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# MACKINAC ARTS COUNCIL,

now in its 21st year, works in partnership with **Arts Midwest, City of Mackinac Island, Mackinac Island Community Foundation, Mackinac Island Public Schools, Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau, Mackinac State Historic Parks, Michigan Arts and Culture Council, Michigan Humanities, Richard and Jane Manoogian Mackinac Art Museum** plus many community groups and businesses to meet the arts and cultural needs of Mackinac Island through a diversity of initiatives, services and cultural programming. We thank you for joining us in our endeavor to provide quality arts programming on beautiful Mackinac Island.



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Dear Friends,

In 2023, as with the 20 years before, our Mackinac Art Council supporters made an impact on the arts and cultural life of Mackinac Island. Together, we have been able to provide programming throughout the year.

In the winter months, we host cozy *Fireside Chats*, *Music Mondays*, a children's theater production as well as movies for a bit of fun.

In the spring, we celebrate with *Poetic Visions*, a Mackinac Island Community Theater production, *International Concerts* and our *Opening Act* fundraiser.

Our summer premieres with *Music in the Park*, *Mackinac's Got Talent*, *Performance Arts Series* and *Workshops in the Museum*.

We close our magical Mackinac summer season with *Music on the Trail* and a special fundraiser to help our Mackinac Island Public School students experience arts and culture venues on the mainland and for in-school arts events such as visiting artists or traveling exhibits.

These extraordinary opportunities are only possible because of you, our community of supporters: residents, seasonal employees, students, visitors, and business sponsors. It is your support that also helps MAC continue to be eligible for local, regional, state and national grants.

Together, we are building an arts and cultural legacy, creating an experience of Mackinac Island that enhances the quality of life for each of us. Thank you for your impact on the arts on behalf of the entire Mackinac Island community.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

With gratitude,

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# SOO THEATRE

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Cast as leads, Soprano Karen Beacom with NYC tenor Mario Cavaradossi, and their fellow cast members of the Soo Theatre gave a *tour de force* in Giacomo Puccini's Italian Opera *Tosca*, a story of love and the quest for justice.



Karen Beacom again joined with the Soo Opera Orchestra and the Soo Artists & Apprentices to stage *Gianni Schicchi*, a one act Puccini comedy that divides a family over the fortune of its dying patriarch.



# INTERNATIONAL Concerts

With the support from our volunteer community, local and regional food vendors, the Mackinac Island Community Foundation and the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau, Mackinac Arts Council produced four events celebrating the international community of employees, and residents on Mackinac Island: Up North, Latin America, Jamaica and Eastern Europe.

PICTURED HERE: MARIACHI CRISTAL BAND

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# PERFORMANCE Arts Series

SIX WEEKS OF CONCERTS

In 2023 Mackinac Arts Council hosted fine arts performers hailing from Cleveland, Cincinnati, Minnesota and Chicago. Their virtuosity was brilliant, especially playing in venues such as St. Anne's Catholic Church which graciously granted us the space in-kind.

PICTURED HERE: SAXOPHONIST, JAMES BUNTE & PIANIST YAOYUE HUANG



In 2023 Mackinac Arts Council offered beginning bridge, block printing, night photography and other workshops including a day-long plein air painting class with island artist Maeve Croghan.

# WORKSHOPS at the Museum

TEN WEEKS OF CLASSES

Mackinac Island Public School children, age 12 + or younger, accompanied by a parent, are welcomed to register and attend most workshops for free.

PICTURED HERE: FELTING WITH KIM CLARE

# MUSIC *in the Park*

TEN WEEKS OF CONCERTS

Our sponsors help underwrite Music in the Park. In 2023, with community backing from the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau, Mission Point Resort, Moët Hennessy, Sheplers Mackinac Island Ferry, Starline Mackinac Island Ferry, Original Murdick's Fudge, and Doud's Market, Mackinac Arts Council hosted 10 Music in the Park performances including opening acts, and headliners such as Alex Graham, Djangophonique, Wood Box Heroes, The Accidentals and Davina and the Vagabonds.

PICTURED HERE: DAVINA AND THE VAGABONDS

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## MUSIC *on the Trail*

In our 2021 survey of Island employees conducted by Lisa Craig Brisson, Executive Director of Michigan Museums, we learned that our Mackinac Island residents and seasonal employees preferred an opportunity to enjoy performance arts outdoors, over an extended day event that could accommodate their work schedules. Thereafter with grants from the Mackinac Island Community Foundation and support from the Mackinac State Historic Parks, in 2022 Mackinac Arts Council founded Music on the Trail, a day-long event that in 2023 boasted 14 acoustic performers. Karen Beacom helped organize the day with Katie Rearick, Adrian Skazalski, Park Ranger, and Mackinac Island Carriage Tours volunteered their logistics support. Volunteers Sue Sisson and Neil Liddicoat welcomed guests entering from Arch Rock.

PICTURED HERE TOP: TESS MILLER (L) AND MELISSA STRAUS (R)

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## MACKINAC'S *Got Talent*

Throughout the summer, Mackinac Arts Council hosts rain dates at the Mackinac Arts Council, Center for the Arts at Mission Point Resort theater building. In 2023, except for the first audition, held in Marquette Park, both Mackinac's Got Talent second auditions, held at the Grand Hotel Gate House, and its finals, held at the Mission Point Theater, were held inside. Talent shone everywhere as the popularity and great talent grows for this event year by year.

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# COMMUNITY Theatre

Community Theater projects involve a large number of Mackinac's residents and visitors, both on stage and behind the scenes. In 2023 the Community Theater produced a fully staged production of *Little Shop of Horrors*, and two children's plays, *Mary Poppins, Jr.*, and *A Charlie Brown Christmas*.

## PROGRAMS

The Mackinac Arts Council produces Arts, Culture and Education experiences spanning the entire calendar year, including Music Monday's, Fireside Chats, Community Theatre, Exhibits in the Gallery, Music in the Park, Workshops at the Museum, Performing Arts Series, Mackinac's Got Talent, Art and Music in the School, Music on the Trail, International Celebrations and A Very Merry Mackinac.

While the Arts Council produces and supports these activities and events, it is YOU, our AMAZING community, that makes it possible. From all of us at the Mackinac Arts Council - **THANK YOU!**

## POETIC VISIONS

### Exhibits in the Gallery

When *Poetic Visions of Mackinac* opened to public submissions in 2023, Mackinac Island Public School student submissions, K-12, made an impressive exhibit alongside some 60 entries from across the region and USA.

#### Best of Show:

#### **FOUR SEASONS OF THE LAKE**

By Raegan Badik, Mackinac Island Public School Student

#### Winter

Chunks of an ice bridge float  
Under a faded sky  
While light snowflakes fall.

#### Spring

Ice slowly melting,  
Temperamental winds blowing  
Sun shining—at last!

#### Summer

Lake shining like jewels  
White foam crashes against the shore,  
Skipping flattened rocks.

#### Fall

Multi-colored leaves  
Dance 'cross a lake clear as glass  
Under azure sky.



# IMPACT ON THE ARTS

Our partners in the community make the real difference

**MACKINAC ARTS COUNCIL MAKES AN IMPACT IN THE MACKINAC ISLAND COMMUNITY ALL YEAR ROUND, AND THANKS TO EFFORTS OF PEOPLE LIKE MACKINAC ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS, THAT IMPACT IS BOTH STEADY AND UNIVERSAL.**

Students who work with visiting artists and volunteers get to make new friends while Mackinac Island's residents and visitors find plenty of opportunities to witness the impact arts has on everyone.

Heather May understands the important work of the Mackinac Arts Council. Music and art teacher at Mackinac Island Public School, May utilizes MAC grants to support her students.

"(Mackinac Arts Council) support for the school is important," says May, "because it helps a lot of our students understand how we can use skills in the arts outside of the classroom and how it can enrich their personal lives."

Whether plucking ukuleles, creating artwork to accompany their poetry, or snapping photos, May appreciates how MAC-and by

extension the wider Mackinac Island community- nudges students to experiment with multiple formats and outlets. "The Arts Council helps students at the school by providing ways for students to become more hands on with the arts."

It is not only students, however, who benefit from MAC support of Mackinac Island Public Schools, as May says she also benefits more personally.

May believes MAC efforts illustrate for everyone how important the arts are on Mackinac Island. "Support towards the arts in our school shows our community how important it is to keep arts programs not only in the schools but continually growing and thriving. I'm very grateful for their support," she says.

Volunteer John Deroshia also believes the community benefits from Mackinac Arts Council efforts, and that he benefits from volunteering as well. "Everyone gets exposure to new music, and new art work; and new contacts," he says, adding that all of it, including "getting to meet new people is beneficial to me."

When not fronting his band or delivering restaurant supplies for his family business, Deroshia is regularly found serving food at MAC's

International Employee Concerts at the Community Hall, or puzzling together the stage for Music in the Park, always with a smile and a willingness to do more.

He says others can also benefit from volunteering for MAC. "(Volunteers) get to experience a new part of Mackinac that they might not know," he explains.

A Cheboygan native and former Mackinac Island dockporter, Deroshia says volunteering is gratifying. "It's great community involvement. It's a great addition to Mackinac Island to increase the exposure to the arts for visitors and locals."

Art makes an impact on Mackinac Island thanks in large part to the continued efforts of all of Mackinac Arts Council's partners. And none of our partners are more important than each of us who participate and especially those from Mackinac Island Public School like Heather May or volunteers like John Deroshia.



PICTURED HERE: JOHN DEROSHIA (IN YELLOW) MACKINAC ARTS COUNCIL VOLUNTEER MUSIC AT THE PARK, 2023



PICTURED HERE: HEATHER MAY, MUSIC & ART TEACHER MACKINAC ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOL

# FINANCES IN 2023

## PROFITS & LOSS

Grants	\$47,237
Public Support	\$309,911
Investment Income	\$38,971
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$396,119</b>
Expenses	\$326,395
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$69,725</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

Total Current Assets	\$352,008
Total Fixed Assets	\$5,537
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$357,545</b>
Current Liabilities	\$21,026
Unrestricted Assets	\$331,421
Net Income	\$5,098
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$357,545</b>

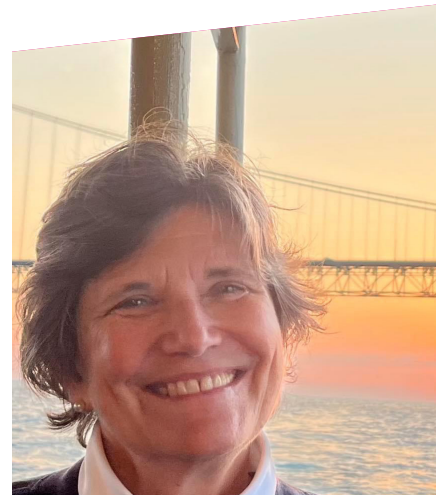
These dollar amounts do not reflect the numerous in-kind contributions (\$43,705) from Mackinac Island businesses and community members, to whom we express heartfelt gratitude. Your in-kind support makes a lot of our work possible.

## COMMUNITY Engagement

AS PART OF OUR GRANT SUBMISSION PROCESS, MACKINAC ARTS COUNCIL PARTICIPATES IN THE SMU CULTURAL DATA REPORT. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS SHOW US DOING BETTER THAN 50% OF ORGANIZATIONS LIKE OURS NATIONALLY IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PROGRAM ACTIVITY, THANKS TO YOUR PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT.

Mackinac Arts Council member Jennifer Johnson is a great example of MAC's high level of community engagement among those who love the arts on Mackinac. But for Johnson, Club Pink Pony, and former front desk receptionist at the Lilac Tree Suites on Mackinac Island, the most important feature of her giving is the way it encourages others. "Giving, by nature, is an act of kindness," she says, and kindness is contagious.

Johnson also believes, "The Mackinac Arts Council is a treasure that keeps growing and contributing to the enrichment of our lives here in Mackinac. The spectrum of offerings keeps expanding, and with that, the need to fund the variety of activities that our residents and visitors can partake in." Johnson donates monthly to "(assure that MAC has) resources available throughout the year for front money."



### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

SMU DataArts KIPi [50=median in our USA comparison group] Dashboard

Total Engagement (incl. virtual attendance)	68
In-Person Engagement (in-person only)	86

Please consider following Jennifer's example by setting up a monthly schedule for your donation. Your ongoing support will help Mackinac Arts Council achieve the goals of providing arts and cultural programming for Mackinac Island's residents, seasonal employees, and visitors throughout the year. **For more information contact Mackinac Arts Council at [www.mackinacartscouncil.org/GIVE](http://www.mackinacartscouncil.org/GIVE)**





**THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY, FOUNDATION & GOVERNMENT SUPPORT OF 2023**



Mackinac Arts Council benefits from some key grants that help make our work possible all four seasons of the year. Essential to our work and legacy is enduring support from field of interest fund grants to the arts on Mackinac held at **Mackinac Island Community Foundation**.

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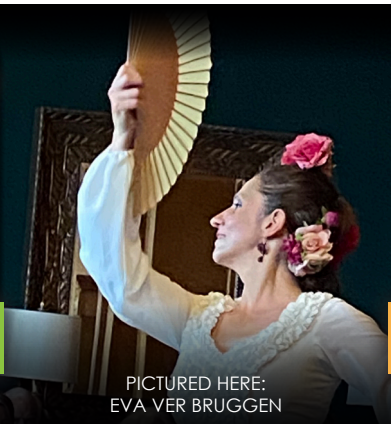
# OPENING ACT

## Fundraiser

Celebrate the start of the 2024 Summer Season of Arts and Culture on Mackinac Island! Join us for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and live music!

SUNDAY | JUNE 30 | 5:00PM  
West Bluff Cottage

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EVA VER BRUGGEN

# FALL SCHOOL

## Fundraiser

Denim & Diamonds

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 8 | 5:00PM  
Mission Point Resort

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# CELEBRATE

## The Arts with us

Every season of the year, there is something fun going on in arts and culture at Mackinac Arts Council. None of this would be possible without the continued commitment of you, our supporters. As we move into our 21st year, we invite you to donate to Mackinac Arts Council now to keep the legacy growing the next 20 years.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURE ON MACKINAC ISLAND through your attendance, volunteering, donations, sponsorship, membership, annual giving, endowments, and more.

Summer 2024 is full of engaging arts and culture programs including **Music in the Park**, **Workshops at the Museum**, **Performing Arts Series**, **Movies**, **Exhibits** and more. Explore the lineup online.

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