



ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH THE ARTS

FAIRMOUNT CENTER *for the Arts*

Report to the Community 2022-2023



What a tremendous year for Fairmount Center for the Arts!

In 2023, we reached more than 7,500 individuals through onsite programs, events, and outreach activities.

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Fairmount in the Community

Fairmount staff brought arts experiences to local libraries, schools, YMCAs, daycares, and more. Spanish Dance Company members taught more than 50 Spanish language students at Berkshire High School basic steps and choreography, offering immersion into Spanish culture. We worked with YMCA-Geauga to host a field trip at Fairmount Center, adding on to activities completed at their site during summer camp.

With support from the Cleveland Foundation, Fairmount offered free line dance, yoga nidra, and painting classes for seniors at the West Geauga Senior Center. Students enjoyed arts experiences and camaraderie as they made connections with fellow local seniors.

In a full-year partnership with Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation, elementary and middle school students participated in Drama Club. Students learned about many facets of theatre, including acting basics, improv skills, and choreography.

Thanks to support from the William M. Weiss Foundation, Fairmount Center provided free multi-arts programming to students at Chagrin Falls Community Park throughout the spring and summer seasons. Students enjoyed bookmaking, dance, and more.



Fairmount Classes and Workshops

We welcomed new and returning students for three sessions filled with dance, fitness, music, theatre, and visual arts programs.

Beginning through advanced dance and fitness students learned new skills and techniques, which many of the dancers showcased at our end-of-session performances. The winter/spring 2023 dance performances, *Hollywood Swingin'*, featured more than 200 dancers across two performances. Our Hip Hop Crew and Fairmount Dance Companies performed at a variety of events in Ohio, including the State Treehouse Lighting Ceremony, All-Ohio Dance Festival, Cleveland Dance Festival, Cleveland Cavaliers, and Lake Erie Monsters.



Music continued to grow with more than 70 students ranging from kids to adults participating in a range of private lessons. In winter/spring 2023, Fairmount also launched the new Fairmount Youth Chamber Ensemble, which performed at the spring music recital.

Fairmount Youth Theatre began their stellar year with sold-out performances of *Frozen JR* at Gilmour Academy. This performance also culminated the 40th year of Youth Theatre Director Patti Susman's tenure at Fairmount. The spring production held at Hawken Upper School was *Kids Country*, written by the late local playwright, David Cockley. The theatre program continues to grow with new offerings being added each session.

Visual arts students created a dazzling array of masterpieces in a variety of classes and workshops. The ceramics program was expanded to add additional classes in ceramic technique and new offerings were added in drawing, painting, bookmaking, and the fiber arts. Saturday workshops offered youth and adults the opportunity to try something new and complete a finished piece.

Summer of the Arts

Campers flocked to Fairmount in June and July for a variety of multi-arts experiences. Fairmount hosted the Ashly's Melody of Hope camp, presented by the Ashly Whitmer Correa Foundation, where students had the opportunity to learn ukulele and recorder without any cost. Students also enjoyed dance and art classes as well as music lessons throughout the summer.

During August, Fairmount celebrated the talents of local artists through the 47th Fairmount Art Exhibition. Approximately 140 works were accepted from 397 submissions - one of the highest in recent history - and more than 550 folks attended the exhibition.





2022-'23 BY THE NUMBERS

3

ART
EXHIBITIONS

SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED

28

900+

OUTREACH
PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS

WORKSHOPS

12

6

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PULL BACK THE CURTAIN
SPEAKER SERIES TALKS

8

11

STUDENT
PERFORMANCES

Financial Summary from September 1, 2021 - August 30, 2022

REVENUE

Contributed Income	\$ 253,035
Earned Income	\$ 384,273
Total Income	\$ 637,307

EXPENSE

Staffing (Admin & Teaching Artists)	\$ 436,325
Program Expenses	\$ 79,153
Occupancy Expenses	\$ 39,526
Administrative Expenses	\$ 60,363
Total Expense	\$ 615,368

NET INCOME

\$ 21,940



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