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City Arts Nashua is a volunteer arts services organization with IRS non-profit designation.

2015 Annual Report

Our mission: enrich quality of life by providing leadership to support and strengthen arts and culture

Our vision: the Nashua area is a destination for the arts. Visitors come to participate in its wide variety of arts and cultural offerings; people see Nashua as a place where they want to work, play and stay.

Our beliefs: arts and culture are the heart and soul of any city. A vibrant arts community and a strong creative economy are necessary for the development and growth of the greater Nashua area.

What we do: help expand and provide visibility for greater Nashua’s artistic and cultural community. We promote, advocate, network, produce events and projects, fundraise, and provide fiscal sponsorships. We work closely with the Nashua Arts Commission, with local arts individuals and groups, community organizations, business, government and with State and national arts organizations.

A big Thank You: to our many volunteers, donors and sponsors who helped make 2015 a great year. Special recognition to the NH State Council on the Arts and the NH Conservation and Heritage License Plate Program, NH Charitable Foundation, Nashua Public Library Board of Trustees, James Aponovich, Meri and Charles Goyette, Nashua Arts Commission, BAE Systems, RJ Finlay & Co, for their major support as well as Eric Brand and P&L Landscaping, PRG Rugs, Beckonings, Pat Thurber, the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce, Regional Siding, Inc., Allstate Insurance and M&C Clothing and Gifts.

Fiscal Report

City Arts Nashua sought and received substantial funding through grants, sponsorships, events, donations and in-kind contributions.

Total Revenue	\$116,702.09
Grants	\$42,507.50
Sponsorships	\$3,865.00
Donations	\$21,483.83
Contract	\$16,000.00
Other	\$32,845.76
Total Expenses	\$102,537.42
Artists Fees	\$67,000.00
Marketing	\$3,023.35
Operations	\$10,155.21
Other	\$22,358.86

2015 Accomplishments



Art Walk

Our 11th year of Art Walk Nashua was held on the weekend of September 11, 12 and 13. Over 100 artists exhibited and sold their work, 18 paid musical acts entertained the crowds at the Picker Building, 30 Temple Street, the Main Stage at Parc Renaissance, and various other venues in Downtown Nashua, and the Gate City Charter School for the Arts and the Boys and Girls Club of Nashua facilitated art activities for children at the Nashua Public Library.

Meri Goyette Arts Awards Luncheon

The second annual Arts Awards Champagne Luncheon and Auction on April 12th at Sky Meadow Country Club honored R. J. Finlay and Co./30 Temple Street and Jack Schroeder of Schroeder Construction Management for their support of the arts. Guitarist Ian Ethan Case, The Actorsingers and Bollywood dancer Amritha Mangalat kept the luncheon lively, and items generously donated to our live and silent auctions helped raise over \$11,000 for arts programs, projects and publicity.



Nashua International Sculpture Symposium

We are proud to be the fiscal sponsor of the Nashua International Sculpture Symposium, held for three weeks in May. During the 8th annual event sculptors from Ireland, Bulgaria and Zimbabwe created original works of art, donated to the City and placed at Coliseum Avenue, Roby Park and Fields Grove. A total community effort, hundreds of people welcomed the sculptors, visited them as they worked, brought meals, and thanked them as part of the Closing Ceremony.

Yankee Flyer Diner Mural Restoration

City Arts Nashua initiated and managed the project to restore the iconic landmark on Main Street, painted by renowned artist James Aponovich in 1996. After raising over \$45,000 through grants, donations and sales of a signed, limited edition of Aponovich's print of the diner, the artist restored the massive mural in his studio, finishing the project for dedication at the Winter Holiday Stroll on November 28th.



ARTventures Nashua

City Arts Nashua was contracted by the City of Nashua for \$25,000 to create a Downtown Public Art Program called ARTventures Nashua. Facilitated by Jerry Beck, an artist with 30 years experience facilitating the creation of temporary art by the community, hundreds of children created floats for the Gate City Fall Festival parade (winning first prize), and mobile illuminated sculptures unveiled as part of Nashua's Winter Holiday Stroll.

Other Highlights of 2015

- Sculptors on Review Exhibition and Sale
- Judged City Hall Wreath Challenge
- NH State Council on the Arts Cultural & Tourism Roundtable participation
- Drew lottery numbers for the Gate City Charter School for the Arts
- Organized and led the Murals and Sculptures Tour for the Chamber of Commerce's 2015 Leadership Greater Nashua class
- Showcased Nashua's vibrant arts scene through monthly newsletters, a strong Facebook presence, articles in local print media, and coverage in events calendars and web sites
- Nominated Meri Goyette, who was selected to receive the Governor's Award for the Arts by the NH State Council on the Arts

Psychic Fair at the Hunt

The fourth annual Psychic Fair fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, March 6 in the Old Reading Room.

Meri Goyette Arts Awards Luncheon

The third annual gala event is scheduled for April 17, 2016 at Sky Meadow Country Club.

ARTventures Nashua

The second phase of our Downtown Public Art Program starts on the weekend of April 29 – May 1 with the return of the Illuminations sculptures to their outdoor locations and the start of the Totem Poems project, along with a traditional May Pole event.

Sculptors on Review

The third annual sculpture exhibition and sale will be held at 30 Temple Street on Sunday, May 8.

Nashua International Sculpture Symposium

The ninth annual event opens on Thursday, May 12 and continues through the first week of June.

Art Walk

The 12th annual Art Walk will be in October 2016.



Historic Mural Restoration

Working with the City and community to raise funds, City Arts Nashua will manage the restoration of the Margaret's View of Nashua in the 14 Court Street lobby, a fresco mural painted by renowned artist Lucienne Bloch.

Arts and Cultural Plan

City Arts Nashua will continue to collaborate with the Nashua Arts Commission to implement the Arts and Cultural Plan adopted in 2015.

Performing Arts Center

City Arts Nashua will participate as part of the team moving forward with the feasibility study for the project.

New Art Space

City Arts Nashua will continue to help the Picker Building artists find a suitable space to relocate their studios.