



# Annual Report 2021





AIE residency with artist Kate Sclavi at Ocean Road School in Point Pleasant, NJ.



# Our Mission

Inspire young people and  
expand their learning through  
the arts.

Artist Bobby Beetcut at Bucks County Free Library in Doylestown, PA.



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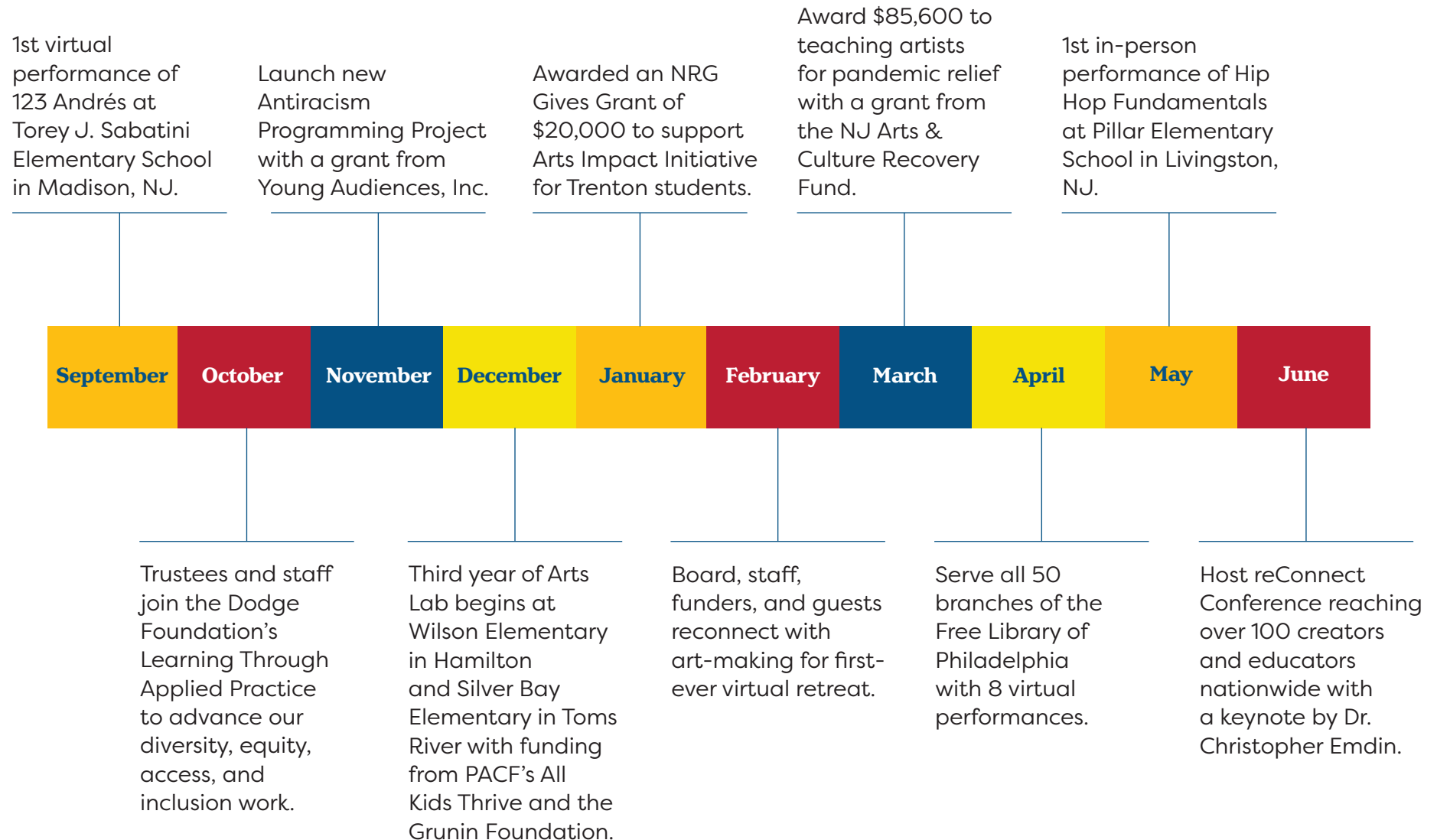
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# The 2020–21 School Year





# Arts United Highlights

115 actions to further diversity, equity, inclusion, and access



## Impact on Students

Launched the Antiracism Programming Initiative to create 10 programs for grades K-8 aimed at communicating principles of antiracism, uplifting Black art-making traditions, and celebrating Black joy. Programs serve students, teachers, and families.

## Communications

Developed our Identity First Statement to guide language to dismantle disableism. We respectfully use *Disabled artists* and *Disabled students* to support Disability justice, equity, and inclusion in the arts.



## Organizational Accountability

Improved salary transparency that resulted in a new “salary band” policy incorporated in the employee handbook and shared with job candidates.

## Continuous Learning

The Arts United board committee led trustees in a learning session around Ibram X. Kendi’s *Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America*.

Top: SOLE Defined performance. Bottom: Student workshop with Jeannine Osayande and Dunya Performing Arts Company.



**14,711** children

**181** schools

**8,327** educators

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“I cannot thank you enough for the performance of 123 Andrés today. I would never have imagined something this magnificent. All the teachers have stopped me to tell me you had every single student engaged—even students who normally do not participate! If only you had heard what our classrooms sounded like! Full of dancing and singing!”

— KATHERINE MARTINEZ, TEACHER AT THE MCKENZIE SCHOOL  
FOR 123 ANDRÉS VIRTUAL PERFORMANCE





## Healing

This year we focused on the intersections of social emotional learning, creative practice, and mindfulness. Students learned how creative writing, poetry, and music offer opportunities to understand and practice strategies for rest, relaxation, and managing emotional states. Students also used theater arts experiences to recognize and identify the thoughts, feelings, and perspectives of others.



# Artist Relief

**68** teaching artists

**\$1,000–\$2,000** grants

Totaling **\$85,600**

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“What wonderful news! This money will help me and my family more than you know. Thank you for continuing to be a lifeline for me throughout a hard season. Moments like this help me to see the light at the end of the tunnel. I’m so grateful!”

— YA TEACHING ARTIST





Artist Li Liu at the Township of Union Recreation in Union, NJ

## Joy and Connection

Virtual and live performances offered students the opportunity to enjoy and analyze artistic works. Students gained an understanding of cultural traditions from around the world. Sharing in the wonder and joy of artistic exploration created community connections for discussion, while encouraging identity development and pride.



# Arts Lab Continues to Thrive

**2** elementary schools: GE Wilson in Hamilton & Silver Bay in Toms River



**1,037** students



**GRUNIN**  
FOUNDATION

**60** performances

**320** workshops

**24** family programs

**48** professional  
learning sessions

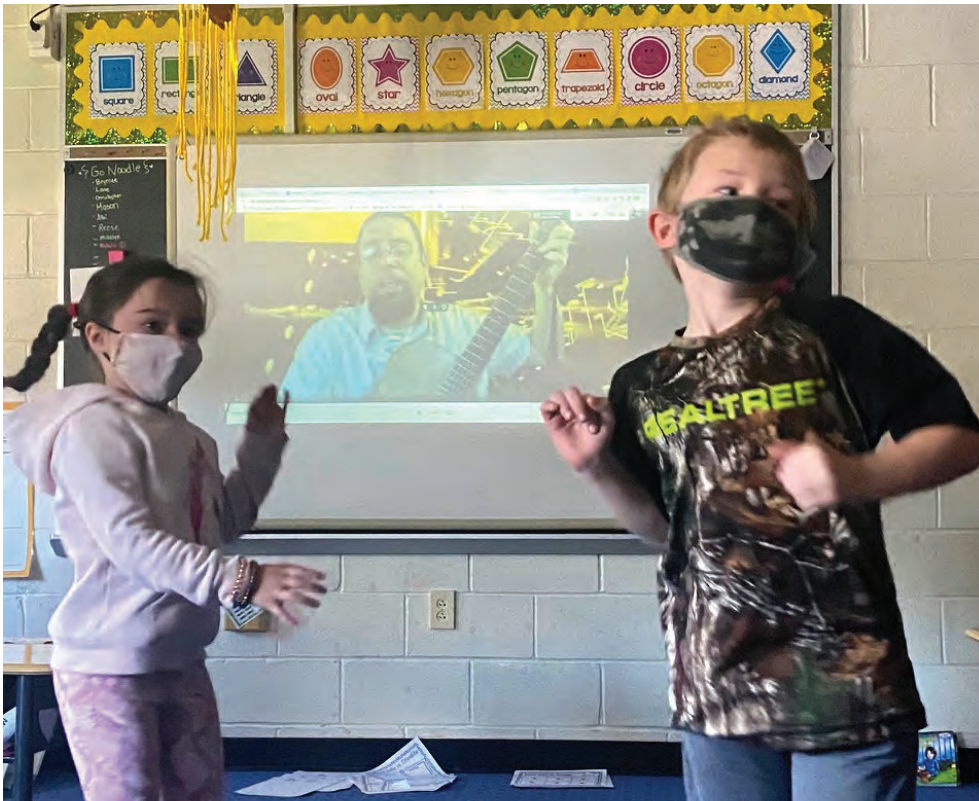
“I like the tap shows and science shows. Tap makes me want to dance and science makes me curious.”

— THIRD GRADER AT SILVER BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## Arts Reimagined

With COVID-19 safety measures in place, many aspects of teaching and learning became restricted. Teaching artists reimagined opportunities for students to explore science and other subjects through music and movement. While engaging in creative practices, students used critical thinking skills as they organized, developed, and synchronized song lyrics, percussion sounds, and movement patterns.



### *Written by the kindergarten class (pictured)*

Worms  
Worms live in the ground  
That is where worms are found  
Worms squirm  
They twist and turn  
Worms are helpful  
They are great  
I think we should celebrate  
Worms

Artist Bobby Beetcut's virtual workshop, *Your Life is a Work of Art*, at Eagleswood Elementary School in West Creek, NJ



UNITED  
WE  
CREATE

## Building stronger, connected communities between Muslims and Non-Muslims

**5** schools, each experienced:

**2** whole-school performances

**2** family arts workshops

**2** educator learning sessions

**8** workshops for students

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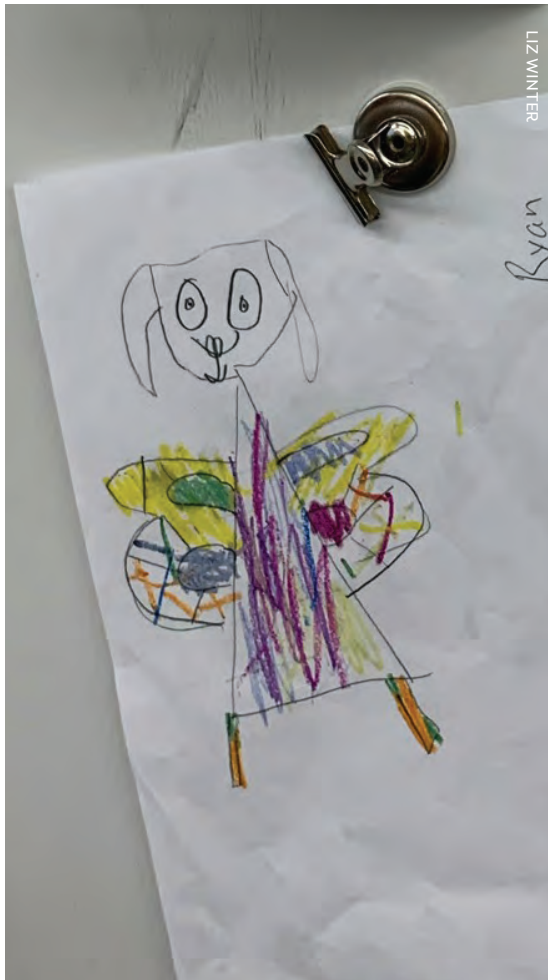
## Results:

### STUDENTS

- 88% increase in comfort level in asking questions about Muslim people and culture
- 79% increase in the “strongly agree” category to the statement “I can be friendly to people who are different from me”
- 67% increase in who agreed or strongly agreed that Muslims are treated unfairly because of what they believe

### TEACHERS

- 121% increase in the “Agree” category when asked if they feel equipped to begin implementing strategies in the classroom that value Muslim culture and experience
- 205% increase in confidence level in understanding Muslim culture
- 87% increase in who felt they can identify their biases against Muslims



Visual art residency with artist Marilyn Keating at Walter C. Black Elementary School in Hightstown, NJ

## Creative Adaptations

During the COVID-19 pandemic, working outdoors has become a necessity for our work with children. Teaching artist Marilyn Keating led students in an outdoor sculpture residency that included brainstorming, sketches, mock-up models and ended with building life-sized sculptures.

These sculptures enhanced the beauty of the school's outdoor classroom and allowed students to explore their imaginations as they collaborated with classmates to bring their unique creatures and creations to life.





# 2021 Arts Champions



Teaching Artists  
**HUA HUA ZHANG**  
**ERIK JAMES MONTGOMERY**



Arts United  
**JOSH CAMPBELL**  
**DR. YOLANDA SEALEY-RUIZ**



Educator  
**COURTNEY NORCROSS**  
*Silver Bay Elementary School*  
*Toms River, NJ*



School  
**LALOR ELEMENTARY**  
**SCHOOL**  
*Hamilton, NJ*



Visionary  
**DORIS DUKE FOUNDATION**  
**FOR ISLAMIC ART**



Standing Ovation  
**CARYN LIN**  
*Teaching Artist*



# 41st Annual Governor's Awards in Arts Education

## Young Audiences' honorees:

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**ENRICO A. DELLA CORNA**  
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**123 ANDRÉS,  
ANDRÉS SALGUERO and  
CHRISTINA SANABRIA**  
*Young Audiences*  
*Performance Artist Group*

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



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*The Statewide Network for*  
*New Jersey's Afterschool*  
*Communities (NJSACC)*



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**JOSH ROBINSON**  
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*Teaching Artist*



**TAHIRA**  
*Young Audiences*  
*Teaching Artist*



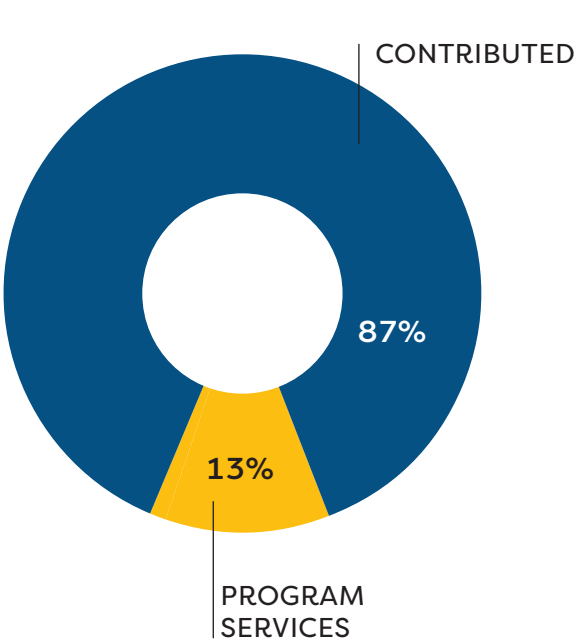
**SHARON WHITE**  
*Young Audiences*  
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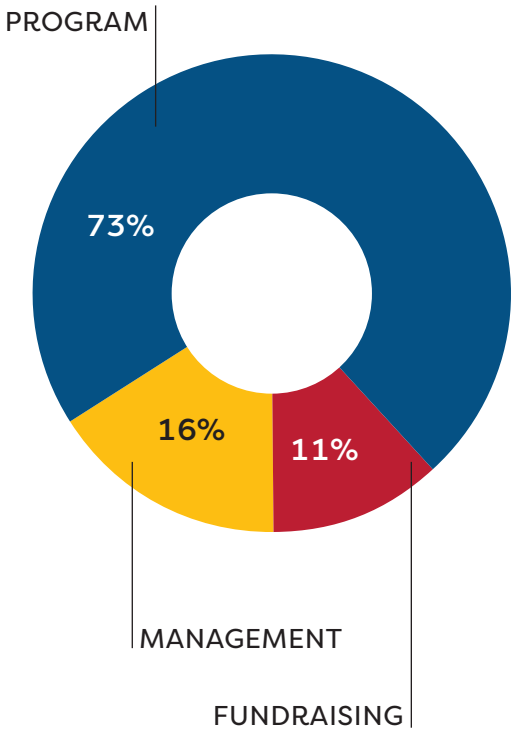
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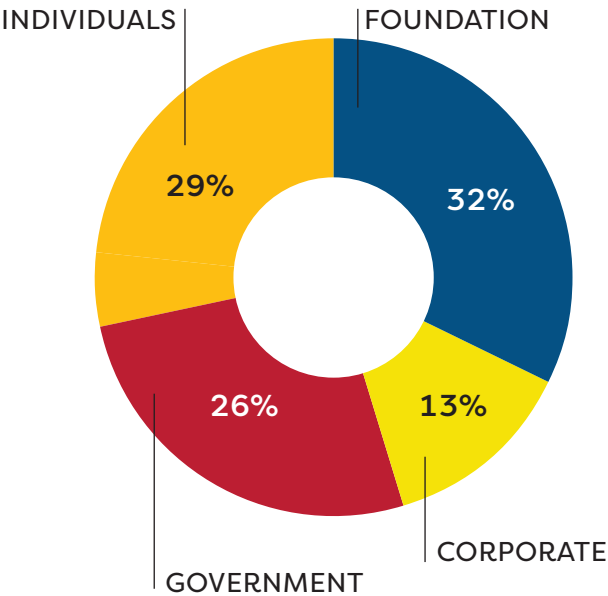
TOTAL: \$2,191,672

EXPENSE



TOTAL: \$2,280,019

CONTRIBUTED INCOME BY CATEGORY



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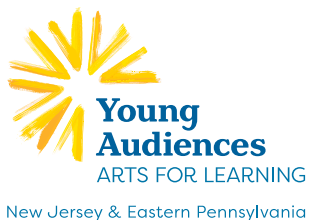
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