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2023 Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2023

**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-six 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 provide subsidies for student lessons in dance and music and awarded a scholarship to a graduating senior. We bring art into local classrooms and 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 2023.** We had two weeks of youth camp with **13** campers and one week of teen camp with **12** campers. We offered our theater and flex room for community non-profits and civic groups for free such as, WRGY, Baptist Church, Firefighters Association, The Town of Rangeley debate, Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, Wilhelm Reich Museum, The Lakeside Dance Academy, Highlands Overlook Homeowners Association meetings, and a Trail Town Festival event.



Curtis Hall at TEEN Drama Week

In 2023, **we produced five live-theater offerings.** RFA gave storytellers and tech people a platform when we presented “The Kitchen Table: An Evening of Personal Storytelling” in both July and a new program in August. Actors, singers, directors, stage-managers, lighting and sound techs participated in performances of “The Drowsy Chaperone”, “ The Odd Couple”, & **DIVA.**



The Kitchen Table performance July 2023



Matt & the Barn Burners performed at the Haley Pond Park gazebo as part of our Concert Series

We continued our annual family friendly **FREE outdoor concert** entitled, Street Dance in 2023, and presented **seven** musical concerts in a variety of genres: rock, jazz, classical, bluegrass and choral as part of our Indoor Concert Series.

Art Gallery - LCAG had **nine** gallery shows in 2023 with over 600 visitors to the gallery. The

gallery shows featured local emerging artists as well as established regional and local artists, a variety of genres from sculpture, painting, photography and drawing.



Lakeside Contemporary Art Gallery Artist Reception for Deb Farrar

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 believes in giving back, not only by providing arts education and entertainment, but especially by “buying local.”

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 2023, we engaged over 100 volunteers: students and community members.



Dear RFA,
Just a note to say thank you for hosting our annual meeting this year at the lovely Lakeside Theater! We had such a great evening and really enjoyed inviting the public for a vintage film showing. Thank you so much for making this a possibility for us. I really appreciate your time and effort (and hospitality!)

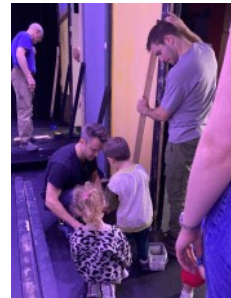
All the best,
Michelle Landry
Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust



Volunteer musician pit band for "The Odd Couple" August 2023



Volunteers erecting the set for DIVA July 2023



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.



Justin Orazi with daughter Ana Orazi working together in the tech booth during The Odd Couple.

GROWTH IN CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS:

Grants and Foundations:

In 2023 we received generous support from the following foundations and programs:

- \$1,500 from **Dallas Plantation** for our creative after-school arts program (CASA)
- \$1,350 from the **Fisher Charitable Foundation** for theater stage lights
- \$2,000 from the **Franklin Savings Bank** for student programming
- \$10,000 from the **Horizon Foundation** for general support
- \$5,000 from the **Maine Community Foundation** for operating and program support
- \$1,350 from the **Margaret Burnham Charitable Trust** for theater stage lights
- \$5,000 from the **Morton-Kelly Charitable Trust** for operations
- \$10,000 from the **National Endowment for the Arts** for art workshops at SOJOS Makers Space
- \$10,000 from the **Onion Foundation** for operations and program support
- \$1,500 from **Rangeley Plantation** for our after-school arts program (CASA)
- \$250 from **Sandy River 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)
- \$1,000 from the **Town Fair Tire** for operations and program support

Sandy River Plantation

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OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE:

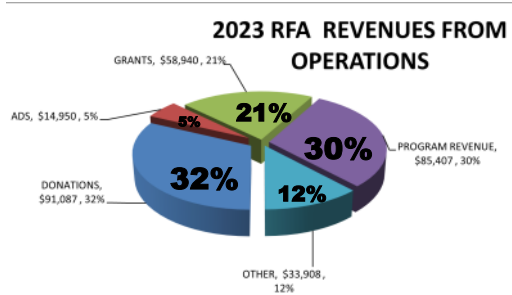
The RFA depends on the generosity of our community as well as regional and national foundations. Our mission-related income is earned through ticket and concession sales, fund raising events and tuitions from camps.

Statement of Financial Position:

BALANCE SHEET - Fiscal 2023 <i>source: IRS Form 990</i>			
	Jan 1, 2023- Dec 31, 2023	Jan 1, 2022- Dec 31, 2022	Jan 1, 2021- Dec 31, 2021
Current Assets	631,327	614,836.24	518,704
Land/Buildings/Equipment	584,811	584,811.17	584,811
Total Assets	1,216,138	1,199,647.41	1,103,515
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Current Liabilities	86,953	861,103.04	86,397
Dedicated Equities	34,713	84,871.29	86,757
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,094,472	933,243.20	930,361
Total Liabilities & Equities	1,216,138	1,199,647.41	1,103,515

RFA 2023 REVENUE

	REVENUES	%
DONATIONS	\$ 91,087	32%
AD SPONSORS	\$ 14,950	5%
PRIVATE GRANTS	\$ 58,940	21%
PROGRAMS	\$ 85,407	30%
OTHER	\$ 33,908	12%
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	\$ 284,292	



A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE

We completed the renovation of the Theater in the spring of 2024. The façade of our building was sorely in need of renovation and an updated, more accessible entryway. Next steps for the interior of the theater include new theater seating, which we are still raising money for. You can contribute online via our web page.



Completed Façade in June 2024

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

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

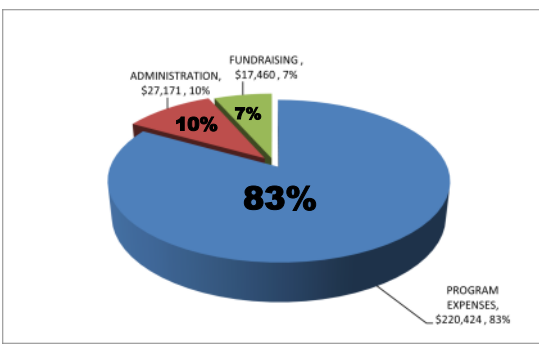


Annual Summer DIVA Show July 2023

RFA 2023 EXPENSES

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

	EXPENSES	%
PROGRAMS	\$ 220,424	83%
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 27,171	10%
FUNDRAISING	\$ 17,460	7%
	<u>\$ 265,055</u>	100%



EVER FORWARD

For 56 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! Our primary focus: To transform the Lakeside movie theater into a welcoming, up-to-date Community Arts Center. Hundreds of volunteer hours by the board and friends have assisted this process. Inspiration and commitment by the Rangeley Friends of the Arts has changed the fabric of our community and created an enhanced sense of place for the Rangeley Lakes Region.



Local actors and community members in our July 2023 Production of *The Drowsy Chaperone*



Movie audience and revenue grew in 2023.

Movies, Movies, Movies: In 2023 we showed 33 First-Run movies including 6 Indie Films to small but appreciative audiences.

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 with newly remodeled façade including a more accessible entryway.

Rangeley Friends of the Arts

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The RFA held the annual Free, open air, Street Dance on Pond Street in July



The RFA hosted the Theater at Monmouth troupe for a performance of *Shakespeare's "Henry IV"* for RLRS students

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WRGY

We Bring the Arts to Life!

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

at the RFA Lakeside Theater

Community Theater can't happen without our COMMUNITY!

We depend on volunteers to produce and perform the outstanding theatrical productions for which the Rangeley Friends of the Arts is known.

Regardless of experience level – all are welcome

AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES:

ACTORS/SINGERS/DANCERS/MUSICIANS

SET DESIGN/CONSTRUCTION/PROPS

STAGE MANAGEMENT/CREW

WARDROBE/HAIR/MAKE UP



LIGHT ENGINEERS/SOUND ENGINEERS

HOUSE/CONCESSIONS/BARTENDERS

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Some of the many ways in which we provide the community of all ages and experience levels, a direct involvement and hands on engagement in the arts generation, after generation.

2023 CALENDAR OF ARTS EVENTS

Jan 20 Opening Reception, Christine Sullivan, “Water Stories” 5:00-6:30 PM
– Gallery

Feb 24 The Kitchen Table– 7 PM

March 19 Open Auditions: The Drowsy Chaperone 1-3 PM

April 28 Opening Reception: RLRS Student Show 5:30-7 PM – Gallery

April 28-29 LDA Dance Academy Spring Concert – 7 PM

April 30 Open Auditions: The Odd Couple 1-2 PM

May 7 Open Auditions: DIVA, A Love Story 1-2 PM

May 26 Opening Reception, Deb Ferrara 5:30-7 PM – Gallery

June 14 Student Music Recital– 6:00 PM Church of the Good Shepherd

June 28-29 Indie Film Series: Women Talking 5 & 8 PM

July 1 LCAG Art Opening, Andy Curran “Rooted in Maine” 5:00-6:30 PM –
Gallery

July 1 The Kitchen Table, an evening of personal storytelling – 7PM

July 6-9 DIVA, A Love Story– A unique Rangeley event not to be missed!
Show- 7PM

July 10-14 Drama Camp 9:30-3PM

July 11-12 Indie Film Series: Fly Fishing Film Tour 5 & 8 PM

July 11-14 Plein Air Watercolor Workshop with Michael Vermette

July 13 Annual Fundraiser Concert: The Eagles Experience 5:30 Private Parties/
7PM Reception/ 8:30 PM Concert

July 15 Indoor Concert Series: Lakeview Chamber Players 7pm

July 19 RFA Street Dance 6:30 – 10 PM, Pond Street, Rangeley

July 19-20 Indie Film Series: Rare Objects 5 & 8 PM

July 21 Indoor Concert Series- Sandy River Ramblers 7 PM

July 27,28,30,31 The Drowsy Chaperone 7PM except July 30- 4PM

2023 CALENDAR OF ARTS EVENTS *continued*

Aug 1 Wilhelm Reich Film: Love, Work and Knowledge 5 & 8 PM

Aug 2 The Kitchen Table, an evening of personal storytelling – 7PM

Aug 3 Comedian Bob Marley- Tickets and showtimes: bmarley.com

Aug 4 Indoor Concert Series- Sami Stevens 7PM

Aug 7-11 Teen Drama Week 9:30-3 PM

Aug 8-11 Plein Air Oil Painting Workshop with Michael Vermette

Aug 10-12 The Odd Couple –A live theater event 7 PM

Aug 16-17 Indie Film Series: Elemental : Reimagining Fire 5 & 8 PM

Aug 18 LCAG Artist reception: Jud Pealer” Underwater” and Dan Johnson
“Nature and Wildlife” 5 – 6:30 PM – Gallery

Aug 21- Indoor Concert Series- Sandy River Ramblers 7 PM

Aug 23-24 Indie Film Series: iMordechai 5 & 8 PM

Aug 30-31 Indie Film Series: IMAX: Ancient Caves and Great Bear Rain For-
est 5 & 8 PM

Sept 1 MOFF Maine Outdoor Film Festival

Sep 9 Awards Reception, Western Mountain Photography Show– 5:30-7:00-
Gallery

Oct 7- Artist Reception, Robert Bryan ” In the Northwoods”– 5:30-7:00

Oct 7- Comedian Brian Glowacki

Nov 17- Artist Reception, Liz Gold “Explorations in Abstract” 5:00-6:30 PM

Dec 1 RFA Holiday Open House 5-7 PM

Dec 10 Walk to Bethlehem Annual Community Performance and Pageant
5:30 PM, Rangeley Inn/6:00 PM Church of the Good Shepherd

Dec 15 Rangeley Community Chorus Holiday Concert 7 PM, Church of the
Good Shepherd 2614 Main Street



Rangeley Friends of the ARTS

*presenting the arts for **56** years!*

Together

We Bring the Arts to Life!

Thank you!

