhibit; Summer camp kids; Outreach Coordinator, Finnie Trimpi teaching a class at the Wilder School; Artist Rae Newell speaks at Artistree’s Garden Gala Benefit to celebrate our 20 years in operation.
Meet Sam Estes! Sam is an energetic young woman from Hanover, NH currently pursuing her degree in early childhood education at River Valley Community College. She is a Special Olympics athlete who loves to swim, ski, and bowl. Sam is an outspoken advocate for inclusivity who lives with cerebral palsy and uses a mobility device full-time.

Sam attends Artistree’s weekly outreach classes with Zack’s Place* participants. “Often with disability, there aren’t a lot of ways to express yourself with different media. Artistree makes you feel included. There are not a lot of places like Artistree that make you feel this way.” Artistree instructors are not only welcoming and accepting, but are supportive in other important ways. Outreach teacher Finnie Trimpi is, Sam says, “very thoughtful and methodical in what she presents. She meets everyone’s needs. I think how she teaches is really unique.”

Arts outreach classes help build relationships, too. “I never felt that I had much of a community where I grew up. I was the only one in a wheelchair. I had no exposure to people with disabilities.” And the very act of creating is a benefit: “Clay is really good for fine motor. I’m not specifically in occupational therapy or anything right now, so that really serves, for me, as kind of an OT therapy session for like an hour where I can just be, and create, and not have to worry about making it all perfect. It’s working all the muscles it should.”

Supporting programs like Artistree’s outreach is important, Sam says, “because it’s part of someone’s life. And it doesn’t just help the participant. It helps the families and the caregivers supporting them, because [instructors] have different ideas for resources that they bring to the table.” For Sam, arts outreach has been a vehicle for community, for relationships, and for personal growth.

Sam is passionate about education and she holds a vision for a more unified society where not only are places accessible to everyone, but where stigmas and stereotypes are broken down so people of all abilities have equal opportunities for social participation. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for Sam as she pursues her dreams of advocacy and teaching.

*Zack’s Place in Woodstock, VT offers inclusive enrichment programs to people with special needs and the community at large.
Artistree relies on earned income from its mission-driven programming, from its available investments, and from the generous support of donors and sponsors like you. We do not rely on federal or state government funding for ongoing support of our mission and activities. While Artistree presently draws the largest proportion of its income from investments, we have focused on cultivating our growing base of community support to advance the financial sustainability of our organization. Every dollar contributed to Artistree helps to ensure our ability to provide high-quality arts experiences to the Upper Valley community for the long term.

**Sources of Revenue**

- **Earned Income from Programs**: 25%
- **Investments**: 63%
- **Contributions and Grants**: 12%

**Operating Expenses**

- **Arts and Music Programming**: 43%
- **Theater Operations and Productions**: 26%
- **Gallery Operations**: 7%
- **Marketing and Development**: 10%
- **General Administration**: 14%

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**Programming Reach**

**Theater and Music Audience Distribution**

**Program Enrollment Distribution**

**PURPLE CRAYON PRODUCTIONS**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN NET ASSETS, 2023**

**OPERATING REVENUE** $k
- Earned income from programming: 523
- Contributions & Grants: 259
- Investments: 1,350
- Total operating revenue: 2,132

**OPERATING EXPENSES** $k
- Arts and music programming: 954
- Theater operations and productions: 578
- Gallery operations: 152
- Marketing and development: 209
- General administration: 305
- Total operating expenses: 2,198

Change in net assets from operations: (66)
Our Generous Donors

We are so grateful to our 2023 donors for being a part of Artistree’s cause. Your support ensures our community has access to arts that inspire, educate, and bring people together for a common purpose. Your generosity inspires us every day. Thank you all for helping us celebrate our 20th anniversary. Let’s raise a glass to 20 more years of community arts!

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Jessica Abbott
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2,659 Garage Theatre tickets sold

$500-$999
Ann Balderston-Glynn
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1,006 music tickets sold in 2023

42,215 total staff hours in 2023

A beautiful evening for Music on the Hill
Chad Hollister performs to a packed house in the Hayloft Performance Space.
Linda and Steven Blais  
David Bollinger  
Allison Bradley  
Karen Branz  
Sara and Chip Brettell  
Trudi Brock  
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Peter Fleishman  
Peter Forrest  
Amy Franzen  
Elizabeth Frasca  
Marsha Fraser  
Milton Frye  
Sally Garmon  
Emily Geiger  
Margery Gray  
Deborah Greene  
Shelly Greenfield  
Kelli Guss  
Robert and Honoré Hager  
Mary Hamilton  
Bonnie and Adam Hammerschlag  
Hazel and Walter Harrington  
Donna Hay  
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Sue and Bill Heston  
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David Hooks  
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Maxine Hung  
Siobhan Hulihan  
Beth Hunt  
Kelly Hyyson  
Suzanne Jones  
Richard Joseph  
Magdalene Karalis  
Melanie Katzman  
Peter Kaufman Ph.D.  
Charan Kaur  
Edmund Kelloog  
Jessica King  
Karen Kipke  
Nancy and Joel Kober  
Marion Koetsier  
Richard and Lyn Kolb  
Todd Kowalczyk  
Debra Kraemer  
Samuel Landsman  
Caroline Levy and  
Bradford Limpert  
Donna Lombard  
Kathryn Lucey  
Nancy Lynch  
Kathryn Mann  
Larry Margulies  
Diana Marsh  
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Philip Mason  
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Kristin May  
Anne McCormick  
Adelaide McCracken  
Molly McDermott  
Thomas McGraw  
Carole McNamee  
Kate Mellor  
Jane Metcalf  
Dorsey Miller  
Wendy Miller and Daniel Bollag  
Brian Minisce  
Krista Mock  
Judy Moore  
Carol Moriarty  
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Adrienne Morosini Heilman  
June Naclerio  
Kirsten and Barry Oates  
Robert O’Brien  
Laura O’Dwyer  
Dulce and Michael O’Hare  
Joan Oppenheim  
Caroline Orgain  
Bill and Kate Overbay  
Priscilla Painton  
Andrew Heyward  
Daniel Perkins  
Chris Pettker  
Amy Pomeroy  
Judith Pond  
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Virginia Ramus  
Margaret Redpath  
Lisa Repp Parsons  
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Gina Roberts  
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Ridge Satterthwaite  
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Patricia and Wendell Scott  
Jess Seely  
William Sharpe  
John Sharry  
Karim Silverman  
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Emily Snyder  
Kathleen and Alfonse Sorrentino  
Stacey Spring  
Karyn Stack  
Sophia Stone  
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Nicole Walker  
Havah Walther  
Joshua Weinstein  
Ignacious Wentling  
Sarah Wesson  
Fadia Williamson  
Christa Wurm  
Xiaoyu Zhang  

1,300 summer camp spots filled

120 exhibiting gallery artists

4,590 class, camp and workshop participants in 2023

Little Shop of Horrors at the Grange Theatre

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Art has the power to transform lives, ignite creativity, and spark change. Join us in our journey to make inspiring, meaningful, and educational experiences available to all. Together, we can make a profound impact. Here's how you can get involved:

1. Donate: Support community access to music, theater, visual art, movement and more through scholarships, outreach, and on-campus programs and events.

2. Volunteer: Make an impact while meeting new people and sharing your skills. Want to learn new skills? We are always looking for enthusiastic folks to help out!

3. Spread the Word: Share our mission with your friends, family, and social networks. Together, we can amplify our impact and reach even more people who share our passion for creativity and connection.

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Innovative Summer Enrichment for Young Learners

Rising kindergarteners in our community had an extraordinary summer thanks to a collaboration between Artisteer and SOAK (Student Opportunity for Achievement and Knowledge), a summer program operated by the Mountain Views Supervisory Union (formerly Windsor Central Supervisory Union). A new, innovative arts-based summer camp was generously funded by a Vermont state Expanding Access grant provided to Artisteer. The program aimed to address a persistent shortage of summer programs for young children in the Woodstock area.

The four-week camp cultivated essential social, emotional, and academic skills while offering fun and creative activities designed by Artisteer instructors. Under the guidance of in-district early childhood educators, 27 kids attended full-day camp at Woodstock Elementary School. Bus transportation and lunches were provided to all campers.

The camp was more than just a place for artistic expression—it was a hub for holistic learning. Literacy and mathematics were integrated into lessons throughout the week. Through collaborative projects and group activities, children developed crucial social-emotional skills such as empathy, communication, and teamwork. These skills not only fostered positive relationships among peers but also laid a strong foundation for children entering kindergarten.

The impact of the camp was undeniable. Not only did educators note improvements in academic readiness and social skills, but children with special education plans were able to access speech and language and physical therapy services they would not otherwise receive. Furthermore, the program established an annual school district summer program for children between the ages of four and five that will continue into the future. This collaborative effort exemplifies the power of community partnerships in providing enriching opportunities for local youth. It’s a testament to the transformative potential of arts-based education in preparing children for success in school and beyond.
Nestled in the hills just 3.4 miles north of Woodstock, VT, Artistree Community Arts Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides opportunities for joyful, meaningful, and satisfying experiences in the visual arts, movement, theatre, music, and more. Community members of all ages and abilities participate in a wide variety of arts programs, performances, gallery exhibits, and events throughout the year. A core tenet of Artistree's mission is to make the arts accessible to all regardless of financial ability.