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2022 Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2022

**Rangeley Friends
of the ARTS**

Our HOME:
The RFA Lakeside Theater
2493 Main Street



We Bring the Arts to Life!

PAST TO PRESENT

For fifty-five years, The Rangeley Friends of the Performing Arts (RFA) has been **Bringing the ARTS to Life!** by presenting a broad array of high quality arts programs. Mixing local artists with professionals from outside the area inspires our youth, families, seniors and visitors **to learn, to create, and to appreciate the Arts.** Our home, and the site of most of our programming, is The RFA Lakeside Theater at 2493 Main St, in the heart of downtown Rangeley, Maine.

PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL YOUTH



Lakeside Dance Academy students at the Spring Recital.

We collaborated with Sojo's Makers Space to offer a variety of art camps and workshops. **We provide subsidies for student lessons in dance and music** and an annual scholarship to a graduating senior. We bring art into local classrooms and CASA, our creative arts after-school program, continued whenever in-person school was in session. All K-12

students at RLRS as well as local home-schooled students benefit from the **RFA's arts education initiatives.**

PROGRAMS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

The Arts matter: fostering talent, developing character, and building the audiences of tomorrow. **Our Drama Camps were full in 2022.** We had two weeks of youth camp with **24** campers and one week of teen camp with **7** campers.



Adam Crump at TEEN Drama Week

In 2022, we produced two live-theater offerings. RFA gave storytellers and tech people a platform when we presented “The Kitchen Table: An Evening of Personal Storytelling”. It gave actors, directors, stage-managers, lighting and sound techs an outlet during four performances of “Sweeney Todd” & **DIVA**.



The Kitchen Table performance July 2022



BandName? performed at the Haley Pond Park gazebo as part of our Outdoor

We continued our **FREE outdoor concerts** in 2022, so people could enjoy live music in a safe setting.

Art Gallery - LCAG had **six** gallery shows in 2022 with over 500 visitors to the gallery.

One of the RFA's basic values is to **support our local businesses** and service providers. The RFA has come a long way since the beginning when we operated on a \$500 budget. We could not have achieved any of this without the support of the community. RFA believe's in giving back, not only by providing arts education and entertainment, but especially by “buying local.”



Lakeside Contemporary Art Gallery Artist Reception for Christine Sullivan

VOLUNTEERS: THEY GET IT DONE!

Whether you are in the audience, on stage, at an easel, singing in the chorus or volunteering, participation in the arts impacts our emotional health, our sense of purpose, our connections to our community and our **overall quality of life**. In 2022, we engaged over 100 volunteers, students and community members.



Tina Falasco & Ethan Wright in One Act Play Festival 2020

“ The Rangeley Friends of the Arts has been a touchstone of hope. even though for years i was unable to participate in all that was offered, i was always comforted by the opportunities that continued to be provided. the RFA has been a welcoming place to have joyfully shared experiences with my daughter as well as many friends. Live theatre, dance, art, thoughtful after school programs as well as The walk to Bethlehem are beautiful reflections of our community, and opportunities to find common ground and acceptance for all walks of life.
Tina Falasco



Volunteers erecting the two story set for Sweeney Todd July 2022

Community Theater can't happen without our COMMUNITY! If you would like to get involved with the next live theater event contact us at RANGELEYARTS@GMAIL.COM or visit RANGELEYARTS.ORG and click on the "Get Involved" tab.



Anna Wetherill, volunteer, doing make-up for The Death of Robin Hood

GROWTH IN CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS:

Grants and Foundations:

In 2022 we received generous support from the following foundations and programs:

\$10,000 from the **Betterment Fund** for general support

\$1,500 from **Dallas Plantation** for our creative after-school arts program (CASA)

\$18,000 from the **Maine Community Foundation** for operating and program support

\$500 from the **Margaret Burnham Charitable Trust** for office equipment

\$5,000 from the **Morton-Kelly Charitable Trust** to underwrite non-profit events in the theater

\$10,000 from the **Onion Foundation** for operations and program support

\$1,500 from **Rangeley Plantation** for our after-school arts program (CASA)

\$2,000 from the **Skowhegan Savings Bank** for student programming

\$1,000 from **Sugarloaf Region Charitable Trust** for student programming

\$10,000 from the **Town of Rangeley** for our after-school arts program (CASA)

\$2,000 from the **Tri-Valley United Way** for our after-school arts program (CASA)

THE BETTERMENT FUND



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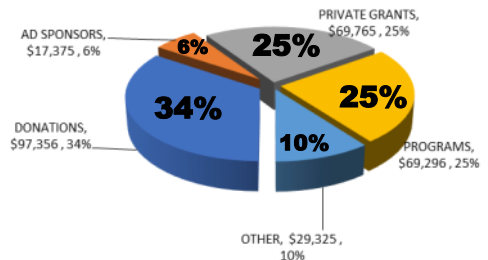
OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE:

The RFA depends on the generosity of our community as well as regional and national foundations. Our mission-related income is earned through ticket and concession sales, fund raising events and tuitions from camps.

Statement of Financial Position:

BALANCE SHEET - Fiscal 2022 <i>source: IRS Form 990</i>			
	Jan 1, 2022- Dec 31, 2022	Jan 1, 2021- Dec 31, 2021	Jan 1, 2020- Dec 31, 2020
Current Assets	614,836.24	518,704	310,108
Land/Buildings/Equipment	584,811.17	584,811	670,538
Total Assets	1,199,647.41	1,103,515	980,646
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Current Liabilities	861,103.04	86,397	79,304
Dedicated Equities	84,871.29	86,757	25,273
Unrestricted Net Assets	933,243.20	930,361	876,069
Total Liabilities & Equities	1,199,647.41	1,103,515	980,646

	REVENUES	%
DONATIONS	\$ 97,356	34%
AD SPONSORS	\$ 17,375	6%
PRIVATE GRANTS	\$ 69,765	25%
PROGRAMS	\$ 69,296	25%
OTHER	\$ 29,325	10%
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	\$ 283,117	



A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE

We plan to complete the renovation of the Theater in the fall of 2023. The façade of our building is sorely in need of renovation and we are still raising funds. You can contribute online via our web page.



Model of the new facade

STRATEGIC PLAN - In November of 2019 the RFA Board developed a Strategic Plan. We identified four goals derived from a full S.W.O.T. (*Strength, Weakness, Opportunity, Threat*) analysis and prioritization process:

- Financial sustainability
- Increase "Paid" and "Volunteer" staffing
- Improve image and awareness
- Expand variety of programming



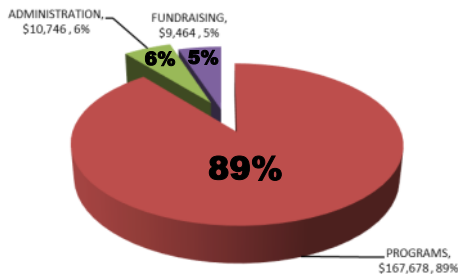
Annual Summer DIVA Show July 2022

Four committees are working on these goals and are responsible for developing strategic objectives and action plans.

RFA 2022 EXPENSES

The investments and securities account continues to grow and serves as a reserve for operating and building expenses.

	EXPENSES	%
PROGRAMS	\$ 167,678	89%
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 10,746	6%
FUNDRAISING	\$ 9,464	5%
	<u>\$ 187,888</u>	100%



EVER FORWARD

For 55 years the Rangeley Friends of the Arts has played a key role, along with other organizations, in creating a “sense of place” in Rangeley. The RFA provides the space and the opportunity for adults and youth to show and grow their artistic talents. For two generations, the RFA has provided support and encouragement for youth to think, feel and express themselves by allowing them to connect with others in unique ways. Each time they take a bow, they come up taller!

Thanks to a grant from the Morton Kelly Charitable Trust, the RFA also provides space for any local non-profit or civic group to use our auditorium and flex room space for free to show a film, host a speaker or have a fundraiser.



Local actors and community members in our July 2022
Production of *Sweeney Todd*



Many first-run movies that had been delayed were released in 2021

Movies, Movies, Movies: In 2022 we showed 34 First-Run movies and 6 Indie Films to small but appreciative audiences, all in a Covid-safe environment.

Private Parties: RFA offered to rent the theater “to watch your favorite show on the BIG screen with your family pod.” This affordable program has been very popular. In 2021 we added gaming on Xbox or Wii as an option for theater rental entertainment.

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Our center-of-town, Main Street location:
The RFA Lakeside Theater.

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The RFA held the annual Street Dance on
Pond Street in July



The RFA hosted the Theater at Monmouth troupe
for a performance of *Shakespeare's*
"As you Like it " for RLRs students

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2022 CALENDAR OF ARTS EVENTS

- Jan 1-3** Little Shop of Horrors Rangeley Lakes Region School Drama Club Production, Lakeside Theater
- Jan 7** Opening Reception for Horton, Baker, & Gross – “Witnessing Winter” 5:30-7 PM –
- Jan 8** Open Auditions for Classic DIVA
- Feb 12** The Kitchen Table An evening of Personal Storytelling, 7PM
- Feb 18-20, 25-26** Classic DIVA – Community Theater – 7 PM; Sun matinee 4 PM
- Mar 4** Opening Reception: RLRS Student Show 5:30-7 PM – Gallery
- Mar 12** The Kitchen Table, An Evening of Personal Storytelling, 7PM
- May 28** Opening Reception for Hooper – Woodcarvings, 5:30-7 PM – Gallery
- Jul 2** Opening Reception for Mularz – Photographs, 5-6:30 PM – Gallery
- Jul 1,2,4,5** Best of DIVA – Community Theater – Fri, Sat, Mon & Tues 7 PM
- Jul 6-7** Indie Film Series: The Duke – 5 & 8 PM
- Jul 11** Outdoor Concert Series: Ball Bros Band – 7 PM, Haley Pond Park
- Jul 11-15** Drama Camp – Week 1 – 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- Jul 12-13** Indie Film Series: Jazz Fest – 5 & 8 PM
- Jul 12-15** Plein Air Watercolor Workshop with Michael Vermette
- Jul 16** The Lakeview Chamber Players – (*Maceks & Friends*) 7 PM
- Jul 18** Outdoor Concert Series: Sandy River Ramblers – 7 PM, Haley Pond Park
- Jul 18-22** Drama Camp – Week 2 – 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- Jul 20** RFA Street Dance, Free Event, Haley Pond Park 6:30PM-10PM
- Jul 20-21** Indie Film Series: Downtown Abby, A New Era – 5 & 8 PM
- Jul 20-21** Indie Film Series: Downtown Abby, A New Era – 5 & 8 PM
- Jul 25** Outdoor Concert Series: – 7 PM, Haley Pond Park
- Jul 28-Aug 1** *Sweeney Todd* – Community Theater – Thurs, Fri, Sat & Mon 7 PM; Sun matinee 4 PM

2023 CALENDAR OF ARTS EVENTS *continued*

- Jul 29** Opening Reception for Pearson – Photographs, 5-6:30 PM – Gallery
- Aug 2** Wilhelm Reich Film: Love, Work and Knowledge
- Aug 4** Art in August 10 AM-4 PM, Oquossoc Park
- Aug 4** Bob Marley, Maine Comedian 6&8PM
- Aug 5** The Kitchen Table, An Evening of personal Storytelling 7PM
- Aug 6** Rangeley Historical Society – Fly Fishing Film Festival, 7 PM
- Aug 8** Outdoor Concert Series: Jazz Time 99 – 7 PM, Haley Pond Park
- Aug 8-12** TEEN Drama Week, 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM
- Aug 10-11** Indie Film Series: Viva Maestro! – 5 & 8 PM
- Aug 15** Outdoor Concert Series: Ball Band Bros – 7 PM, Haley Pond Park
- Aug 16-19** Plein Air Oil Painting Landscape Workshop with Michael Vermette
- Aug 19** Opening Reception for Vermette – Paintings, 5-6:30 PM – Gallery
- Aug 19-21** *Don't Drink the Water* – Community Theater – Cancelled
- Aug 22** Outdoor Concert Series: Sandy River Ramblers – 7 PM, Haley Pond Park
- Aug 24-25** Indie Film Series: Lunana, A Yak in the Classroom – 5 & 8 PM
- Aug 29** Outdoor Concert Series: TBD – 7 PM, Haley Pond Park
- Aug 31-Sept 1** Indie Film Series: Velvet Queen 5&8PM
- Sep 2** MOFF – Maine Outdoor Film Fest – Part of the Trail Town Festival 7 PM
- Sep 10** Awards Reception: Western Mountain Photography Show 5:30 – 7 PM
- Oct 8** Comedian Brian Glowacki, 7PM
- Dec 2** RFA Holiday Open House, 5-8 PM
- Dec 11** Walk to Bethlehem Annual Community Performance and Pageant 5:30
- Dec 16** Rangeley Community Chorus Holiday Concert 7 PM, Church of the Good Shepherd 2614 Main Street. Rangeley



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Thank you!

