



ANNUAL REPORT

Bringing the Arts
TO THE SCHOOLS OF
Johns & Wadmalaw Islands

2024
EDITION



WHO WE ARE

Arts, etc. is made up of about 200 women living on Kiawah Island and Cassique, who are committed to making arts education available to the students on Johns and Wadmalaw Islands. The majority of the schools we serve are Title 1 schools where the income profile of the district is often inadequate to support arts programming for their deserving students. This type of programming is known to enrich the overall education experience.

Each year we hold our major fundraiser, the Kiawah Art & House Tour, to raise money for our mission. Through the generosity of our business sponsors, member and friend donations, we are able to offer 20+ quality programs annually, to over 2,000 students in the community schools provided by the high quality music and arts organizations in the the Charleston area.

OUR MISSION

We support arts education for the students of Johns and Wadmalaw Islands and provide cultural enrichment for members.

Some of the programs we sponsor...

(for complete list, see final page)

- **Chamber Music Charleston** - *Classical Kids*
- **Charleston Jazz** - Jazz Combo Classes, Melodica Classes, In-School Concerts
- **PURE Theatre** - After School Theatre Programs
- **The Gaillard Center** - A variety of in town performances that reach 1500 of our students.
- **Charleston Stage** - Workshops and Performances of *A Year With Frog & Toad*

OUR IMPACT



13 PROGRAM PARTNERS

Local non-profit arts organizations that provide educational and cultural experiences.



OVER 20 SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Annual events organized by our Program Partners and sponsored by Arts, etc. funding.



MORE THAN 95% PARTICIPATION

Virtually every student at Johns and Wadmalaw Islands schools participates in an Arts, etc. sponsored event yearly.



WHO WE SERVE



5 LOWCOUNTRY SCHOOLS

Johns and Wadmalaw Islands students in elementary, middle, and high school.



350+ HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

St. Johns High School students are impacted by programming through the Gaillard, Charleston Jazz, PURE Theatre, and more.



200+ MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Haut Gap Middle School students are provided with arts enrichment through drama, dance, arts technology, and jazz music clubs



1.2K+ ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Angel Oak ES, Mount Zion ES, and Frierson ES students benefit from a wide range of events both in-school and off-site.



54 YOUTH SYMPHONY MUSICIANS

Arts, etc. is sponsoring Charleston Symphony Youth Orchestra students in a trip to Carnegie Hall in New York City in February 2025.

WHY DOES ARTS PROGRAMMING MATTER TO STUDENTS?

Voices of Johns and Wadmalaw Island School Leaders

*There are many reasons why Arts, etc. has transformed our climate and culture at Haut Gap Middle School. We try to engage all students and your contributions have made a difference. The variety of activities are exciting and students are eager to join and participate. Arts, etc. has been so generous with the amount of people and activities. Often, middle school students have a difficult time fitting in and finding friends. These activities allow students to be exposed to authentic experiences and new people. We are excited that **over 100 of our students are participating and thriving each week**. I look forward to our students being able to enjoy all the offerings of Arts, etc. Thank you for all you do for our students on Johns Island!*

J. Travis Benintendo, Principal
Haut Gap Middle School



*The arts provide both **mirrors and windows for student experiences** -- students can learn more about themselves and learn about others through the arts!*

*The arts **boost critical thinking skills** -- students have to create, plan, make decisions, take risks, etc. which all help students grow!*

*The arts **deepen our students' knowledge and understanding**, both of themselves and of the world around them!*

Anna Mims, Principal
Mt. Zion Elementary School



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Arts education impacts our students by:

- ***Enhancing Creativity and Critical Thinking:*** *Engaging in the arts encourages students to think outside the box, fostering creative problem-solving skills. This nurtures their ability to approach challenges in innovative ways, which is essential not only in arts-related fields but in all aspects of life and learning.*
- ***Improves Emotional Expression and Confidence:*** *Arts education provides a platform for students to express themselves in a safe and supportive environment. Whether through theater, music, or visual arts, children can explore and convey their emotions, leading to improved emotional intelligence and self-confidence. This is particularly beneficial for young people who might struggle with traditional forms of expression.*
- ***Supports Academic and Social Development:*** *Studies have shown that students who participate in the arts often perform better in other academic areas. The skills gained from practicing and performing such as discipline, focus, and collaborative work—translate to improved performance in subjects like math and reading, while also enhancing social skills and teamwork.*

*Arts education truly builds a strong foundation for **personal growth, academic achievement, and life skills that benefit young minds**. The transition is remarkable. Our kids leave these programs with a new attitude and mindset. Each day they grow and improve their craft by trusting themselves and the educators. We are so grateful for these programs and would love to continue creating these opportunities for our kiddos.*

Miracle Mozzee, Communities in Schools Site Coordinator
Haut Gap Middle School

FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended 09/30/2024

Arts etc.		
Statement of Revenue and Expenses		
Annual Report		
	2024	2023
Revenues:		
House Tour Business Sponsors	\$ 92,500	\$ 98,100
Member Sponsor Donations	\$ 74,191	\$ 71,228
House Tour Ticket Sales	\$ 34,546	\$ 40,959
Auction		\$ 25,607
Non-Member Donations	\$ 9,750	\$ 15,141
Membership Dues	\$ 18,850	\$ 9,600
Interest Income	\$ 11,455	\$ 4,272
Total Revenues	\$ 241,293	\$ 264,907
Less:		
Program Partners/School Distributions	\$ 255,515	\$ 125,100
Fundraising	\$ 11,264	\$ 19,671
Administrative	\$ 28,695	\$ 22,278
Total Expenses & Distributions	\$ 295,474	\$ 167,049
Net Increase in Cash	\$ (54,181)	\$ 97,858
Mission Expense as a % of Total Expenses	86.5%	74.9%

Arts, etc. raises **over \$200,000** from the annual Kiawah Art & House Tour, Member and Sponsor Donations, and other events such as art auctions.

More detail available upon request.

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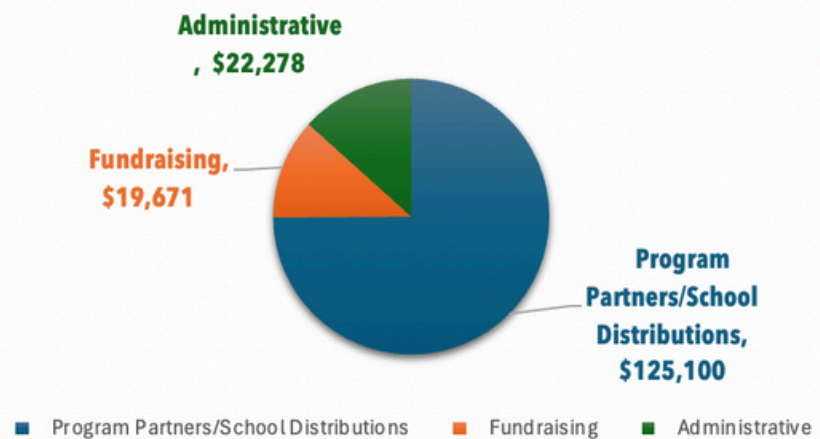
Fiscal Year Ended 09/30/2024

Arts, etc. strives to **minimize its operational expenses** and **maximize funding available for its programs.**

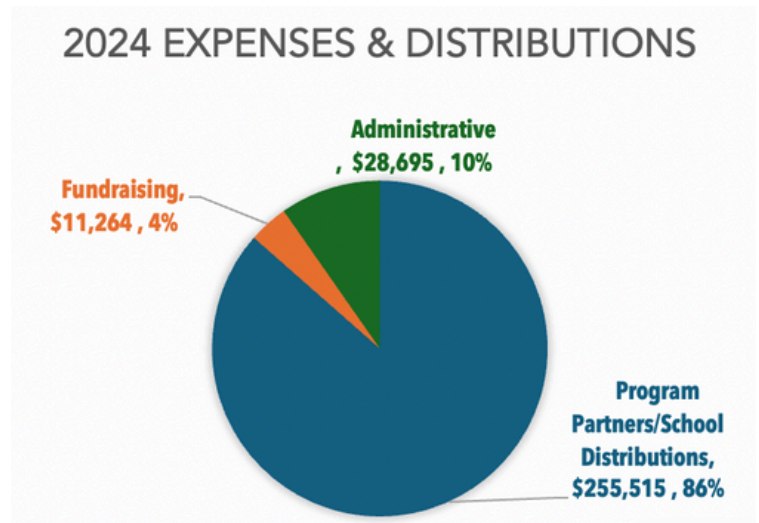
In FY24, Arts, etc. used **86%** of available funds to support Program Partners and schools.

Arts, etc. distributes funds to Program Partners and Schools.	
PURE Theatre	\$ 45,215
Charleston Stage	\$ 44,978
Gaillard Center	\$ 30,000
Chamber Music Charleston	\$ 27,130
Charleston Gaillard Center	\$ 20,000
Palmetto City Ballet	\$ 20,000
Charleston Jazz	\$ 18,455
Angel Oak ES/Arts Now	\$ 12,500
Engaging Creative Minds	\$ 10,400
Yo Art	\$ 6,140
Frierson Elementary	\$ 6,021
Haut Gap Middle School	\$ 5,876
Charleston Children's Opera	\$ 4,000
Gibbes Museum	\$ 4,000
St. Johns High School	\$ 800
Total Distributions	\$255,515

2023 Expenses & Distributions



2024 EXPENSES & DISTRIBUTIONS



More detail available upon request.

PROGRAM PARTNERS

2024-2025 Sponsored Programs Listed Below



- Teacher Development Training for Arts-Based Curriculum



- Classical Kids Concert, *Dream*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *Drum Girl*
- String Residency Program
- *Of Mice and Mozart*



- Melodica Classes
- Jazz Combo Classes
- 3 Live In-School Performances



- Workshop and Matinee, *A Year with Frog and Toad*
- Collaborative Mini Musical with Chamber Music Charleston



- Trip to Carnegie Hall in NYC for 54 Students in Charleston



- Hip Hop Master Class



- Children's Opera, *Goldie B. Locks and the Three Singing Bears*



- Master Classes



- Education Season includes 11 Different Shows and 17 Performances



- Open House Night for Title I Schools



- Assembly Program, *Creating a Ballet*



- After School Theatre Program



- Coding/Programming
- Digital Photography
- Filmmaking/Videography

2023-2024 MEMBER SPONSORS

See our website for 2024-2025 Sponsors.

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