

2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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The DSA Friends Foundation supports the mission and vision of Denver School of the Arts, and has done so since the school's inception in 1991. As a 501c3 non-profit, all donations to the Friends Foundation are tax-deductible, and vital to important projects on campus. DSA, as a part of Denver Public Schools, does not receive adequate funding for a robust arts magnet school. The foundation raises awareness and necessary funds for the students and staff of Denver School of the Arts, providing 20% of Denver School of the Arts' annual budget.

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A LETTER TO OUR COMMUNITY

Dear Denver School of the Arts Community and Friends,

The 2020-2021 school year presented a host of challenges for the world. And closer to home, multiple challenges for the DSA community. DSA students missed out on the joy of learning and performing with their peers. DSA teachers were tasked with not just teaching, but teaching both remotely and via Livestream. DSA families faced the challenges of keeping their students engaged and happy. And DSA administrators dealt with the constantly changing landscape of a COVID school-year.

Through all of these challenges, some would have presumed that support for the DSA Friends Foundation would have decreased or faltered. However, DSA Friends Foundation was humbled to see the majority of its donors continue their support and, at times, even increase their support. Without the opportunity to physically gather, the sense of community suffered, but despite all of that, the DSA Friends Foundation is happy to report that financial support of DSA during the 2020-2021 school year was strong and impactful.

The job of DSA Friends is to raise funds to support the school. How that money is then distributed is decided by the school administration, guided by the vision of the school. Extraordinary programming is at the heart of DSA's success and DSA Friends is proud to support some of these important programs. The largest program funded by the foundation is the Visiting Artists Program, which employs over 100 professional artists to work with students each year. This program is a cornerstone of the success of DSA students, giving them the opportunity to learn from artists who teach specific techniques, imparting valuable knowledge and experience.

Another major area supported by DSA Friends is the Student Success Fund. This program provides resources to current DSA students/families who are suffering financial hardship, with the goal of creating an inclusive and equitable DSA culture. One of DSA's top priorities is to increase access to the arts, as well as the diversity of its student body, and the Student Success Fund works towards achieving these goals.

This year marks Denver School of the Arts' 30th Anniversary! During the past three decades, DSA has experienced amazing success, periodic challenges, a wide variety of changes, and remarkable growth. As we embark on the expansion and exciting future of DSA, we look forward to taking on a Strategic Planning process for both organizations. This will ensure that the goals for the school and foundation are in alignment with each other and highlight the priorities of the next 30 years.

We appreciate the support of the DSA community and look forward to engaging a wide range of voices and viewpoints to ensure that we are focused and intentional at addressing the needs of our community.

Sincerely,



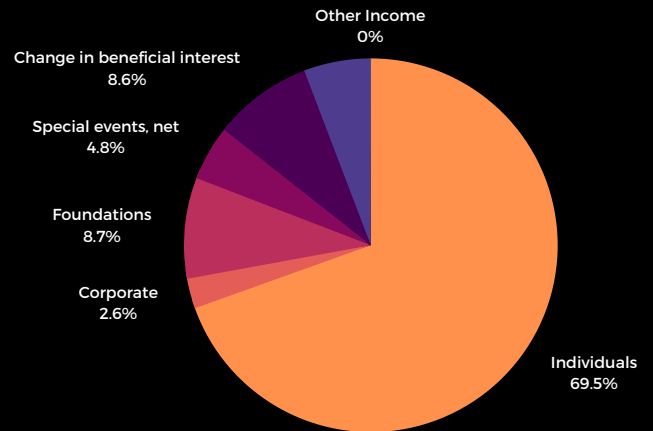
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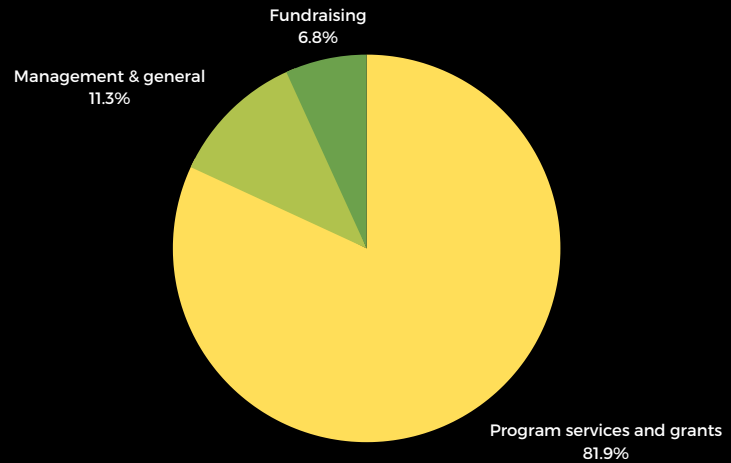
REVENUE

CONTRIBUTIONS	
Individual	\$551,886
Corporate	20,627
Foundation	69,250
SPECIAL EVENTS (net)	37,831
CHANGE IN BENEFICIAL INTEREST	68,169
EXTINGUISHMENT OF DEBT	45,687
OTHER INCOME	340
TOTAL REVENUE/GAINS	\$793,790



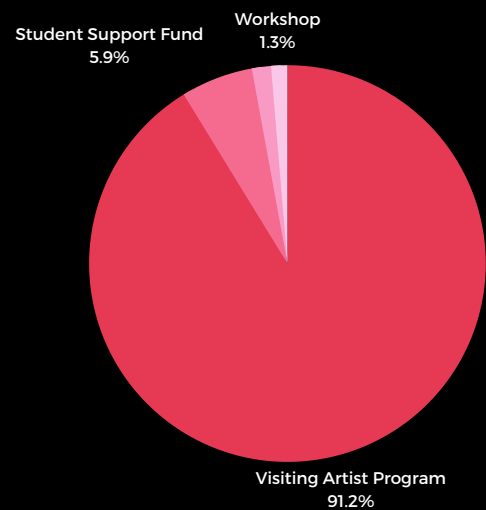
EXPENSES

PROGRAM SERVICES & GRANTS	\$551,904
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	76,222
FUNDRAISING	45,868
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$673,994



PROGRAMS

VISITING ARTISTS	\$448,094
STUDENT SUPPORT FUND	28,876
SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS	7,650
DEI STAFF WORKSHOP	6,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$673,994



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