

50 years of bringing arts to kids

Young Audiences of Oregon & SW Washington has reached the half-century mark! Since 1958, hundreds of thousands of young people have had their lives and educations enriched through the dynamic performances, residencies and workshops of Young Audiences' dancers, musicians, muralists, ceramic artists, storytellers, drummers and poets. We connect these professional teaching artists with classroom teachers and together they use the arts to make learning come alive for their students.

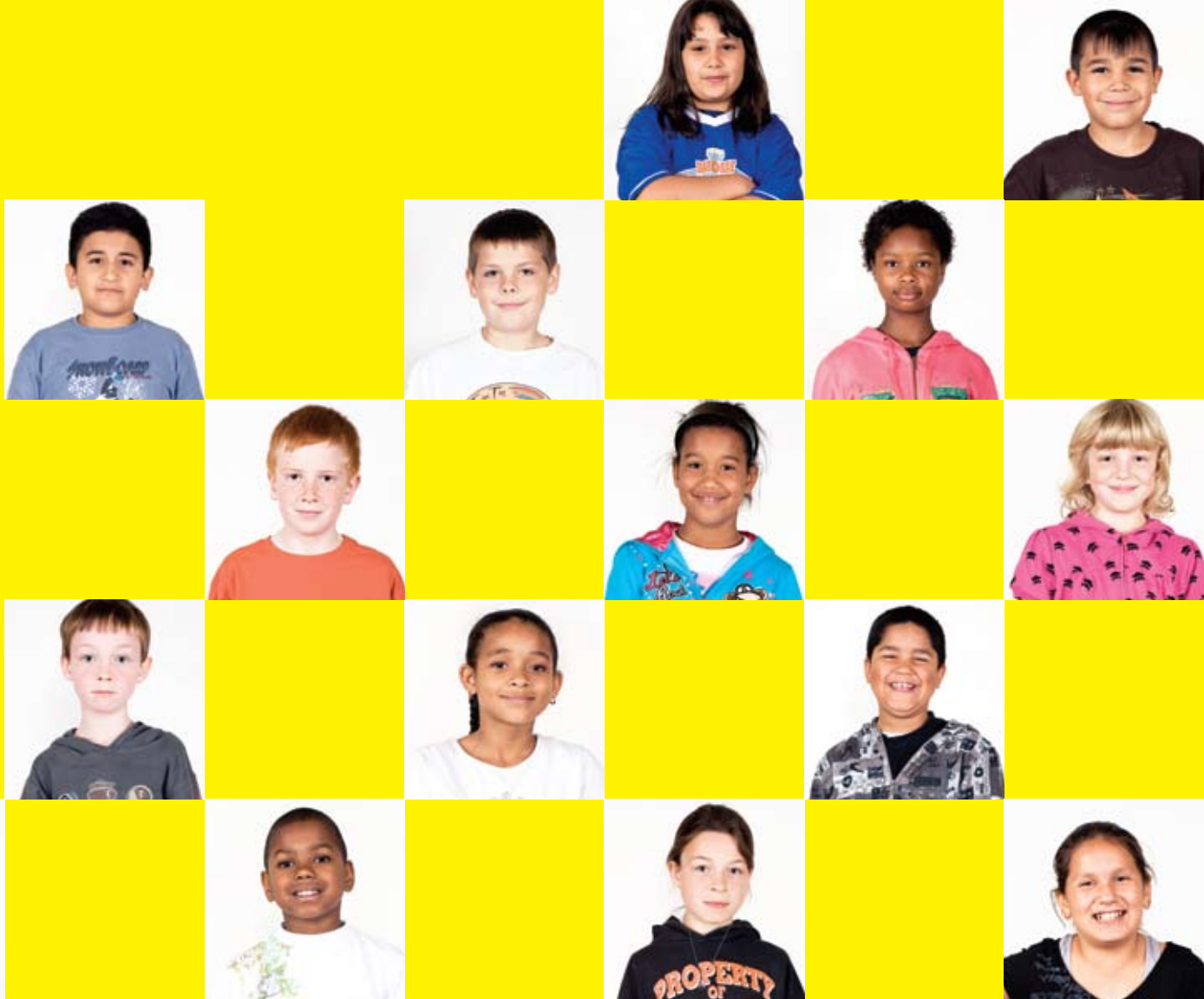
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why we do what we do

The arts cultivate the whole child: mind, heart and body. Young Audiences is committed to keeping the arts at the core of learning. Our community is rich with artists who play a unique and essential role in the education of today's young people. Each time the arts intersect with classroom teaching we witness a powerful moment in the life of a child.

Let us tell you why.



Students who participate in the arts
are four times as likely to be recognized
for academic achievement.



Students who studied dance score higher on measures of creative thinking, especially in the categories of fluency, originality and abstract thought.



Students who participate in the arts learn how to make decisions in situations where there are no standard answers.



The arts help all students develop
more appreciation and understanding
for the world around them.



Students who participate in the arts
read for pleasure twice as often.



Students at risk of not completing high school cite their participation in the arts as a reason for staying in school.



The arts help students develop a sense of craftsmanship, goal-setting and pride in a job well done - all skills needed to succeed in the classroom and beyond.

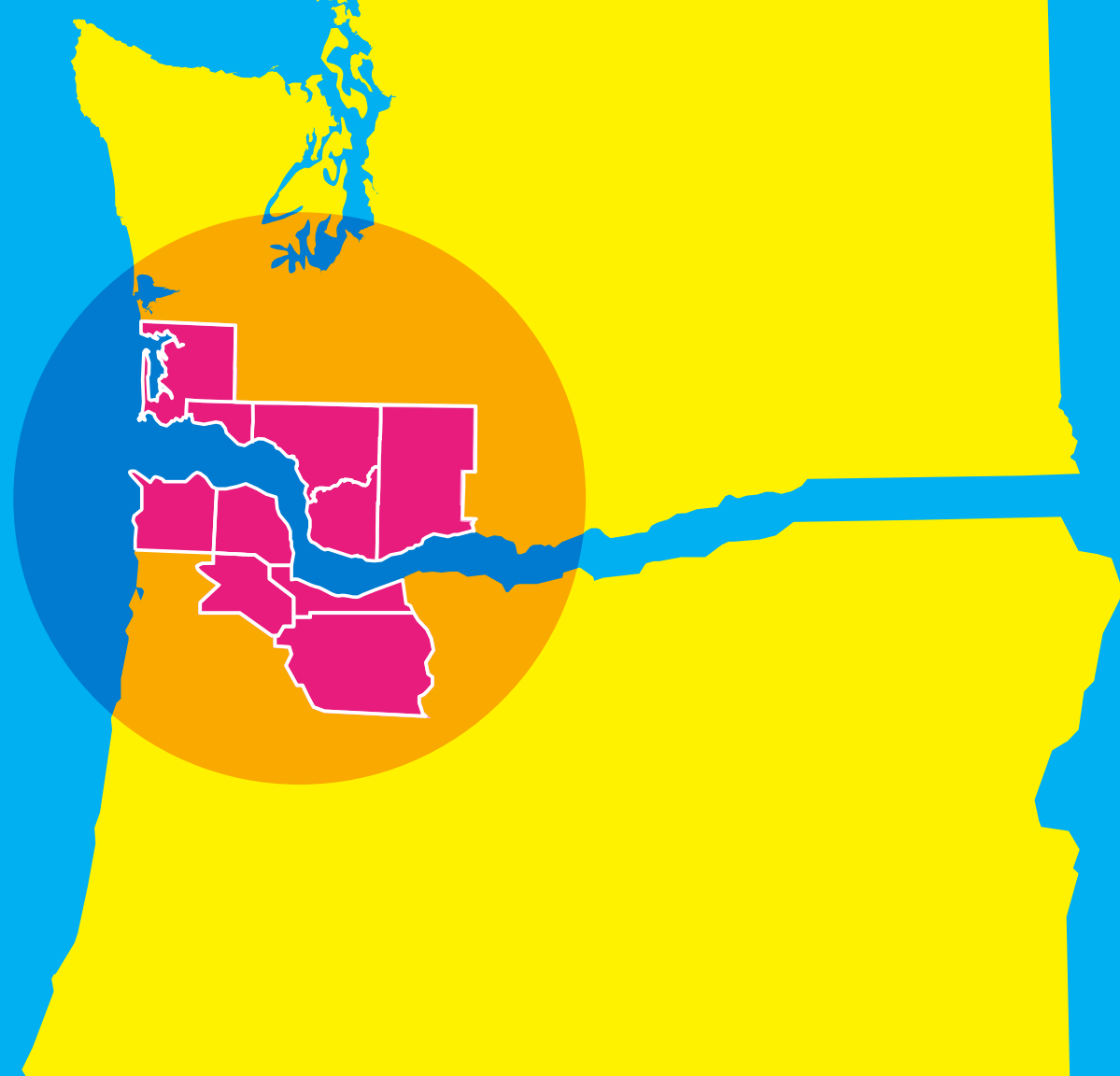


**This year we brought the arts to
94,768 children in over 200 schools**

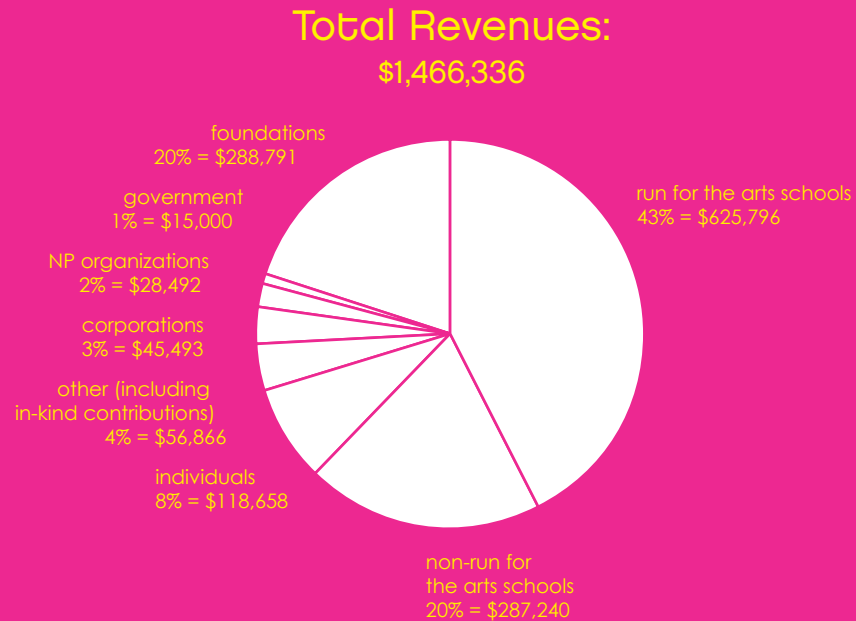
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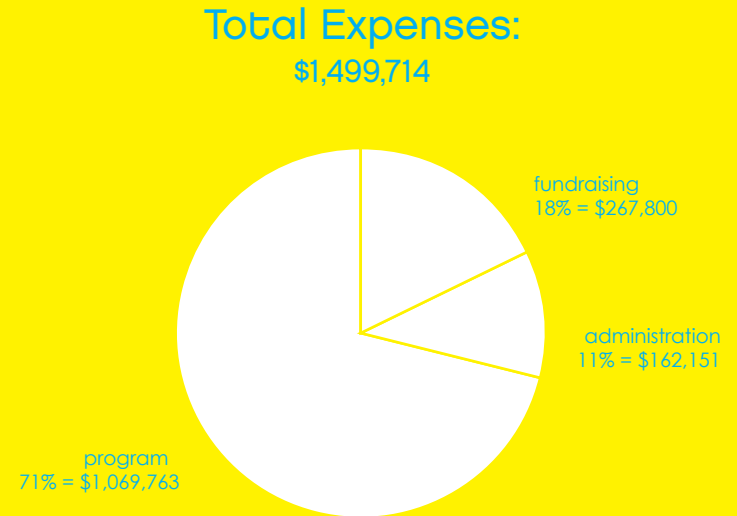
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2007-2008 Financials



Last year, 23,343 students in 97 schools raised \$758,309 through the Run For The Arts, an annual jogathon coordinated by Young Audiences. The schools used these funds to bring artists into their classrooms, pay for field trips to see performances and exhibitions, and purchase art supplies.



Net Asset Balance: \$617,965

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