Looking forward to 2014

As we move into the new year, we’re excited to be bringing even more arts experiences to our community. The Lanesboro Arts Campus project aims to make Lanesboro a more vibrant place through public art, enhanced walkability, and improved arts venues. An extensive planning process with community partners will culminate in October 2014 as the current phase of the project concludes. To complete fundraising this year, we have a goal to raise $100,000 from local individuals and businesses.

The St. Mane Theatre is currently under construction, and we can’t wait to show you the finished product! The second floor of the building will be transformed into a flex space for classes, meetings, and hosting artists in residence. This project, in addition to the historic restoration of the gallery façade, is projected to be complete by summer 2014.

Throughout the year we’ll be hosting community art-making workshops and developing exciting new programming for these spaces, as well as working with the City of Lanesboro and the Lanesboro Area Chamber of Commerce to implement the infrastructural components of the project. Thank you to all of our participants, members, supporters, artists, and partners for your help in bringing this vision to life!

Serve as a regional catalyst for artistic excellence and educational development in providing diverse art experiences for people of all ages.

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EDUCATION

4 Kids Create! Events | 185 Picture Parade students in 8 classrooms | 7 Surprise Sculpture classes | 50+ students representing 4 schools in the annual Juried High School Art Show

VISUAL ARTS AT THE GALLERY

Liz Bucheit & Michael Seiler Traditions in Transition | Linda Lewis Mothers and their Dreams | Juried Group Exhibition Rural Americans | Sarah Wieben New Paintings | Lennis Moore Impressions

PERFORMING ARTS AT THE ST. MANE THEATRE

Northern Gael | Johnsmith | Rhubarb Sisters | Chuck Suchy | Holiday Sing-along | Rebecca Davis | Lanesboro Live | Third Friday Film Series | Over the Back Fence | Martin Zellar & 6 Mile Grove

COMMUNITY

Frozen River Film Festival | Hosting Lanesboro Community Theater & Lanesboro HS play | Lanesboro Arts Campus Planning | 2 Artists in Residence | Art in the Park featuring 96 artists + 3 musicians

Highlights of Success in 2013

1. Lanesboro Arts Center raised over $775,000 for the Lanesboro Arts Campus project, including $313,000 from ArtPlace America and $50,000 for the National Endowment for the Arts.

2. Lanesboro was named one of the Top 12 Small Town ArtPlaces in America!

3. Our membership campaign helped us reach new members, reconnect with people, and revamp our membership program. We also hosted classical pianist Rebecca Davis at the St. Mane Theatre for our first member concert.

4. In October, LAC was invited to participate in the Inaugural Innovation Summit for Arts & Culture in Denver. John, Courtney, and Joe O’Connor attended on behalf of LAC, engaging with some of the country’s most innovative arts organizations.

5. John presented the work and vision of LAC at a number of conferences, including a keynote speech at the Rural Arts & Culture Summit in Morris, MN, and sessions at the Americans for the Arts Annual Convention in Pittsburgh, the Innovation Summit in Denver, the Kentucky Arts Council’s creative placemaking event in Pikeville, KY, and an NEA meeting in Brattleboro, VT.

6. Courtney was awarded a Local Arts Scholarship to attend the Americans for the Arts Annual Convention in Pittsburgh, and Sara was awarded an Underserved Communities and Field Diversity Scholarship for the National Arts Marketing Project Conference in Portland.

7. We started a redesign of our website. Keep an eye out for our new look — with increased functionality! — soon.

8. Our Juried Sales Gallery supported over 100 artists, made $136,000 in sales, hosted 9 artist demos/reads, provided capstone space for SEMAC artists, and hosted new work by 2 spotlight artists.

9. To fill a need for more arts education in the summer, we started Surprise Sculpture, a new program where kids used upcycled materials to create large public sculptures. We reached 150+ local kids and many unsuspecting community members!

10. All of this could not be possible without our 180+ volunteers, who devote countless hours to LAC each year. THANK YOU!

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