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Dear Friends,

2019 was a year of change and partnership for ArtsConnection.

Debra Harounian Peltz, who has served on our Board of Directors for a dozen years, became only the third Board Chairman in our 40-year history.

We created our first Artist Advisory Council to help us make our programs more visible.

To ensure that diversity, equity and inclusion are at the center of our work, we created working diversity committees on both the board and staff levels.

We worked in 194 schools utilizing the talents of over 125 diverse teaching artists. Our afterschool programs for teens created opportunities for 10,000 young people to connect to the creative world of NYC.

It was a year when we reached beyond our own organization to create partnerships that enhanced and expanded our work, allowed us to learn and share with other agencies, be more cost effective and leverage the collective experience of youth-serving entities. These partnerships included:

- Collaborating with DreamYard to bring the TRaC (Teen Reviewers and Critics) program to the Bronx
- Working with the Bronx Public Library to create Pizza and a Movie nights in that borough
- Beginning OnTrac, a career and college readiness program for teens, in partnership with Futures and Options
- Creating GIVE, a partnership with The New Victory Theater and the Community-Word Project to create resources that will enable teaching artists to work more effectively in classrooms serving both general and special education students together

We thank our program partners and our many public, private and individual supporters who made 2019 such a successful year at Arts Connection



hroughout the 2018-2019 school year, ArtsConnection collaborated with extraordinary partners to provide new programming and share our expertise in support of our city's students. There were exciting joint ventures developed and others which expanded and deepened services for children and teens who look forward to ArtsConnection in their classrooms or exploring the arts across New York City during out-of-school-time hours.

TEEN PROGRAMS

We are proud to support arts-interested teens as they prepare for post-secondary success. With funding from the Pinkerton Foundation, we are partnering with Futures and Options, which focuses on career and college guidance. Our pilot OnTRaC course helped students confidently take the next steps in determining their pathways. This summer, Teen Reviewers and Critics (TRaC) increased its reach, with our first Bronx course made possible by a partnership with DreamYard, which provides equity and opportunity for Bronx youth through the arts.

GIVE

ArtsConnection is collaborating with two other arts organizations—Community-Word Project and The New Victory Theater—to create systemic improvements to arts education for inclusion classrooms serving a mixed student body of those with and without disabilities. With multi-year support from The New York Community Trust, the partnership began the process of developing a flexible toolbox of resources: GIVE (Growing Inclusivity for Vibrant Engagement: A Teaching Artist Planning Guide for Best Arts Engagement Practices in Inclusion Classrooms), to help teaching artists in NYC public schools plan, implement and reflect on their curricula and instructional practices.

IT'S OUR STORY TO TELL

An inaugural grant from the Department of Cultural Affairs' CreateNYC Disability Forward Fund enabled us to implement a new media program: a documentary filmmaking residency at District 75's Dr. Horan School for high school students who have significant disabilities. Putting the camera in their own hands, students also learned about the other roles in a documentary film crew, and shared their unique perspectives and artistic expressions with their larger school community in a fully-realized film.

ART 2ART

Another 150 high school visual artists joined the growing cadre of students creating original visual responses to a renowned theater production. Our third year of partnering with Broadway musical *Dear Evan Hansen* engaged students in exploring and interpreting the show's themes, which resonate so strongly with teens. Our annual Spring Benefit, in support of our programming, celebrated this collaboration with lead producer, Stacey Mindich Productions.

KING KONG

Through our collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment, 200 students from long-time partner schools PS 49x and PS 130k and all of our fall Teen Reviewers and Critics teens saw *King Kong on Broadway*. Back in their classrooms, younger students created and performed with their own fantastical creatures, from smaller individual puppets to giant group-created and animated parade puppets. TRaC teens learned about the rich history of the Kong story and approached their written reviews of the production from their particular TRaC seminar art form.

SUMMER IN THE CITY WITH MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS

The summer marked our second consecutive year working with the NYC Department of Education's Summer in the City: Multilingual Summer Academy. ArtsConnection served over 5,300 multilingual learners in 85 schools in all five boroughs, who responded to their literacy curriculum with theater and visual arts activities to strengthen vocabulary, speaking and listening skills.

Providing pathways to opportunity through the arts for our cities students



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SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

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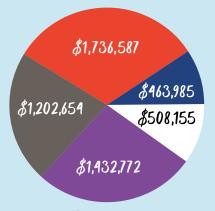
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REVENUE & EXPENSE BREAKDOWN

Financials represent fiscal year 2019, spanning September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019



Revenue

Federal, City, State \$1,432,772

Foundation, Corporate, & Individuals \$1,202,654

NYC Dept. of Education \$1,736,587

Other/In-kind **\$463,985**

Special Events \$508,155



Program Services \$4,631,377

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Totals

Total Revenue: **\$5,344,153**Total Expenses: **\$5,599,496**

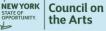
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