

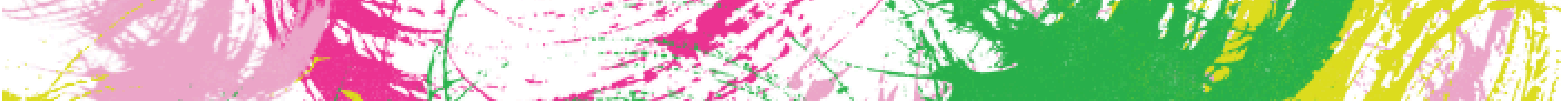


# **MARTIN** *Arts*

## **Annual Report**

**Year ending September 30, 2024**





It's been an up, and down, and up again kind of a year! Despite the mid-summer disappointing news that the State of Florida would not be providing grant funds to arts and cultural organizations across the state, overall FY 23-24 has been a good year for MartinArts. We are so very, very grateful for the outstanding loyalty so many of our donors demonstrate through their consistent generosity.

The response to the summer's "Save the Arts" plea resulted in over \$30,000 raised, some for MartinArts, and some for our partners in Martin County who also suffered the loss of State funding. This was a straight up heartwarming response!

Our staff team welcomed three new members this year, Tori Hill, Kailene Chua and Stephanie Schubert. Each filled a slot that was vacated, for a variety of reasons including a retirement. I am glad to have all three of these talented employees joining our creative team!

I look forward to your involvement, as a donor, as a host for an Artful Gathering, and as an advocate in your community of friends and family so we can build up our community of supporters to look ahead to a bright future!



Nancy K. Turrell  
Executive Director/CEO  
MartinArts



# Arts Education

**“From music and dance to painting and sculpting, the arts allow us to explore new worlds and to view life from another perspective... [they] encourage individuals to sharpen their skills and abilities and to nurture their imagination and intellect.”**

**- George W. Bush, President**

Arts Education is at the forefront of plans, efforts and initiatives. Exposure to arts education doesn't just teach people to be artists, it creates the future generation of arts patrons!

Our past year's outreach and support of arts education included: Marvin S. Cone Annual High School Juried Art Show, My Favorite Things K-8 Art Exhibition, Arts Day, Sunset Concerts at the Gallery, Women Supporting the Arts Grants, Art Club Booths and Student Performers at ArtsFest, MartinArts Awards Student recognition and scholarships, Ronald L. Corbin Scholarship, partnership with Congressman Mast's office for the annual Congressional Art Award.



## Arts Day 2024

80 students from local high schools assembled for an immersive art workshop at Memorial Park in downtown Stuart to collaborate with artists who not only shared art techniques but also insights into life as professional artists. The workshop spanned across five media categories with the following artists:

- Ceramics: Josephine Stokes
- Relief Printmaking: Dan Gorostiaga
- Photography: Steven Martine
- Mixed Media: Alice Laputka
- Field Sketching: Jordan Silvia

*Support for this event is provided by the "State of the Arts" License Plate program and supplies are sponsored by Stuart Art Supply & Studio.*



# Court House Cultural Center Highlights



## Thank you to our volunteers and committee:

Jennifer Brand

Kimberly Everman

Katie Gianni

Sharon Hagin

Ken Hooper-Capozzi

Jane Kiehart

Rickie Leiter

Maria Miele

Sheryl Odza

Tom Prestopnik

Donna Rich

Roni Rottner

Kathy Saigh

## Last Year's Exhibitions at a Glance:

**Day...Night...Dream...**

**My Favorite Things K-8 Student Showcase**

**33rd Annual All Florida Juried Art Show**

**Surreal Boundaries of Reality**

**Marvin S. Cone 38th Annual High School Juried Art Show**

**3rd Annual Members Showcase**

**Abstract Visions**

## Sunset Concerts at the Gallery

A wonderful year celebrating musicians! The concerts reveal the individuality of each of the amazing artists, presenting a wide range of talent from elementary school age up to professionals of all ages

# What Do the Arts Look Like to You?

## ¿Qué te parecen las artes?



Our journey to improve Access to the Arts continues.

MartinArts has partnered with the County's Neighborhood Advisory Committee to meet more of our neighbors and ask them what the arts look like to them, as well as what may be preventing them from engaging in their local arts community.

Watch for our report on the findings and ideas for what may take place in the future to work together to bring more arts to more people.

- **What do the arts look like to you?**
- **What prevents you from participating in the arts?**
- **What type of art experiences would you like to see in your community?**

# Stuart High School Arts Campus Project

**Engaging the Past. Enriching the Future.**

*A Bright Future Ahead...*



## What we've accomplished so far...

- Our successful Cornerstone fund raising initiative plus grant support has raised over \$350,000, nearly 100% of the funds needed for the preliminary planning of the project: feasibility study, architectural plans, structural assessment (including hazardous materials), and historic structures report.
- Created a team of experts to support the project including Jeff Hardin, Straticon Construction; Joe Cooper, GA Construction Group; Tom Lucido, Lucido & Associates; Mike Nelson, MNArchitects; Ed Dugger, ED+A Acoustics; William B. Medellin, historic preservation specialists; and Joe Capra, CAPTEC Engineering who work with volunteers including Liz Bonan, John Eriksen, Dan Brady, Dave Schoonover, Tom Pence, and MJ Dowling.
- Developing a pro-forma budget and operating plan with support from Judith Mitchell, Sharon Holt, Neil Capozzi, Alicia Weber, and Nina Nicolosi.
- MartinArts has secured an intent to lease from the Martin County School District for a long term lease with a lease (50+ years) to follow.
- Partnership agreements are in place with the School District, specifically Stuart Middle School, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Martin County as we look to collaborate on programming and enhanced learning opportunities for our community's youth.

## *Next Steps*

### **Be a catalyst for this community-changing project.**

*Your gift NOW will make a significant difference in the speed in which we can progress with the project. We invite you to consider a major gift toward continued planning for our community's shared vision for an arts campus on the grounds of the historic Stuart High School. For a conversation about your involvement, please reach out to Nancy Turrell today.*

# The Arts Make a Community Vibrant!

## MARTIN *Arts* AWARDS

Celebrating 20 Years of Shining a Light on the arts! A scholarship fund was launched and a generous offer by the Kiplinger Family to match future dollars raised that will lead to an endowment for scholarships.

### Honorary Award Recipients

Lawrence A. Sanders Lifetime Achievement in the Arts: Grace Linn  
Excellence in Arts Education: John Egan  
Arts Leadership: Kia Fontaine  
Arts Service: Sue Sokel  
Corporate Leadership in the Arts: Masterpiece Design | Build  
Special Recognition: Hank Gonzalez

### Nominated Award Recipients

Visual Artist: Dot Galfond  
Performing Artist: Brandon Glick  
Literary Artist: Jennifer Collins  
Student Visual Artist: Daphne Dalton  
Student Performing Artist: Logan Jacobs  
Student Literary Artist: Jasmine Cratty



## ArtsFest

FINE ART • MUSIC • COMMUNITY • FUN

Rooted in our community since 1988, ArtsFest is a much loved annual celebration of the arts. Held February 10 & 11, 2024, ArtsFest celebrated the culinary, visual and performing arts. It was an exciting year as we launched “Art Speaks” a poetry slam hosted by Stella B, welcomed Parrotheads from across the region for the performance by the Landsharks, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band, and hosted a middle school chalk art competition with support from the State of Florida, Division of Arts & Culture.

Annually, ArtsFest draws at least 7,500 people during the two day event, recruits 150+ volunteers to serve, and promoted more than 200 artists from across the visual, literary, culinary and performing arts disciplines.

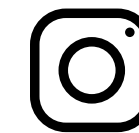
# Promoting the Arts

Our mission, as the local arts agency, includes promoting the arts to build an audience for today, and inspire the audience of tomorrow.

Through a vibrant social media presence on Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram, we strive to build community awareness and engagement for the entire arts sector. The website, MartinArts.org along with our email and text outreach supports printed, traditional marketing outreach efforts to accomplish this goal.



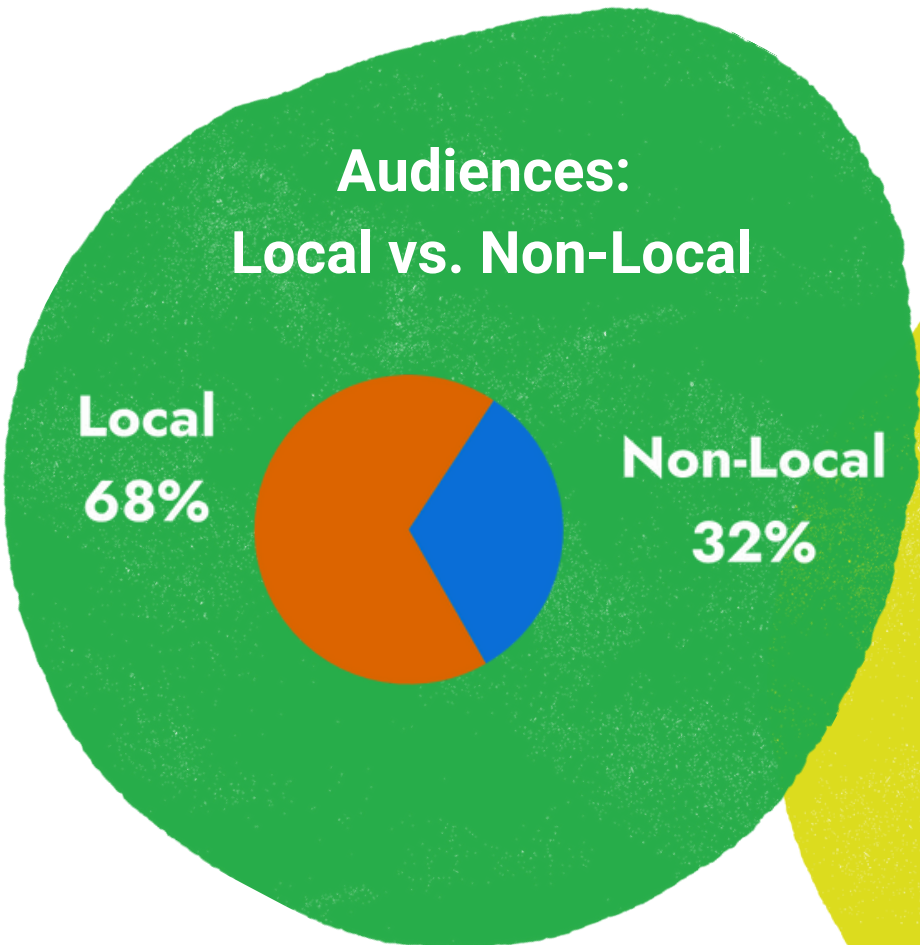
*Join us on social...*



**A rich partnership with the St. Lucie Cultural Alliance has grown and built a valuable informational resource for arts patrons across the region! The MartinArts / St Lucie Arts Magazine is welcomed into businesses, homes and venues across the two-county area.**

# Martin County's Economic Impact of the Arts = \$31M

AEP6 was the sixth economic impact study of the nonprofit arts and culture industry in the U.S. This study is conducted approximately every five years to gauge the economic impact (on employment, government revenue, and household income) of spending by nonprofit arts and culture organizations and the event-related spending by their audiences. Previous studies were published in 1994, 2002, 2007, 2012, and 2017. Martin County was one of 300+ communities across the country who participated.



## Social Impact Responses by Attendees

"This venue or facility is an important pillar for me within my community."	83.9%
"I would feel a great sense of loss if this activity or venue were no longer available"	86.7%
"This activity or venue is inspiring a sense of pride in this neighborhood or community"	87.9%
"My attendance is my way of ensuring that this activity or venue is preserved for future generations"	85.4%

# Harvesting the *Arts*

The work of our mission is supported through a generous mix of individuals, members, businesses, and foundations. However, as our programs grow, so must our network of friends who financially support us. To that end, we hosted our second “Harvesting the Arts” luncheon on Wednesday, March 13. The luncheon was held at Kai Kai Farms and gathered a group of approximately 120 friends with the passion to support our organization. Sponsorship of this event covers the costs which means 100% of the donations we receive from the event go to serving our mission!

The activities included an optional tour of Kai Kai Farm with Diane Cordeau, Oceana Phenomena Installation by Jane Baldrige and music provided by The Doug Maher Trio. Emcee Anna Valencia Tillery of White Glove Moving & Storage dazzled us with her support and passion for MartinArts.



**Karen L. Barnes**

**Karen Janson**

**Allola McGraw**

*Every gift of membership is meaningful and makes a tremendous difference. We thank you for your dedication to growing the arts together.*

Whether you're a creative professional or an arts enthusiast, MartinArts membership provides a range of benefits for enjoying and promoting the arts in our area.

# Membership

Whether you're a long-time patron or new to our space, your commitment helps us grow and continue bringing incredible art and experiences to our local area.



## Thank you for being a member!

Your MartinArts new membership benefits include:

- Discounts on shop purchases & ticketed events
- Access to over 1,000 arts & cultural institutions across the United States, Bermuda, Canada, the Cayman Islands, Puerto Rico, and Mexico

**Enjoy NARM Benefits as a MartinArts Member!\***

NARM is a network of over 1,300 museums, art galleries, botanical museums, children's museum, and so much more.



Scan to learn more about NARM benefits.

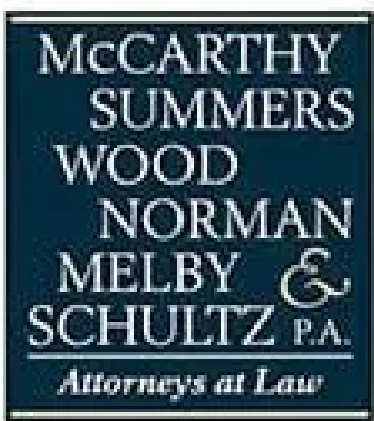
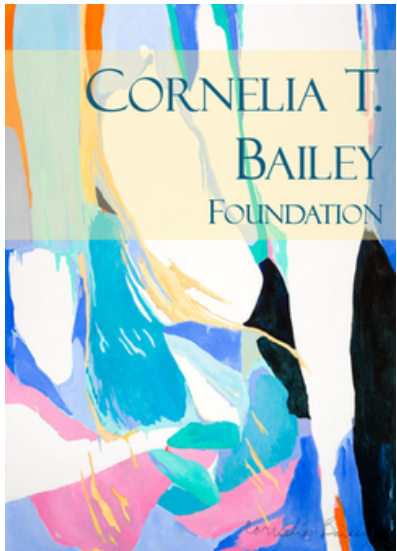
*\*Applies to memberships \$150+*



## Introducing our new Loyalty Cards!

Because your support deserves to be celebrated. Our new loyalty cards are our way of saying thank you — With each event or exhibit attended at the Court House Cultural Center, your card will receive a stamp, earning you an entry into our exclusive year-end raffle event with exciting prizes up for grabs!

# Thank You to Our Community Partners



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# Thank You to Our Annual Partners

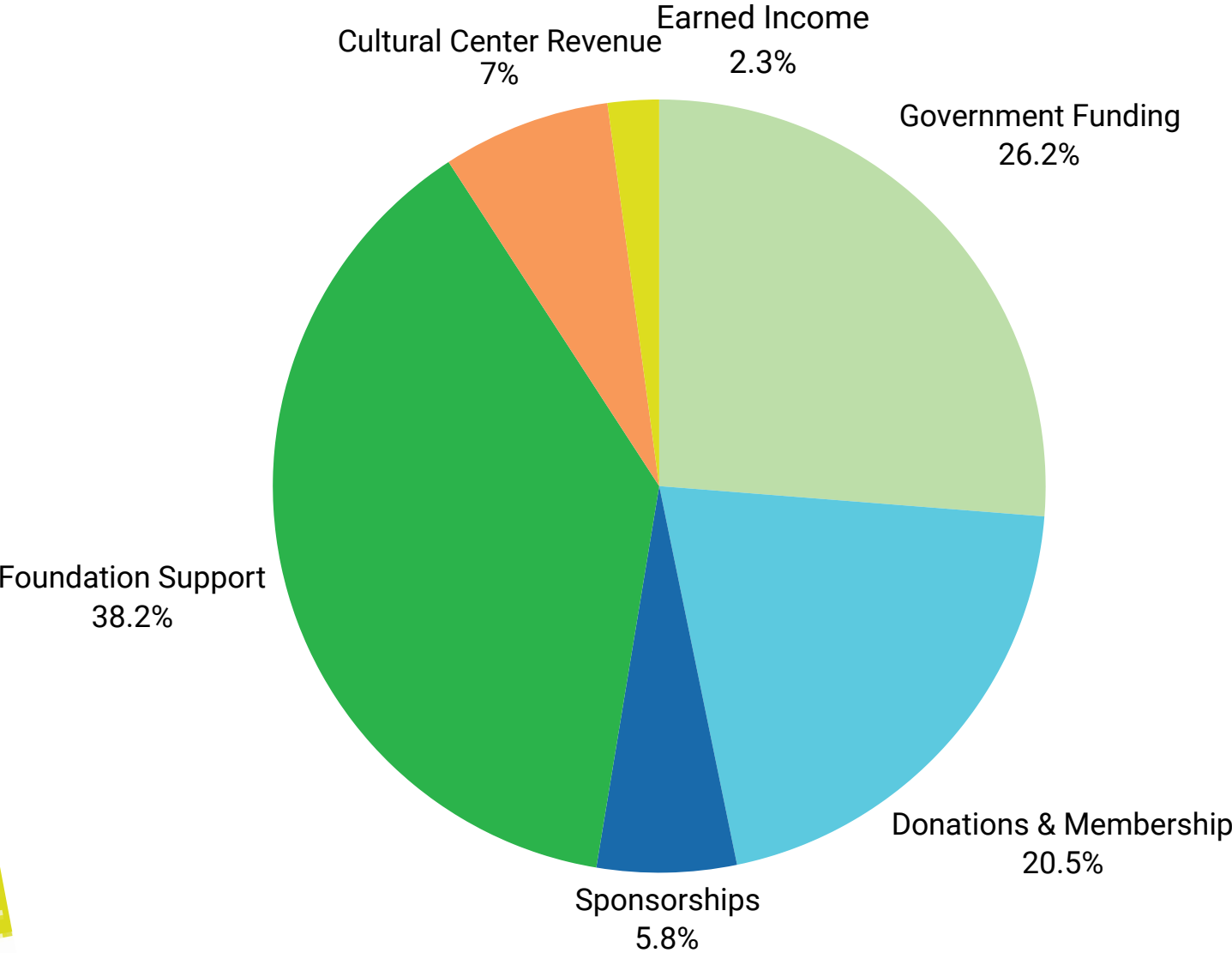
Since 1980, MartinArts has been a leader in the arts community with the mission to inspire participation and passion for the arts. Annual Partners enrich the lives of local residents and our visitors by supporting events and education focused on the visual, literary, and performing arts. Thank you for making an impact on the success of our vibrant arts community!

Visit our website to learn more about our Annual Partners: [MartinArts.org](http://MartinArts.org)

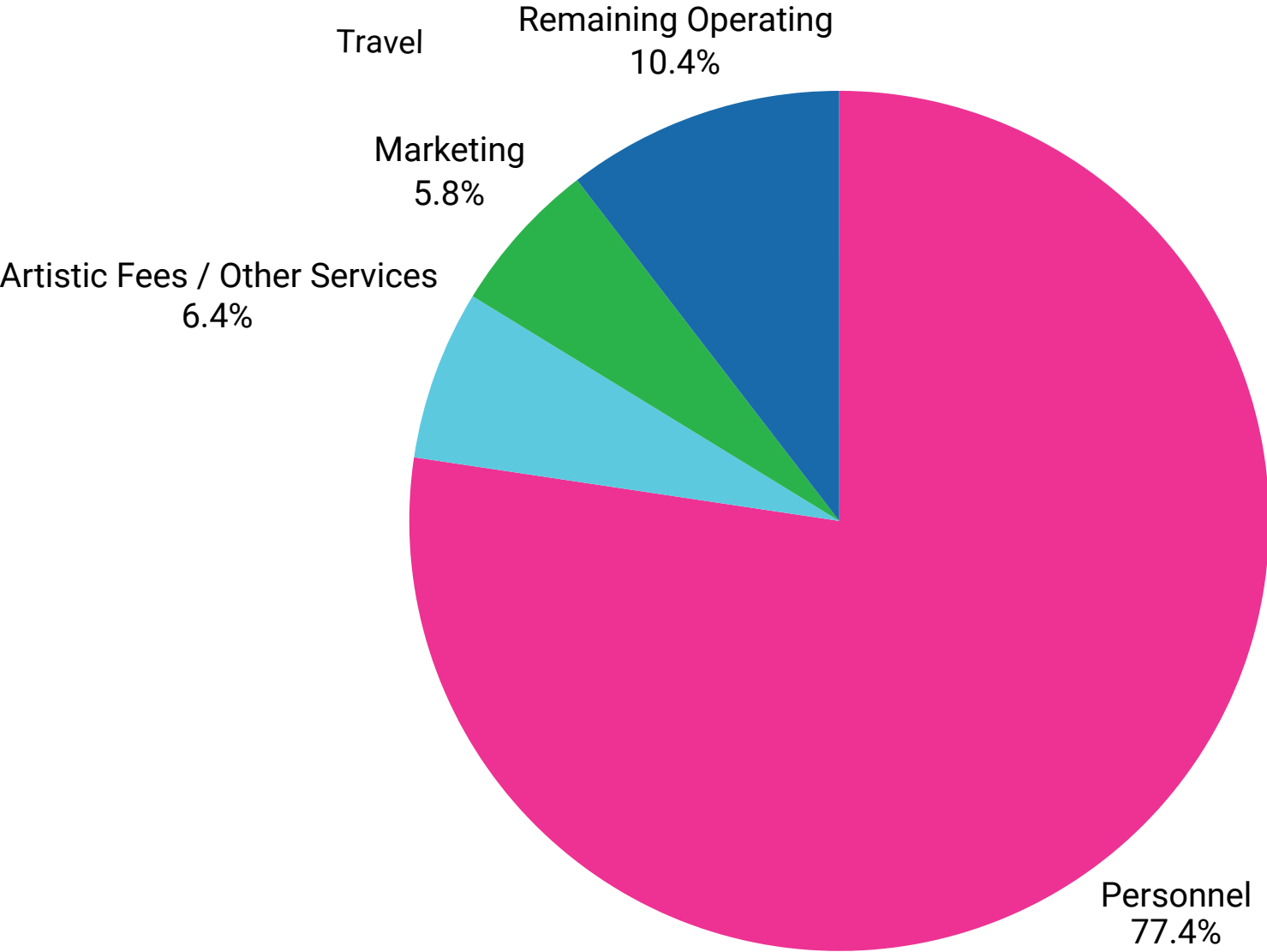


# Operating Income & Expenses\* - FY 2023-2024

Revenue



Expenses



• Financial Data from the Council’s operating; does not include the Foundation’s income or expenses or funding related to the Stuart High School Arts Center project.



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# A Look Ahead to 2025

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*Mark your calendar for our Signature Events*

**MARTIN** *Arts*  
AWARDS

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

*ArtsFest*  
FINE ART • MUSIC • COMMUNITY • FUN

Saturday & Sunday, February 8 & 9, 2025

Harvesting the *Arts*

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

*Rhapsody in Blue Gala*

Friday, March 28, 2025

# A Look Ahead to 2025...

At the Court House Cultural Center



## *Programs & Exhibits*

### **Sunset Concerts at The Gallery**

**2nd Tuesday, Monthly, 5:30PM**

Featuring local music groups, youth, and adults.

### **Art Out of the Closet**

**Saturday, March 22**

Annual sale of donated artwork, art supplies and other equipment. Donations accepted on a rolling basis.

*New*

### **Inspired By...**

New series featuring local artists sharing their artistic inspirations. Panels will be hosted by a board member. February, April, June, August, October, December

### **It's Not All Black & White**

Featuring artists in all mediums in a primarily black and white palette.

November 8–December 19, 2024. Opening: Friday, November 8, 5:30–7PM

### **All Florida Juried Art Show**

A 34-year legacy exhibition, this show will feature all Florida artists in all media.

January 10–February 26, 2025. Opening: Friday, January 10, 5:30–7PM.

### **Realism Exhibition**

Featuring regional artists who are creating works of hyperrealism.

March 1–April 19, 2025. Opening: Friday, March 14, 5:30–7PM

### **Marvin S Cone Annual High School Juried Art Show**

Annual exhibition featuring works of student artists from our 5 local high schools since 1987.

April 29–June 21, 2025. Awards Night: Tuesday, April 29, 5:30–7PM (tentative)

### **Members Exhibition**

Showcasing the diverse talents of MartinArts Member Artists and celebrating Martin County's Centennial.

July 8 –August 30, 2025. Opening: Friday, July 11, 5:30–7PM.

### **Twisted Threads: Out of the Closet and Off the Wall**

A contemporary fiber art exhibition that is woven together in a rich variety of diverse materials.

September 9–November 1, 2025. Opening: Friday, September 12, 5:30–7PM



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