



2023

IMPACT REPORT

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"How commonplace would the world be, and how dull would our lives be without the beauty, excitement, and wonder of art!"

- Eric Johnson,
HRAC Board of Directors

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From the President

It isn't a surprise to anyone that the creative arts are a powerful catalyst for communication and connection; and how those interactions can ferry us through challenging times and enrich joyous ones. Song and dance, photography, written and spoken word – we all have deeply seated memories tied to some form of art, a miracle that has always fascinated me.

I'm beyond grateful to be able to share the story of this past year in the following pages. As always, thank you for your support which strengthens our community's cultural identity and secures a space of imagination and inspiration to its members.



Jordan Kenning, President

From the Director

I am so grateful to everyone who supports the Hammond Regional Arts Center. With your help, in 2023, the Arts Center presented a robust roster of programming that gave individuals from southeast Louisiana the opportunity to engage in the arts!

With help from supporters like you, HRAC expanded programs, such as ARTisTRY Kids' Summer Camp and Playing the Staircase. As we look back on what you helped us accomplish, I hope you share in my excitement for the coming opportunities in 2024. This report gives you an idea of the impact you made by supporting the Arts Center, as well as a peek into what's next.



Melissa Griffin, Executive Director

The Director's Takeaway from 2023:

While, as an organization, we experienced great loss in 2023, we banded together, forged closer bonds and deeper appreciation for one another and our community through a shared love of the arts. I can't say enough about how grateful I am for our Board of Directors and staff members--who give so much of their energy to this organization--and for the donors who generously and enthusiastically support it. I'm proud to serve this community with you!

2023

at the Hammond Regional Arts Center included many special exhibitions and activities:

- **Playing the Staircase** returned, thanks to the efforts of volunteer coordinator Troy Bennett and staff member Tara Bennett.
- HRAC presented **City of Hope: Resurrection City & The 1968 Poor People's Campaign**, a poster exhibition organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service in collaboration with the National Museum of African American History and Culture.
- **ARTisTRY Kids Summer Camp** expanded to include an additional week of Young Actors Camp.

Turn the pages to find out more!

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Mission

The Hammond Regional Arts Center supports, promotes, and coordinates visual, performing, and literary arts in Tangipahoa Parish and surrounding parishes. Our goal is to promote the region's diverse artistic and cultural resources, to support established and emerging artistic endeavors, and mobilize public support for the arts to ensure a rich and multifaceted art heritage for present and future generations.

Our primary mission is to enrich lives through quality arts education, develop an appreciation of the arts within individuals, and introduce the public to professional exhibitions, performances and literature.

Building a stronger community by enriching the lives of individuals through culture & the arts.

Brandon Mulina

In Memory

With heavy hearts and profound sadness, we said good-bye to a remarkable individual, our beloved Vice President Brandon Mulina.

A beacon of progression and compassion, he ensured everyone involved with the Hammond Regional Arts Center felt welcomed and had the best time at events, both big and small. Brandon left an indelible mark on our organization and all who had the privilege of meeting him.

Brandon was a member of the Hammond Regional Arts Center since 2006 and served as a Board Member since 2016. His warm smile, infectious laugh, and unwavering dedication endeared him to everyone he met, fostering an environment of camaraderie and inspiration. Brandon's invaluable contributions were instrumental in propelling our organization to unprecedented heights of success, and his absence leaves a void that can never be filled.



As we mourn the loss, we also celebrate a life lived with purpose and generosity, a legacy that will forever resonate within the fabric of our organization. Our thoughts and prayers are with Brandon's family and loved ones during this difficult time.





The Hammond Regional Arts Center serves the area with art exhibitions, performances, educational opportunities and cultural celebrations. Formerly the Hammond Cultural Foundation, the organization has been housed in the historic downtown Levy Building since its inception in 1982. The Levy Building serves as a conveniently-located space for the public to engage with a variety of artistic expressions by local, regional and nationally-recognized artists.

Gallery

In addition to the original gallery space on the Main floor, the Arts Center has created multiple spaces for exhibitions, including the Mezzanine Gallery, located upstairs in the Levy Building, and the Virtual Gallery, on our website.

Art Education

Through our education program, we aim to offer an array of enrichment, skills development and professional training opportunities. The ARTisTRY Program—including affordable classes for all ages, as well as summer arts camps for children—offers skills development through introduction and advancement in a variety of mediums. In conjunction with this program, the Hammond Regional Arts Center creates a connection with public school arts educators in order to help fund or make art supplies and equipment available for their classrooms.

Artists' Professional Development

Be it visual, performance, or literary arts, for the last four decades, the Hammond Regional Arts Center has been a haven for local artists looking to gain experience, build their professional resumes, network with artists and collectors, or receive recognition for their work.

Along with visual arts exhibitions, programs such as Playing the Staircase, the HRAC Podcast, dance performances, theatre and literary celebrations all offer local artists the spotlight they deserve.



Your support makes enriching the lives of individuals through the arts possible.



Serving Our Community

2023 Engagement by Numbers

Support from generous members and donors help us reach the community through the arts.

3,951 Gallery Patrons Engaged

1017 Volunteer Hours Served

82 Volunteers

261 Children Engaged

235 Exhibiting Artists

110 Pieces of Art Sold

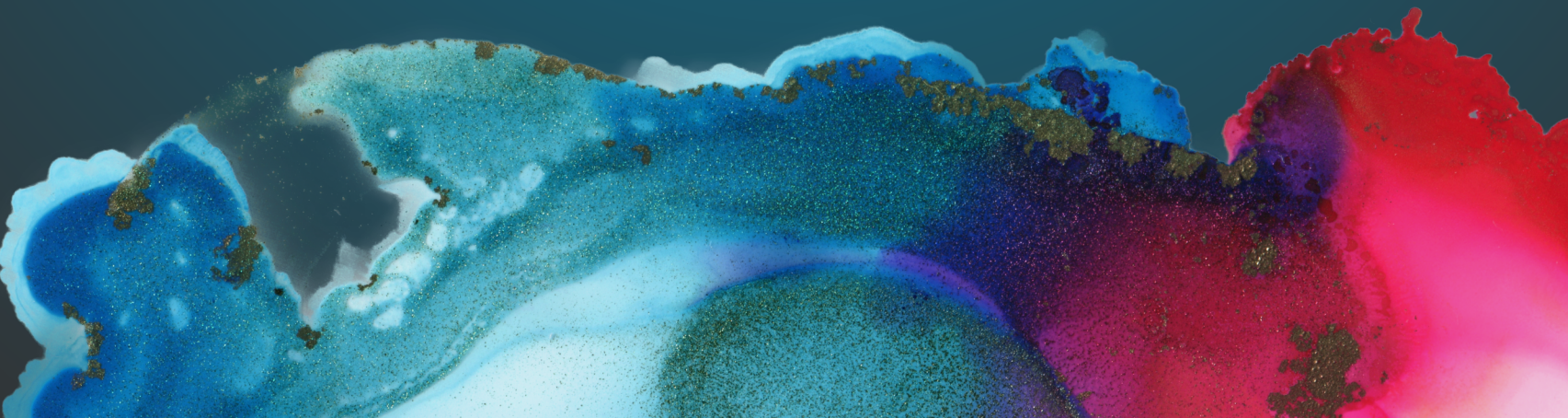
26 Artists Sold their Work

248 Supporting Members

39 First-Time Members

27 Petcasso Members

112 ARTisTRY Class & Camp Students



2023 Programming



ARTisTRY Classes

Kids, teens and adults all benefit from the educational opportunities offered at HRAC. ARTisTRY provides classes that introduce students to a variety of artistic techniques and help develop or hone their skills.



ARTisTRY Kids Summer Camp

Summer Camp at the Hammond Regional Arts Center was fantastic fun this year! During Week 1 of ARTisTRY Kids Summer Arts Camp, the campers, ages 6 through 12, spent time at the Arts Center exploring portrait drawing, working with clay, wire sculpting, weaving and making paper.

For the first time, HRAC was able to offer a second week of summer arts camp for children. Week 2 of ARTisTRY Kids Summer Arts Camp was a Young Actors workshop that included movement techniques, mask making and dialogue.



ARTisTRY 2023 was made possible with support from



2023 Programming

Petcasso



The Hammond Regional Arts Center has invited pets to join as members through our exciting new program, "Petcasso Members."

Pets of all kinds have joined in the fun of supporting local arts! Visit www.hammondarts.org/petcasso to see photos of all of our pet members.



Celebrating the beauty of local, original music with the Playing the Staircase listening room series.

From the intimate setting to the shared love for acoustic performances, it's been quite a musical journey. We appreciate our local musicians and our audience members who come out each time. Special thanks to Troy Bennett for all his work behind the scenes to make this series happen.

Playing the Staircase

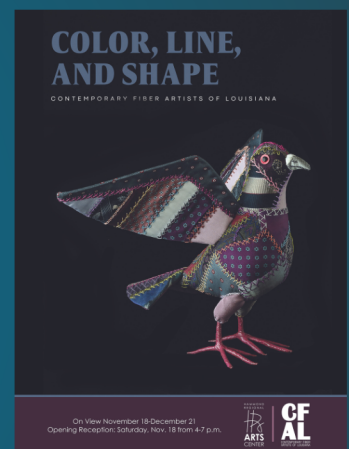
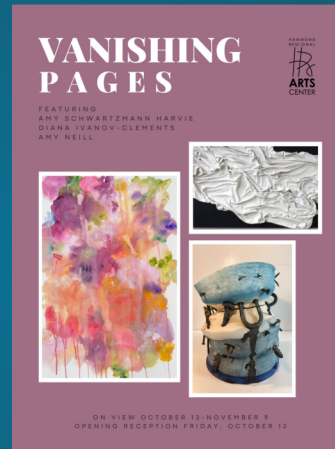


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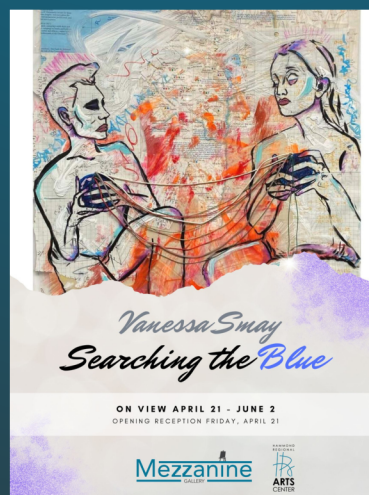
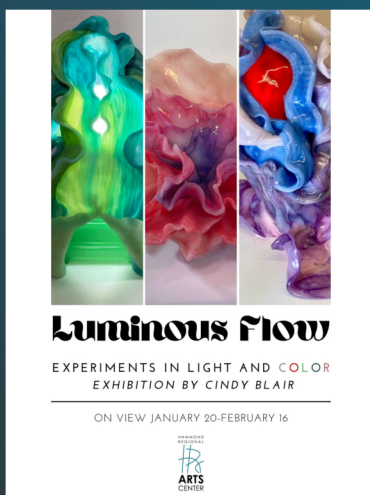


2023 Exhibition Highlights

Main Gallery Exhibition Highlights



Mezzanine Gallery Exhibition Highlights



2023 HRAC Membership

Members Make an Impact

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Members of the Hammond Regional Arts Center help ensure a progressive center for arts and culture that enriches the lives of individuals in our region.



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*Thank
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MAIN GALLERY

JANUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 16

Beautiful Louisiana

Artwork by Armbruster Gallery Artists

Sponsored by Andrew Edwards

MARCH 1 - MARCH 28

Young Artists Exhibition

Coordinated by Jordan Kenning

APRIL 12 - MAY 30

Marjorie Morrison Sculpture Biennial

Curated by Ryan Gianelloni

AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 29

Hammond Art Guild's

62nd Annual Judged Exhibition

Coordinated by Hammond Art Guild

SEPTEMBER 6 - SEPTEMBER 26

Retrospectrum: The Unseen Works

Artwork by Alex Harvie & TJ Black

OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 31

Space Junk

Artwork by Eric Barthels

NOVEMBER 8 - DECEMBER 19

Fine & Functional

MEZZANINE GALLERY

JANUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 16

Gene's Portraits

Artwork by Gene Taylor

MARCH 1 - MARCH 28

Playful Abstraction

Artwork by Barbara Tardo

APRIL 12 - MAY 30

Improvisational Exploration

Artwork by Ange Riehl

AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 29

Challenge

by Hammond Art Guild Members

SEPTEMBER 6 - SEPTEMBER 26

Janet Gildermaster Collaborates

Curated by Denise Tullier-Holly

OCTOBER 4 - OCTOBER 31

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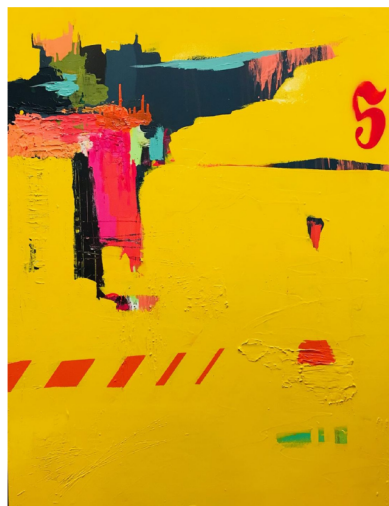
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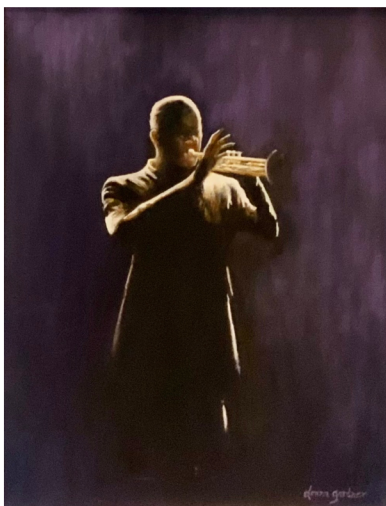
Small Works: Making Marks with Thread,

Wool and Paint

by JoEl Levy LoGiudice



By TJ Black



By Donna Gardner



By Barbara Tardo

Signature Events

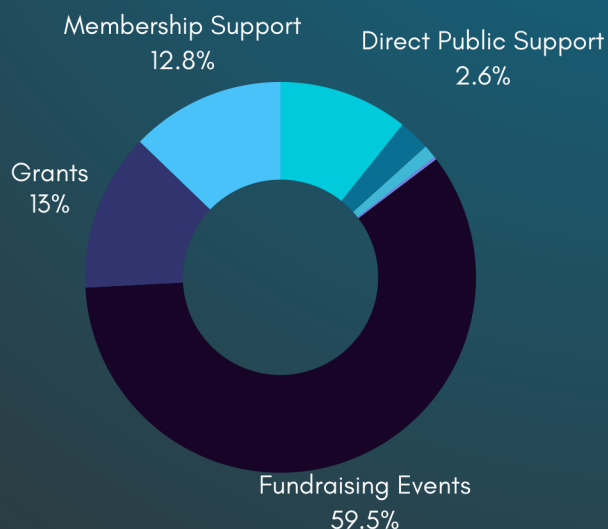
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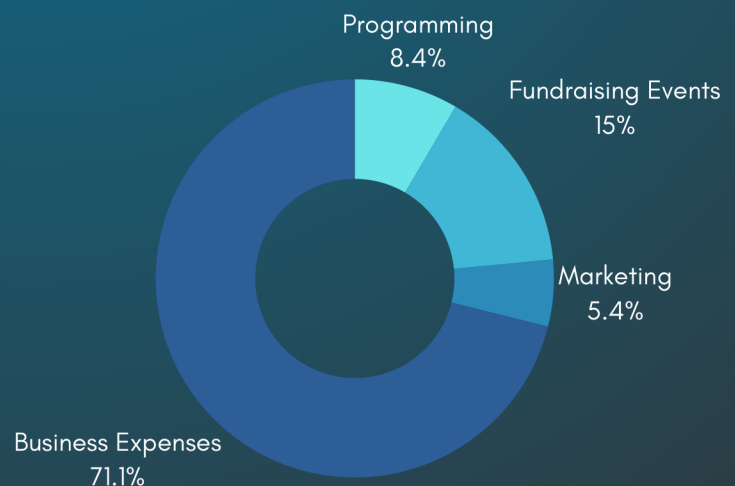


2023 Income & Expenses

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EXPENSES



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