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2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT



A YEAR OF GENEROSITY



Palace Theater Mission Statement

*To preserve and operate
the historic Palace Theater
as a performing arts center
and gathering place
that provides a focal point of
cultural activity and
educational outreach for
diverse audiences.*

Gratitude is a word often brought up at the end of the year, connected to moments of reflection amid Thanksgiving gatherings and holiday activities. We look backward and inward, expressing appreciation for those people and events who have helped us in myriad ways.

We at the Palace have been counting our blessings all year. Despite being curtailed by the effects and limitations of the pandemic, we were able to offer some digital programming and small-scale activity in the building. Our History Tours and History Classes resumed as soon as small groups were allowed to gather, and our popular 2ND ACT Speaker Series returned last spring. Abiding by social distancing rules, dance competitions energized the stage while newlyweds and brides-to-be soaked up the glamour of our historic building.

Over the course of the past year, the Palace Theater has been the beneficiary of countless acts of generosity from our patrons, sponsors, community members, and volunteers. In a year of unprecedented challenges and uncertainty, our supporters answered the call to turn it into a year of unprecedented giving.

Our gratitude list is long and includes the hundreds of patrons who donated the value of their tickets back to the theater, the volunteers who gave their time and skills to the Palace and Greater Waterbury community, the sponsors who continued to support the theater even while we were dark, and the thousands of donors who contributed throughout the year to our various Annual Fund campaigns.

Our appreciation also extends to the State of Connecticut and the COVID Relief Matching Grant, which allowed us to leverage our donors' generosity for much-needed additional funds.

We applaud and give thanks to you, our valued supporters, for your gifts, and for continuing to believe in the Palace and its future.



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Guests learn about the theater's renovations during one of our history tours from our Palace Tour Ambassadors.

A Post University Graduate celebrates after the ceremony.
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Donna Palomba enthralls the audience with her 2ND ACT presentation.



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Debra & Joe Gugliotti sign our 15th Anniversary Sponsor wall

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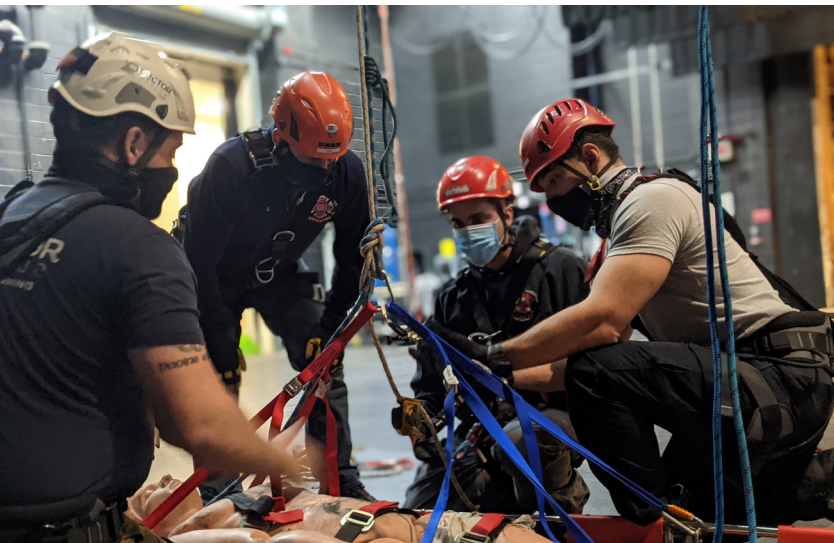
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Participants in Vector Rescue's training program prepare for a vertical rescue exercise on the Palace stage.

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“ I loved learning about how music affects people and effects social change. The workshops were great to see things from a different perspective as well.

— *After-School Program attendee*

Our six-week after-school program **The Sound of Social Change — How Music Integrates Society** explored music’s ability to break down barriers, influence change, and integrate society.

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society of women

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CEO Frank Tavera chats with Marquee Society members Lynn Piombo, Mary Rosengrant Chiappalone & Laurie Porzio

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

At the start of the lockdown, our Palace Volunteers launched themselves into action, proving to be as generous with their time and efforts as ever. Under the leadership of long-time Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Forchielli and Operational Events Manager Meg Luddy, many of our crafty volunteers took to their sewing machines to fashion masks for healthcare workers and community members. To keep up morale, Forchielli and Luddy connected with each of the 170 volunteers throughout the lockdown through personal calls and virtual meetups.

Once it was safe for small groups to gather, they organized social outings and fundraisers including weekly walks, gatherings at local restaurants, craft nights at the Palace as well as personalized Palace Pals tee-shirt & tote sales, an online kitchenware party, and a silent auction. In total, all these efforts raised close to \$10,000 for the Annual Fund.

We applaud our Volunteers for their dedication and community spirit!



Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Forchielli and a group of creative volunteers meet for a jewelry-making workshop & Palace Theater fundraising event led by Operational Events Manager Meg Luddy.

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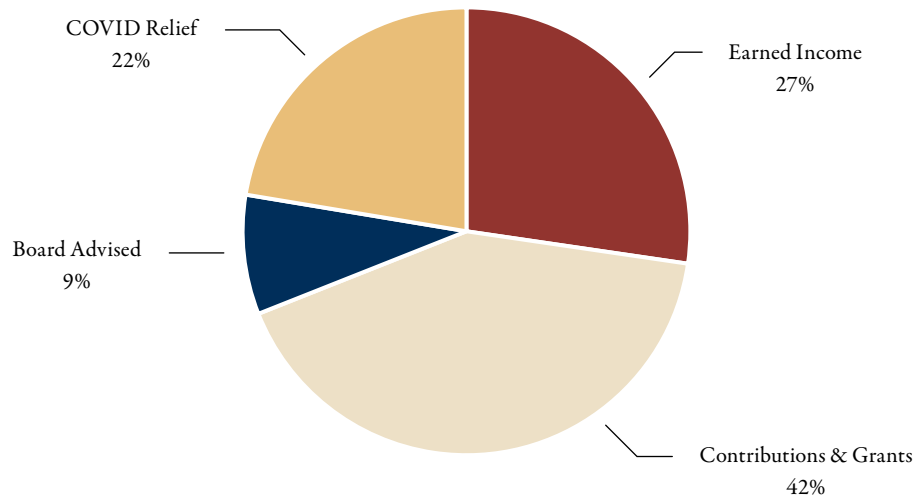
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Patron Greeters

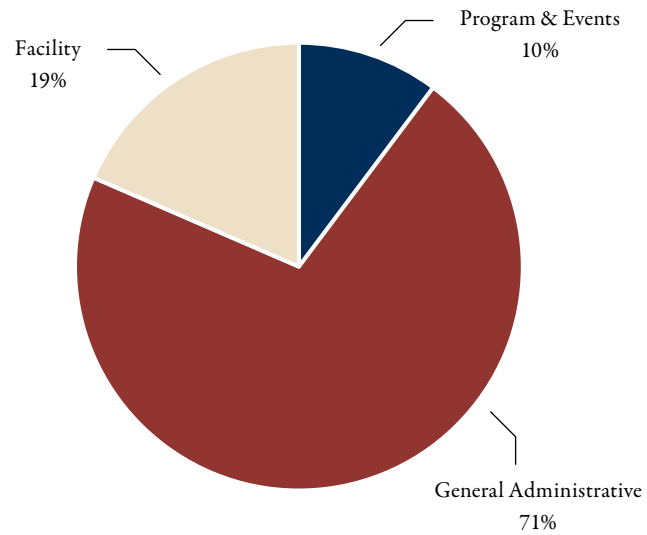
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2020-2021 FINANCIALS

Gross Income Breakdown



Expense Breakdown



Board Advised Fund



Contributions / Earnings
\$ 3,785,914.21



Brass City Ballet films portions of their Nutcracker Ballet in the Grand Foyer.
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Palace Historian Lou Belloisy shows Timothy Nolan around the Palace Theater for the documentary, Mister Wonderland.
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