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supporting, promoting, and  
connecting literary,  
performing, and  
visual artists of all ages  
to our community



# CENTER FOR THE ARTS 2024 ANNUAL REPORT







Dear Friends,

It has been a landmark year for the Center for the Arts (CFA), and we couldn't be more thrilled to have our first CENTER! This has long been the CFA's desire, and to have it realized is a dream come true.

The new change of having a Center has come at a pivotal time, as many of our supporting board members have made room for new board members to join, and new staff has been hired.

The organization spent much of this year solidifying its foundation both internally and externally, which has enabled us to secure a new space, build new teams, create new spaces, and connect in new ways to our community.

We believe this is only the beginning of the positive impact we can have on the community's ability to gather, connect, and create. We are grateful for all the generous people who have helped us get to this monumental moment. Come join us for this next chapter of the Center for the Arts!

Dena Stahlheber  
Executive Director



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We could not have achieved this new beginning without the support of our amazing community who believes that the arts enrich our lives.

*Thank you!*

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## ACCOMPLISHMENTS of 2024

As we reflect on 2024, the Center for the Arts is filled with gratitude for the incredible support of our community, artists, partners and donors. We look forward to continuing to serve as a beacon of creativity, fostering connections, and enhancing the lives of everyone who engages with us. Thank you for your continued support, and we invite you to join us in creating, experiencing, and celebrating the arts in the Lake Sunapee Region.

### New Space

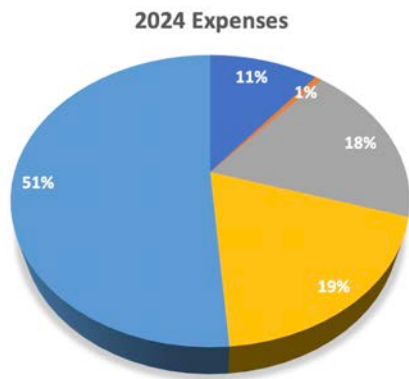
- New classroom space to create!
- First CFA Gallery

- Fine art and creative classes offered at the new space
- First group piano lessons to students grades 2-5
- New groups for artists to gather and support each other

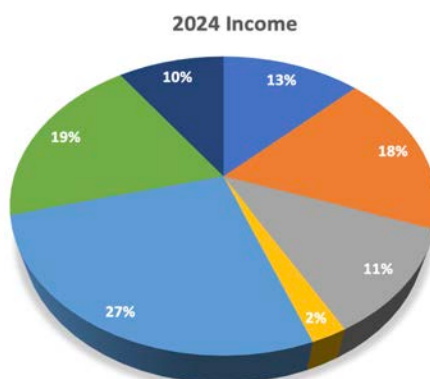
### Enhancements

- New partnerships in Sunapee for Arts Weekend in July
- New messaging across all our materials
- Complete new website that better represents the organization's programs and identity

- Six new board members
- Increase of social presence with Instagram and tick-tok
- Improved branding for marketing impact of the Center for the Arts 2024
- 2,200 people attended events and programs
- 56 days of events throughout the year
- \$56,000 in estimated gross sales to artists through Microgallery and NNE exhibits



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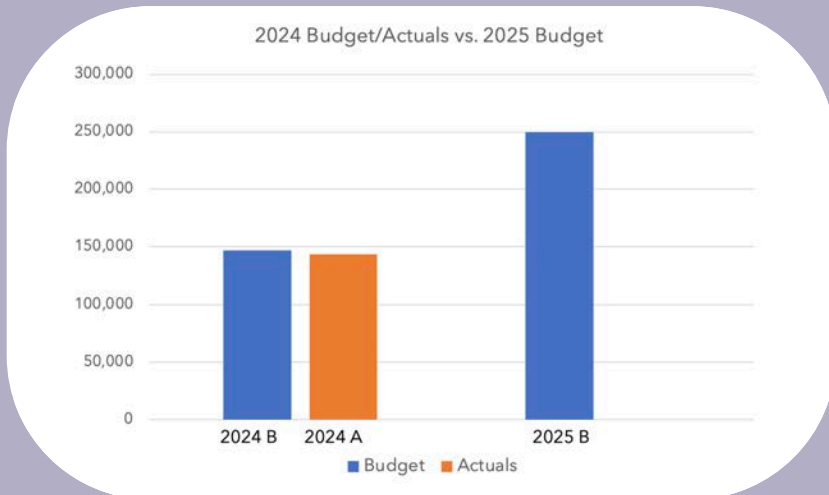


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## Growth Increases Costs for 2025

The CFA has big plans for growth this year and will need your help. Join us in enriching the community through the arts as we help artists and the community tap into the greater depths of their inner creativity!



*The CFA plays a vital role in bridging organizations, artists, and the community, serving as an indispensable part of the community. It not only impacts the lives of the artists it supports but also has a far-reaching effect on the broader community. The organization deeply values the partnerships and support it receives from all involved.*



## WHAT'S NEW?

The new space has brought us new opportunities to partner in the community and offer a variety of classes for individuals to improve their skills and grow in their creativity.

These two new spaces will highlight a Gallery & Studio for fine artists and craftspeople to showcase their talent while creating a beautiful space for gatherings, speaker events, and studio sessions. Many new critique and artist meetup groups are already meeting, increasing

connection and community. The Gallery will allow us to increase visibility of artists, craftspeople and provide more opportunities for them to create and enrich our community.

The Creative Classroom offers an excellent place for creativity to flourish in music, art, ceramics, fine craft, and student art programs. There will be offerings for everyone as the space continues to grow in its offerings.

## 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

The Center for the Arts has a new home, expanding opportunities for community arts and connection. Our new space will host cultural conversations, storytelling sessions, classes, and partnerships for dynamic programs, all designed to build community through the arts. Join us as we create, connect, and celebrate the power of the arts together!

### Cultural Conversations

We are working hard to highlight important topics that are meaningful to our community. This year, we plan to partner with photographer Susan Sidebottom on her important exhibit on dementia, something that affects far too many people. We will offer a HuManities Monday event that address important topics like aging with humor and color. We will also address the conversation of What is Art as the rise of Artificial Intelligence moves swiftly across the globe. The landscape is changing for artists so what does it mean?

### Partnerships

Continuing to partner with the New London Town Rec has been a great opportunity to ensure that local families and children can express their creativity together. This is our second year offering winter arts and spring art activities for families and collaborating on a spring contradance.

We will continue to partner with businesses like Blue Loon Bakery, Grounds, New London Inn, New London Hospital, NL Barn Playhouse, and Tatewell Gallery to offer our special Microgallery shows and opening receptions.

### Power of Story

Together with Simon Brooks, the New London Town Rec department, the CFA will promote a workshop called the Kid in Me to bring forth stories from all ages. This will connect the generations and build upon the long-standing importance of storytelling and sharing our experiences as a community.

### Student Classes

There is a need for more student enrichment opportunities in our community, and we look forward to developing these programs and offerings so that our local students can express and grow their inner artists.

### Our Vision for the Future

Our vision is to continue expanding our reach, offering innovative programs, and fostering a community where the arts are accessible to all. We aspire to create an environment where artists of all disciplines can thrive and where the arts play an integral role in our daily lives.





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## GET INVOLVED

The Center for the Arts success depends upon our generous community's support. There are many ways to get involved:

**Join Us as a Member:** Become part of a growing network of artists, art lovers, and community supporters.

**Volunteer:** Volunteer your time and talents to help further our mission and support our events and programs.

**Donate:** Your financial contributions allow us to provide scholarships, support our programs, and ensure that the arts continue to flourish in the Lake Sunapee Region.

**Gallery Partner:** Local artists and craftspeople can showcase their work in our Gallery, gaining exposure and the opportunity to sell their pieces to a wider audience.

**Community and Intern Partnerships:** We rely on community organizations, interns, and individuals passionate about the arts to help us achieve our goals.

By participating in CFA, you directly contribute to the cultural enrichment of our region, support local artists, and help us bring exceptional arts experiences to our communities.





# 2024 Members, Donors and Sponsors

The arts continue to flourish in the community thanks to the generous support of our membership contributors, donors, business sponsors, scholarship donors and grantors/foundations, and volunteers.

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*Thank you to those who have supported our programs this past year. We look forward to seeing you in 2025!*

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