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Annual Report

PRAIRIE CENTER ARTS
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The Prairie Center Arts Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the growth and excellence of arts and culture in Schaumburg and its surrounding communities. Its mission is to enrich people's lives through cultural arts by providing awareness of and financial support to the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts.

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"If I had to list one thing that binds together the fabric of society, it would be art. It is perhaps the ultimate measure of civilization and a way that diverse cultures speak – one to another. Communities are enriched by it, and city and suburbs alike need to promote its growth and development."

Al Larson
Former Village President, Schaumburg

Message from the Board President

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Dear Friend of the Prairie Center,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. As we reflect on the past year, I am humbled by the resilience and creativity of our nonprofit arts organization and the unwavering support we have received from individuals like you.

Despite the unprecedented challenges brought on by the global pandemic, our organization has continued to fulfill its mission of promoting the arts and enriching the community as the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts has returned to full programming.

This year, the PCA Foundation was able to provide student scholarships and support for several students' participation in youth programs through the Young Artists Assistance Program. In addition, new outreach efforts were funded to highlight our youth programs through attendance at Mall-O-Ween at Woodfield Mall and District 54 Summer Camp Preview. Furthermore, there was support for the 2022-2023 Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts Season of Entertainment. The season included 10 sold-out *Nutcracker* performances along with over 90% capacity for the remainder of the events. This was our best-selling season ever. One show of note was the Bollywood Holi Celebration, where the rich and diverse cultural makeup of the Schaumburg community was celebrated. None of this would have been possible without your generous support.

In closing, I invite you to join us in the coming year as we embark on bringing back Arts Partners and Theater Buddies programs. Your continued support is vital as we continue to make a lasting impact on the arts.

The Prairie Center Arts Foundation Board will keep you posted on upcoming events. In the meantime, please note that everyone associated with the PCA Foundation appreciates your ongoing support. Your comments and questions are always welcome and may be sent to me or to the Foundation's Executive Director, Tiana Weiler, by calling 847-923-3601, or by emailing pcaf@pcafoundation.org.

Most sincerely yours,



Mary Beth Seger
President

Overview & Youth Program Support



"Music has been a huge part of my life since I was a child. It was a skill that was honored in my family and has really made a profound effect on me. I do not plan on ever quitting music."

Daichi Kurita, 2022–23 Schaumburg Youth Symphony Orchestra concertmaster and Ruth Park Scholarship Winner

Thanks to the generosity of its partners, the Prairie Center Arts Foundation fulfilled its annual mission to provide financial support to the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts.

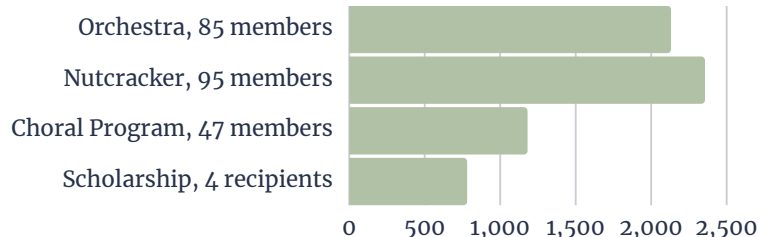
Through corporate and individual gifts and in-kind donations, the Foundation's contribution to the Prairie Center totaled \$177,268. This included cash donations of \$171,843, and in-kind contributions of \$5,425. These contributions were disbursed through each of three focal areas of support: 1) the Foundation's outreach programs, 2) the youth programs at the Prairie Center, and 3) the Prairie Center's season of entertainment.

One of the pillars of the Foundation's work has been its support of the distinguished youth programs at the Prairie Center: Schaumburg Youth Orchestra, Schaumburg Choral Program, Schaumburg Dance Ensemble's annual production of the *Nutcracker*, this year's production of *The SpongeBob Musical*, by Schaumburg's Summer Theatre, and the annual young filmmakers festival – *Screen Test Student Fest*.

The Young Artists Assistance Program, offering up to 75% tuition assistance to students in need in the Schaumburg Youth Orchestra, Schaumburg Choral Program, and Dance Ensemble programs, continued this year. Thanks to corporate and individual donors, assistance was provided to four students from the Orchestra and Dance Ensemble so they could remain in their respective programs in spite of financial obstacles.

The Foundation is grateful to the Evelyn Hunt Trust, whose very generous donation will help fund programming efforts for years to come.

YOUTH PROGRAMS AT THE PRAIRIE CENTER



Program Support

INDIVIDUAL & CORPORATE DONORS

\$150,000 +

Evelyn Hunt Trust

\$2,500 +

Sandra Anderson
Gold Rush Amusements
R. J. Augustine & Associates

\$1,000 +

Schaumburg Choral Program Families
Schaumburg Dance Ensemble Families
Schaumburg Youth Orchestra Families
State Farm - Esha Patel, Agent
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Step into the spotlight of support! Our nonprofit relies on your generosity to illuminate stages, captivate audiences, and nurture the performing arts. By donating, you become an integral part of our artistic family, ensuring we continue to touch hearts and transform lives. Join us - make a donation and be a star in our mission.



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SEASON OF ENTERTAINMENT 2023-2024 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Visit www.prairiecenter.org for the full line-up of entertainment



The Queen's Cartoonists
October 28, 2023



Animaniacs in Concert
February 2, 2024



Step Afrika!
November 10, 2023



Electric Avenue
September 22, 2023



Mariachi Herencia de Mexico
October 8, 2023

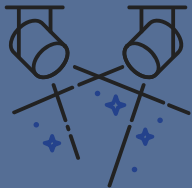


The Peking Acrobats
February 9, 2024

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

OR Go All In for a Season Title Sponsorship! Want to Learn More?
Call Prairie Center at 847.895.3600 or email pcaf@pcafoundation.org

TITLE SPONSOR - \$5,000 SINGLE PERFORMANCE



- Stage recognition at the beginning of the concert
- 4 Complimentary Tickets to Sponsored Show
- Sponsor Recognition in All Promo for Sponsored Show
 - logo inclusions on print/digital ads & social media ads
 - logo projected on screens in lobby & theatre
 - recognition in Village of Schaumburg Progress Report and Curtain Call (Prairie Center) promotional emails
- Company Name/Logo on Donor Wall, Show Program, Website
- Occasional Discounts for Selected Performances



Suzanne Vega
April 18, 2024

CONDUCTOR'S CIRCLE - \$2,500



- 2 Complimentary Tickets to Sponsored Show
- Sponsor Recognition
 - logo projected on screens in lobby & theatre
 - logo included in the playbill
 - recognition in Curtain Call (Prairie Center) promotional emails
- Company Name/Logo on Donor Wall and Website
- Occasional Discounts for Select Performances



September 2023-April 2024
One Thursday Night a Month
Title Sponsorship available
for this series

DIRECTOR'S CIRCLE - \$1000

- Sponsor Recognition
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 - logo included in the playbill
 - recognition in Curtain Call (Prairie Center) promotional emails
- Company Name on Donor Wall and Website
- Occasional Discounts for Select Performances



SUPPORT SCHAUMBURG'S YOUNG ARTISTS

Sponsorships and individual giving opportunities are available for the Prairie Center's highly regarded youth programs.

SCHAUMBURG YOUTH ORCHESTRA



Since 1989, the award winning youth orchestra program has musically enriched thousands of student musicians.

SCHAUMBURG CHORAL PROGRAM



The SCP's four ensembles provide training, performance and tour opportunities for singers from grades 3 through post-collegiate.



SCHAUMBURG DANCE ENSEMBLE

Up to 140 performers are featured in this lavish ballet production that has become an annual family tradition.

Other young artist programs include **Schaumburg Summer Theatre** and **Screen Test Student Fest**.

Make the Arts possible for young talent. The foundation's **Young Artists Assistance Program** provides tuition support, allowing students to artistically thrive and grow.

The PRAIRIE CENTER ARTS FOUNDATION presents

Celebrate the Arts

Saturday, September 16 @ 7:30 pm

The Prairie Center becomes Party Central in this fundraiser for the performing arts. Featuring bites from area restaurants, cash bar, games, and a *live season-preview showcase* highlighting the best of what the Prairie Center offers, including dance, music, holiday programs, comedy, and family fare.

Tickets: \$75 (\$85 at the door)

Proceeds benefit programming at the Al Larson Prairie Center for the Arts

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