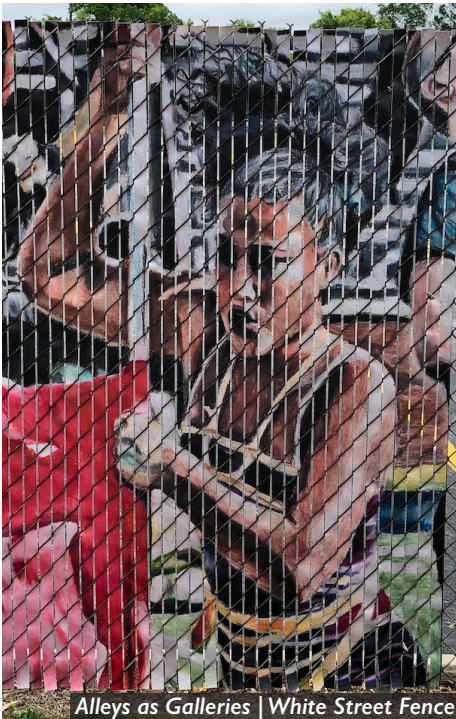


ANNUAL REPORT

2020-2021



It is our vision to create a
THRIVING, DIVERSE, & VIBRANT
arts community in York County.

The Arts Council of York County creates arts programming that encourages education, economic development and arts advocacy through unique art experiences that engage the community to make York County a regional arts destination. Through our programming, the Arts Council continues to enrich the lives of citizens, students and visitors as we build bridges between cultures, promote a strong sense of community and provide economic and cultural growth.

In 2020 - 2021, the Arts Council remained active in the York County arts scene as we hosted an array of festivals and events including rousing visual arts exhibitions both online and in person at the Center for the Arts. The annual Blues & Jazz Festival was held virtually on our social media platforms bringing music to 1,100 fans, and the Underexposed Film Festival yc and UFFyc at Home were held online, allowing a diverse audience from 3 continents to screen films crafted by emerging directors as well as seasoned professionals. The ACYC also produced a lively pop-up arts market at the Center for the Arts, and virtual concerts livestreamed on Facebook during the early days of COVID. We introduced the Storm Drain Art initiative - a public arts project that brings awareness to environmental impacts through art. Weekend art classes for adults continued through the shutdowns, and we implemented an Arts and Wellness Series that focuses health and fitness through the arts. In addition to arts programming, the Arts Council engages with the broader community through our Small Grants program.

Like many arts and culture organizations, COVID-19 greatly impacted the arts in York County however, the Arts Council of York County provided engaging arts experiences that connected people through art, culture, film, and music. As the Arts Council enters its 45th year, we look forward to new and reimagined programming that brings our communities back to life!

2021 BUSINESS AND THE ARTS AWARD SLOW PLAY BREWING

A favorite local place to hang out with friends, Slow Play Brewing means so much more to the York County community. Serving as an incubator space for food trucks, an art gallery, and a spot where locals know they can always hear fantastic local music on the weekends, Slow Play Brewing is committed to the success of small businesses. They also give back to the community through their monthly featured charities, and through donations to area nonprofits for fundraisers and events. It is because of their dedication and commitment to our community through partnerships with area nonprofits, support of local artists, and dedication to creating a space for everyone to enjoy that Slow Play Brewing has been named the 2021 Business and the Arts Award recipient.

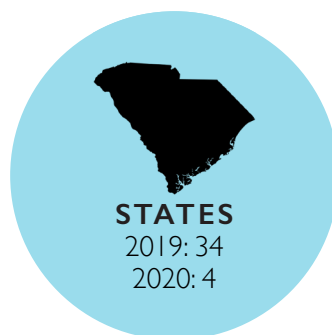


2021 BEN ARDREY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD JOHN NIPE

Through his involvement with the Rock Hill Theatre and local music, John Nipe is a vital member of the arts in York County. Serving as the Vice President of the Rock Hill Theatre, Musical Director, and Technical Producer for many productions, Nipe's passion and expertise has allowed the RHT to achieve exponential growth over the past few years. Nipe also works with Concerts at the Courtroom to mix sound for the Sidebar Sessions live music series, and he runs audio for area churches and schools. Through his business, Noise by John, he works in audio engineering and music production, producing recordings for local bands like GASP and Motel Glory. In the midst of the pandemic, John also began working in video production, adding another skill to this already talented member of the York County arts community. It is because of his commitment to the success of local theatre and music that John Nipe has been named the 2021 Ben Ardrey Volunteer of the Year.



2019 & 2020 EVENT ATTENDANCE



Events produced or funded by the ACYC in 2019 and 2020.

JULY - AUGUST 2021 EVENTS

Low Country Breeze with Angie Clinton | Saturday, July 10, 10 AM - 2 PM

SUPERimpose, works by Katherine Kesey and Michael Sorrow | June 18 - July 25
Reception | Thursday, July 15, 4 - 7 PM

Intro to Clay with Danielle Carelock (Adult Art Class) | Saturday, July 24, 10 AM - 2 PM

32nd Annual Juried Competition | July 30 - September 3
Reception | Thursday, August 19, 4 - 7 PM

Old Town Night Market | Friday, July 23, 5 - 8 PM

Monthly Artist Meetup | Sunday, July 25, 2 - 4 PM

The Lighthouse Welcome with Angie Clinton (Adult Art Class) | Saturday, August 14, 10 AM - 2 PM

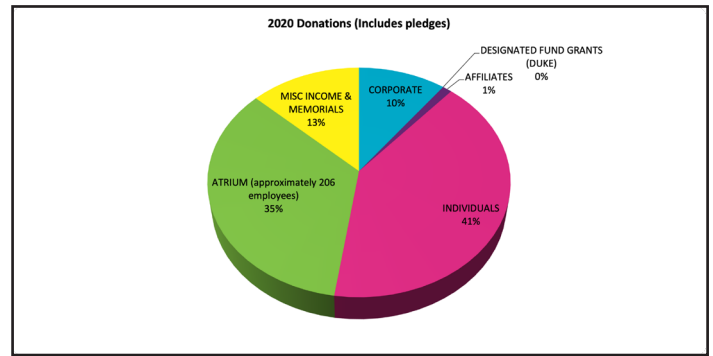
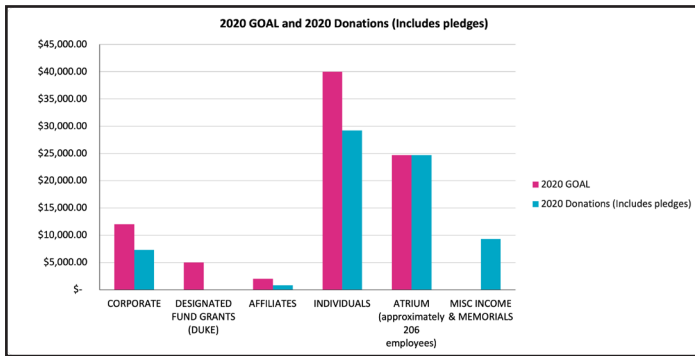
Old Town Night Market | Friday, August 27, 5 - 8 PM

Drypoint Etching and Chine-collé with Myles Calvert (Adult Art Class) | Saturday, August 28, 10 AM - 2 PM

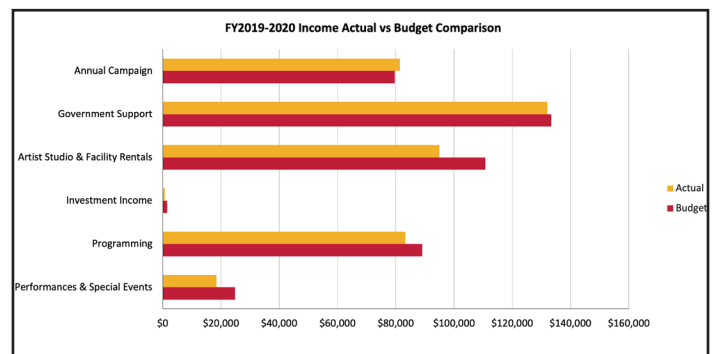
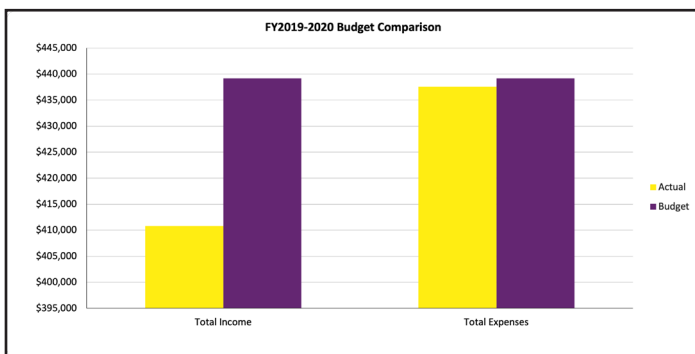
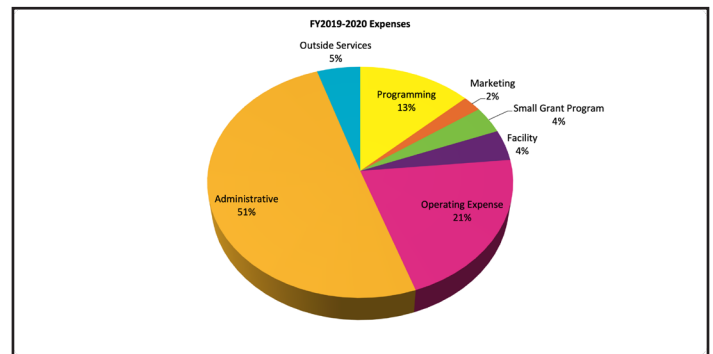
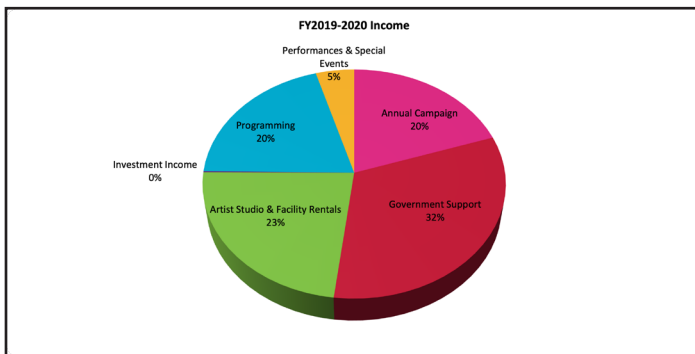
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For more information or tickets, please visit yorkcountyarts.org.

2020 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN



2019 - 2020 FINANCIALS



HELP THE ACYC CREATE A THRIVING, DIVERSE, AND VIBRANT ARTS COMMUNITY!

Limited number available | \$50 minimum

Each Art Box contains:

- Two pieces of original artwork created by York County artists:
 - 1) An exclusive print by Myles Calvert
 - 2) Wearable art by MC Churchill-Nash, Katherine Petke, Tabitha Ott, Ashley Beard, or Pam Bailey
- Craft beer from Slow Play Brewing
- ACYC pint glass
- A few other surprises
- All packed in a custom cooler ready for your summer adventures

Purchase an Art Box: Online yorkcountyarts.org, at the Center for the Arts, or by phone.

Pickup: Available for pickup beginning at 5 PM on August 27 during the Old Town Night Market's Art Market at the Center for the Arts.



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