

In the years that I have lead Young Audiences of Oregon & SW Washington, the *Why?* of arts in education has become crystal clear. Certainly, the publication of *Critical Links:* Learning in the Arts and Student Achievement and Social Development (http://www.aep-arts.org) emphasized that the arts are essential to student learning. Kids thrive intellectually and emotionally when they play instruments, act in plays, write poetry and paint pictures.

Over the years, Young Audiences has worked with hundreds of talented artists and teachers, who have been instrumental in the lives of thousands of young people and their families. During the past several years, we have begun to focus on teachers, helping them to enhance their use of the arts in their classrooms. We have assessed and commissioned outside

evaluation, sought out national research studies to bolster our work, and truly tried to improve learning opportunities for students. And all along the way, teachers, volunteers, donors, parents and artists joined us in helping kids thrive via the arts. But wait.... stop for a moment to think about what the community might be like without Young Audiences.

Defining our value through our projected absence is a startling way to examine the extent of this organization's impact in the community. This annual report imagines our absence in Oregon & SW Washington, and takes stock of the loss that absence would engender. If anything, this report makes it very evident that Young Audiences gives a great deal to the young people in our community. We will continue to help kids thrive for years to come!

> Sarah Avery Johnson **Executive Director**

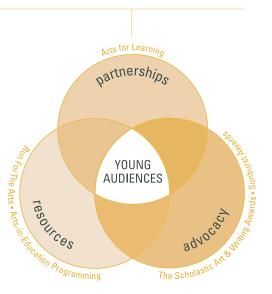
"Art is something that gives us hope and solace, and allows us to have a perspective on our lives. " Yo Yo Ma

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Young Audiences is the oldest and largest arts-in-education organization in the Pacific Northwest, whose mission is to arts community. Young Audiences serves as a **rich resource** to for the arts in education at national, state and local levels.

enhance young people's learning with creative resources from the communities and schools, **establishes partnerships** with community organizations to support arts-education outreach, and **advocates**



"Having a community artist from the outside come into the classroom allows students a certain kind of freedom to express, experience and create!" Russ Ford, Teacher



Young Audiences brings into schools an incredibly rich and diverse roster of 135 music, dance, theater, visual and performing artists and ensembles. These accredited teaching artists, representing myriad cultures and art forms, assist students in meeting educational standards.





Without Arts-in-Education Programming, 368,944 students would not have experienced 8,767 hours of arts education.

2002-2003 IMPACT:

368,944
276
6
52
12
302
8,767
590
8,141
36

"Children tend to do better in all their subjects when the arts are part of their overall education." Mary Oberst, Oregon's First Lady



Young Audiences' annual Run For The Arts is a jogathon conducted by individual schools and coordinated by Young Audiences. Students secure pledges for laps run, raising funds to pay for creative educational arts programming that supports the curriculum at their school.



2002-2003 IMPACT:

funds raised	\$616,241
participants	23,194
schools	115
school districts	23
counties	9
\$ raised \$ since 1977	6,975,456

Without Run For The Arts, \$616,241 would not have been available for arts education.

"What continues to drive us is that parents really do want their children to be well-rounded human beings and the arts are embraced for this reason." Renee Fern, teacher

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Arts for Learning, Oregon's Art Century, is a statewide approach to for teachers in arts planning, arts

> Arts for Learning Consortium: A consortium of agencies and organizations that support Arts for Learning.



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to comprehensive professional development
ts exploration and arts advocacy.

- : Eastern Oregon University School of Education and Business
- Oregon Alliance for Arts Education
- Oregon Arts Commission
- Portland State University Graduate School of Education
- Southern Oregon University
 Department of Education
- Western Oregon University
 College of Education
- Young Audiences of Oregon, Inc.

Without Arts for Learning, 303 teachers would not have increased their skills and knowledge about teaching and integrating the arts.

2002-2003 IMPACT:

teachers	303
schools	25
school districts	8
counties	8
states	2
participating organizations	10

"To experience the artistry of music, dance, or theatre... these things have power to inspire and motivate the soul for a lifetime." Wynton Marsalis



in Portland and Vancouver middle and high schools, while also recognizing the success of their teachers.



Young Audiences is the regional sponsor of this national project that encourages, fosters and rewards creativity in our classrooms. The Awards honor young and talented students in art and writing

2002-2003 IMPACT:

students entered	181
school districts	17
counties	4
regional awards	67
national awards	3

Without The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, 67 middle and high school students wouldn't have been recognized for their outstanding achievements.

"What's left for Young Audiences?... to expose millions of youngsters to the magic and enduring richness of the arts." Mstislav Rostropovich



Each year, Young Audiences honors representatives of the community who have demonstrated exemplary commitment to the arts in education at the annual Sunburst Breakfast. This year, special guest Mary Oberst, Oregon's First Lady, spoke about the necessity of the arts in the lives of young people, and Young Audiences' roster artist Habiba performed West African songs and dances.



Without the Sunburst Awards, the Northwest region would not have celebrated the outstanding leadership of 11 dedicated individuals and corporations.



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ADVOCACY

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ARTISTS

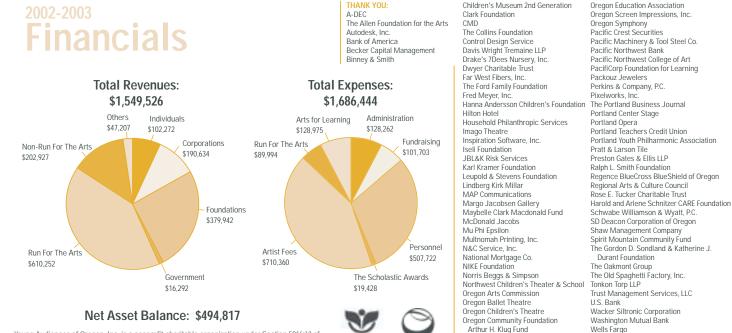
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