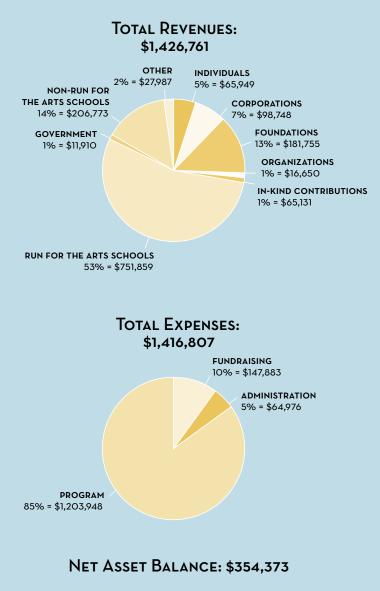
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# YOUNG AUDIENCES CONNECTS...

### ...KIDS TO THE WORLD

The Internet is flourishing. Business is global. To succeed in the next century, today's students need strong communication skills and the ability to accommodate a multiplicity of viewpoints. Nothing can better prepare them for the challenges of an interconnected world than an education enriched by the arts.

### ...ARTS TO LEARNING

Young Audiences helps teachers make lessons more meaningful by using the arts to create a context for learning. Kids are encouraged to project their imaginations, skills and natural interests into their own education. Lessons are retained because they have been truly experienced.

### ...WITH KIDS IN NEED

Many students come to school unprepared and never catch up. Performances and workshops from our artists can reach these students and engage them in the educational process for the first time. As a result, their self esteem improves, as does their academic work.

Young Audiences is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating children through the arts, placing artists in the classroom, making the arts an integral part of the school curriculum, and advancing the field of arts education through professional development workshops for classroom teachers and artists.

# Arts in Education

CONNECTING STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND ARTISTS

There's no question about the benefits children derive from inspiring art experiences. But how much greater would the impact of an African drumming performance, ceramics residency or storytelling workshop be if it was reinforced by lessons from a classroom teacher trained to weave art into the curriculum? Young Audiences trains teachers and artists to work together to create meaningful cross-disciplinary lessons to benefit a child's education.

Young Audiences publishes and sends to hundreds of schools the Young Audiences Educator's Guide to Community Arts Resources, helps teachers plan lessons and locate artists and cultural resources that will motivate students and support curriculum connections.

## 2004-05 School Year

310,656 Arts Experiences (Residency sessions, Performances, Family Arts Nights)

### PROVIDED BY

271 Professional Teaching Artists

### IN

228 Schools in Oregon and SW Washington

## **RUN FOR THE ARTS** CONNECTING SCHOOLS TO COMMUNITIES

Run For The Arts brings together children, teachers, families and local businesses for the shared purpose: of raising funds that will ensure the arts are present in their school.

At Echo Shaw Elementary in Cornelius, Oregon, evidence of past Run For The Arts warmly greets you at the front door. A 50-foot-long tile mural graces the entry into the school, tracing the natural landscape and wildlife of Oregon. Every inch of the mural displays the creative work of small artists' hands, the same students who will run to raise the funds necessary for them to continue to have the opportunity to experience the power of the arts.

Since 1977, Run For The Arts has helped schools raise more than \$8 million for arts in education.



## 2004-05 School Year

- \$751,859 Raised BY 26,404 Participating Students IN
  - 119 Schools

  - 20 School Districts
    - IN
  - 7 Counties
  - IN
  - 2 States

# SPECIAL PROJECTS

CONNECTING WITH PARTNERS

2004-05 School Year

MetLife's Dance for Life was an innovative six-week movement education program that touched the lives of fourth and fifth grade students in two Portland Title I schools. Young Audiences partnered with **OREGON BALLET THEATRE** in an extended residency experience that included an up-close look at the daily routine of a professional dance company.

Art as a Catalyst for Writing, a teacher professional development workshop connecting writing with visual art, was designed with the **PORTLAND ART MUSEUM**, whose galleries served as the classroom.

We collaborated with the **CAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT** to create district-wide teacher professional development connecting visual arts to reading and writing, and drama to social sciences and language arts.

Through support from the **REGIONAL ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL** and the **OREGON HERITAGE COMMISSION'S LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTENNIAL IN OREGON**, three Title I schools received 10-session residencies connecting the arts to the Corps of Discovery. (For example, using William Clark's journal entries and non-fiction literature about the Corps as inspiration, theater artist Caren Graham guided students at Creston Elementary to develop historical characters and scenes that depicted trials and hardships experienced on the trail.)

# SPECIAL EVENTS

CONNECTING TO THE COMMUNITY

**ARTFUL PALATE** is a spirited evening in the Pearl District that combines fine cuisine and engaging entertainment by our artists to benefit the work of Young Audiences.

Act I: Guests gather at an elegant central location to sip champagne and nibble hors d'oeuvres while bidding in a silent auction of kid art.

Act II: With bells and fanfare, guests were sent on their way to one of five locations for dinner, a performance and dessert.

**THE SUNBURST AWARDS BREAKFAST** is Young Audiences' annual recognition of those in our community who have made exemplary contributions to arts in education. Honorees have included corporations, foundations, philanthropists, advocates, artists, schools, teachers and arts organizations.

# Young Audiences is Making Connections That Last.