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2024 Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2024

**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-seven 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 three scholarships to a graduating seniors. 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 2024.** We had two weeks of youth camp with 25 campers and one week of teen camp with 11 campers. We offered our theater and flex room for community non-profits and civic groups for free such as, WRGY, RLRS, Baptist Church, National Honor Society/RLRS, The Lakeside Dance Academy, Highlands Overlook Homeowners Association meetings, and a Trail Town Festival event. We also offered several free community movies, including live streaming of NASA's eclipse coverage in April.



Campers at the Youth Drama Week finale.

In 2024, **we produced four live-theater offerings**. The RFA gave storytellers and tech people a platform when we presented "The Kitchen Table: An Evening of Personal Storytelling" in July and a new program in August. Actors, singers, directors, stage-managers, lighting and sound techs participated in performances of "Newsies" & **DIVA**.



The Kitchen Table performance July 2024



Dancing in the streets at the Haley Pond Park gazebo as part of our FREE annual Street Dance concert.

We continued our annual family friendly **FREE outdoor concert** entitled, Street Dance in 2024, featuring Matt and the Barn Burners and presented **eight** musical concerts in a variety of genres: rock, jazz, classical, bluegrass and choral as part of our Indoor Concert Series.

Art Gallery - LCAG had **seven** gallery shows in 2024 with over **700** 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 Sonja Johnson

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 2024, 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 pit singers with the band for "Newsies" August 2024



Volunteers erecting the set for Newsies July 2024



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 2024 we received generous support from the following foundations and programs:

\$1,500 from **Dallas Plantation** for student programming

\$1,500 from the **Franklin Savings Bank** for live band for summer musical

\$8,000 from the **Maine Community Foundation** for operating and program support

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

\$1,500 from **Rangeley Plantation** for our student programming

\$250 from **Sandy River Plantation** for our student programming

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

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

\$4,900 from the **Town of Rangeley** for our student programming

\$1,000 from the **Town Fair Tire** for operations and program support

\$20,000 from the **Davis Family Foundation** for theater seats

Sandy River Plantation



DALLAS PLANTATION

Rangeley Plantation



OUR FINANCIAL PICTURE:

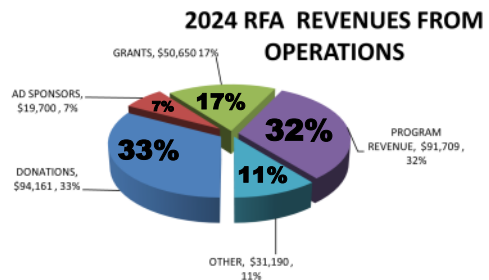
The RFA depends on the generosity of our community as well as regional and national foundations. Our mission-related income is earned through ticket and concession sales, fund raising events and tuitions from camps.

Statement of Financial Position:

BALANCE SHEET - Fiscal 2024 <i>source: IRS Form 990</i>			
	Jan 1, 2024- Dec 31, 2024	Jan 1, 2023- Dec 31, 2023	Jan 1, 2022- Dec 31, 2022
Current Assets	467,547	631,327	614,836.24
Land/Buildings/Equipment	584,811	584,811	584,811.17
Total Assets	1,052,358	1,216,138	1,199,647.41
Current Liabilities			
	86,273	86,953	86,103.04
Dedicated Equities	18,713	34,713	84,871.29
Unrestricted Net Assets	966,084.75	1,094,472	933,243.20
Total Liabilities & Equities	1,052,358	1,216,138	1,199,647.41

RFA 2024 REVENUE

	REVENUES	%
DONATIONS	\$ 94,161	33%
AD SPONSORS	\$ 19,700	7%
PRIVATE GRANTS	\$ 50,650	17%
PROGRAMS	\$ 91,709	32%
OTHER	\$ 31,190	11%
	\$ 287,410	



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

We completed the renovation to the facade of the Theater in the spring of 2024. It now has a beautiful, low maintenance design and an updated, more accessible entryway. The next project for the interior is new theater seating, which are being installed in April 2025.



STRATEGIC PLAN - Complete plan available upon request.

RFA Core Values & Goals

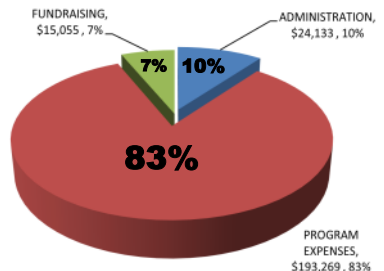
- Create a technological state-of-the-art theater that is a welcoming, accessible and thriving community space for the enjoyment and participation of all ages.
- Promote and motivate artistic excellence, and the advancement of local artists.
- Build a positive and respectful core RFA team and a squad of trained and dedicated volunteers.
- Be advocates of music & arts education.
- Increase community awareness knowledge, education, appreciation, involvement and support for the arts
- Expand our database.
- Establish the RFA as a key economic partner in the broader community

RFA 2024 EXPENSES

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

	EXPENSES	%
PROGRAMS	\$ 193,269	83%
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 24,133	7%
FUNDRAISING	\$ 15,055	10%
	\$ 232,457	100%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (From reserves)	\$ 214,723	

2024 RFA OPERATING EXPENSES



EVER FORWARD

For 57 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.



Collaboration with local radio station, WRGY which featured local musicians and community members for their fundraiser. March 2024



One of the Free movies presented to the public in 2024 in collaboration with Historic Rangeley.

Movies, Movies, Movies: In 2024 we showed 30 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. Theater rental has increased in popularity among the public as well as non-profits and civic organizations.

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Our center-of-town, Main Street location with newly remodeled façade including a more accessible entryway.

Diane Bellington
Executive Director

Rangeley Friends of the Arts

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43rd annual Walk to Bethlehem Community pageant Joseph, Mary and Baby Jesus volunteers December 2024



Q & A with the RLRS students after the Theater at Monmouth troupe performance of Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*. November 2024

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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

ART GALLERY DOCENT

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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.

2024 CALENDAR OF ARTS EVENTS

- May 24** Opening Reception- Hooper/Warkentin- Wood Carvings & Paintings
5:30 - 7 PM
- Jun 14** Opening Reception- Walter Mularz- Photography 5:30 - 7 PM
- Jul 1-2** Indie Film Series: Boys in the Boat 5 & 8 PM, RFA Lakeside Theater
- Jul 5** Indoor Concert Series: Sandy River Ramblers 7 PM, RFA Lakeside Theater, \$15/\$10
- Jul 6** The Kitchen Table An Evening of Personal Storytelling, 7 PM, RFA Lakeside Theater
- Jul 8-12** Drama Camp for ages 7 to12, 9:30 AM – 3 PM, RFA Lakeside Theater
- Jul 8-9** Indie Film Series: Cabrini 5 & 8 PM, RFA Lakeside Theater
- Jul 11** Annual Fundraiser Event: The Beach Bums - A Beach Boys Tribute band,
5:30 PM
- Jul 13** Indoor Concert Series: Lakeview Chamber Players 7 PM,
RFA Lakeside Theater
- Jul 15-16** Indie Film Series: Unsinkable 5 & 8 PM, RFA Lakeside Theater
- Jul 16-19** Plein Air Watercolor Workshop with artist Michael Vermette
- Jul 17** RFA Street Dance Open Air Rock Concert for the Whole Family,
6:30 - 10 PM, FREE
- Jul 19** Opening Reception- Sonja Johnson -Paintings and Mixed Media 5:30-7PM
- Jul 25-26, 28-29** Newsies Community Musical Theater, 7 PM, Sun Matinee at 4 PM
- Jul 30-31** Indie Film Series: Nice People 5 & 8 PM, RFA Lakeside Theater
- Aug 5-9** TEEN Drama Week for ages 13 to 18, 9:30 AM – 3 PM, \$150
- Aug 8-9, 11-12** DIVA, A Musical Cabaret, 7 PM, RFA Lakeside Theater
- Aug 10** Indoor Concert Series: Anni Clark 7 PM, RFA Lakeside Theater
- Aug 13-16** Plein Air Oil Painting Workshop with artist Michael Vermette
- Aug 13-14** Indie Film Series: The Monk and the Gun 5 & 8 PM

2024 CALENDAR OF ARTS EVENTS *continued*

- Aug 15** Bob Marley - LIVE COMEDY
- Aug 16** Opening Reception- Michael Vermette -Plein Air Paintings
- Aug 17** The Kitchen Table An Evening of Personal Storytelling, 7 PM
- Aug 19-20** Indie Film Series: American Fiction 5 & 8 PM
- Aug 23** Indoor Concert Series: Rangeley Community Chorus 7 PM
- Aug 24** Indoor Concert Series: Sandy River Ramblers 7 PM
- Aug 25** Indoor Concert Series: Sami Stevens 7 PM
- Aug 30** Maine Outdoor Film Fest Part of the Trail Town Festival
- Sep 14** Awards Reception: Western Mountain Photography Show
5:30 - 7 PM
- Oct 5** Opening Reception- Kris Horton: Paintings 5 - 6:30 PM
- Oct 5** Brian Glowacki - Comedian 7 PM, RFA Lakeside Theater
- Dec 6** RFA Holiday Open House 5 - 7 PM, RFA Lakeside Theater, FREE
- Dec 8** Walk to Bethlehem Annual Performance and Pageant,
5:30/6 PM
- Dec 13** Rangeley Community Chorus Holiday Concert 7 PM,
Church of the Good Shepherd, FREE

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of Presenting the Arts
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