ARTS @ LARGE

ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEARS
2019 & 2020
FROM THE CO-FOUNDER & CEO

Change. To some, it’s frightening—others, exhilarating.

At Arts @ Large, we choose exhilarating.

If there has been one thing we could always count on at Arts @ Large, it has been change. From a program within the Milwaukee Public Schools district, to becoming our own nonprofit, we have always adapted to the circumstances. From working out of our cars, to renting our first gallery, to renovating an 11,000 square foot building, we have always risen to the challenge.

This time in our history is no different.

We know that in this challenging environment of a pandemic, our work is more important than ever. Milwaukee’s children, young men and women, older adults, and entire families are facing emotional upheaval like we’ve never seen. The Black Lives Matter movement is amplifying the need for change in a way that is energizing our community. This is our opportunity, as an organization committed to diversity, equity and inclusion, to rise to the challenge.

What is our response?

Arts @ Large hasn’t skipped a beat. We are rallying every resource available to continue to engage our community in arts-rich, life-long learning. We’re using the arts as a tool for all ages to expand their creativity, promote emotional healing, and find voice to tell their stories. We know that, although our work may look different and change is inevitable, we will remain true to our core values and strive to make arts learning accessible to ALL.

The dance floor isn’t always even. There are cracks, obstacles, slippery slopes and rough patches. But, that doesn’t mean we have to stop. We can create new movements that jump over the ruts – new patterns that create beauty, while avoiding the hazards.

Arts @ Large isn’t wasting time trying to make sense of all this change. WE ARE DANCING.

TERI SULLIVAN
Co-Founder and CEO

“The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance.”
~ Alan Wilson Watt
Arts @ Large delivers a nationally acclaimed, evidence-based arts education program that includes direct learning for K-12 students. We provide an artist-in-residence program, professional development for classroom teachers, and artist educators who support teachers, by improving their ability to teach core curriculum in and through the arts.

Arts @ Large engages the community by hosting arts events and celebrations at schools, and in our Community Center. Since 2001, we have increased access to arts education for Milwaukee’s students, particularly economically-disadvantaged students whose access has historically been limited. Our life-long learning initiatives have expanded access to performing, visual, literary and multimedia arts experiences for all ages and abilities in our new Community Center, located in the Walker’s Point neighborhood of Milwaukee.
- Community Center hosted a Grand Opening - July 2019
- Music Under the Stars goes year-round, featuring local musicians in FREE monthly concerts at the Community Center & Paliafito Eco-Arts Park - July 2019
- 700+ people visit the Community Center for Doors Open MKE - Sept 2019
- DEI Advisory Council (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) established to guide all aspects of Arts @ Large operations - January 2020
- Memory Arts Cafe launched for people with memory loss, and their caregivers - March 2020
- Arts @ Large goes virtual with StoryTime, Family Arts Day and Arts4All Workshops - March 2020
- 6,000 "My Art Bags" distributed to Milwaukee children - April - June 2020
- Arts @ Large hosts first virtual Summer Camp for 3rd - 8th graders - July 2020

PROGR AM HIGHLIGHTS

Check out more about our programs at: artsatlargeinc.org
Arts @ Large has a balanced approach for securing financial resources. Contracted services provided 43% of income during FY19 and FY20. Contributions provided 57%.

**Contributions**

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FY19 & FY20

Arts @ Large supported the local arts economy by paying more than 1/2 million dollars in artist fees.
WHO WE SERVE

Arts @ Large contracts with a diverse group of local visual, performing, literary and multimedia artists to engage Milwaukee's children, families and older adults in Artist-in-Residence programming. Our culturally relevant programming acknowledges and celebrates the expansive heritage of our community, state and nation.

Arts @ Large invites dialogue and creates an environment for mutual respect of our diverse community. Our programs span the entire arts education continuum, from initial training and professional development of educators and artists, to direct arts education for students in the classroom and beyond to the Greater Milwaukee community. We provide the community with a platform to showcase academic knowledge and artistic expression.

OUR REACH

**FY20**

- 40 Schools
- 6,309 Students
- 314 Teachers
- 51 Artists
- 67 Artist Residencies in Schools
- 15 Paid Internships
- 132 Community Center Events
- 3,619 Event Participants

**FY19**

- 42 Schools
- 9,525 Students
- 138 Teachers
- 41 Artists
- 158 Artist Residencies in Schools
- 18 Paid Internships

Figures represent service from July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2020

3,685 Classroom Instruction Hours

$600,000+ Paid In Artist Fees

2,150 Paid High School Internship Hours

Arts @ Large programs are designed to enrich our humanity, and broaden our understanding of ourselves as individuals and society, through the arts.
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