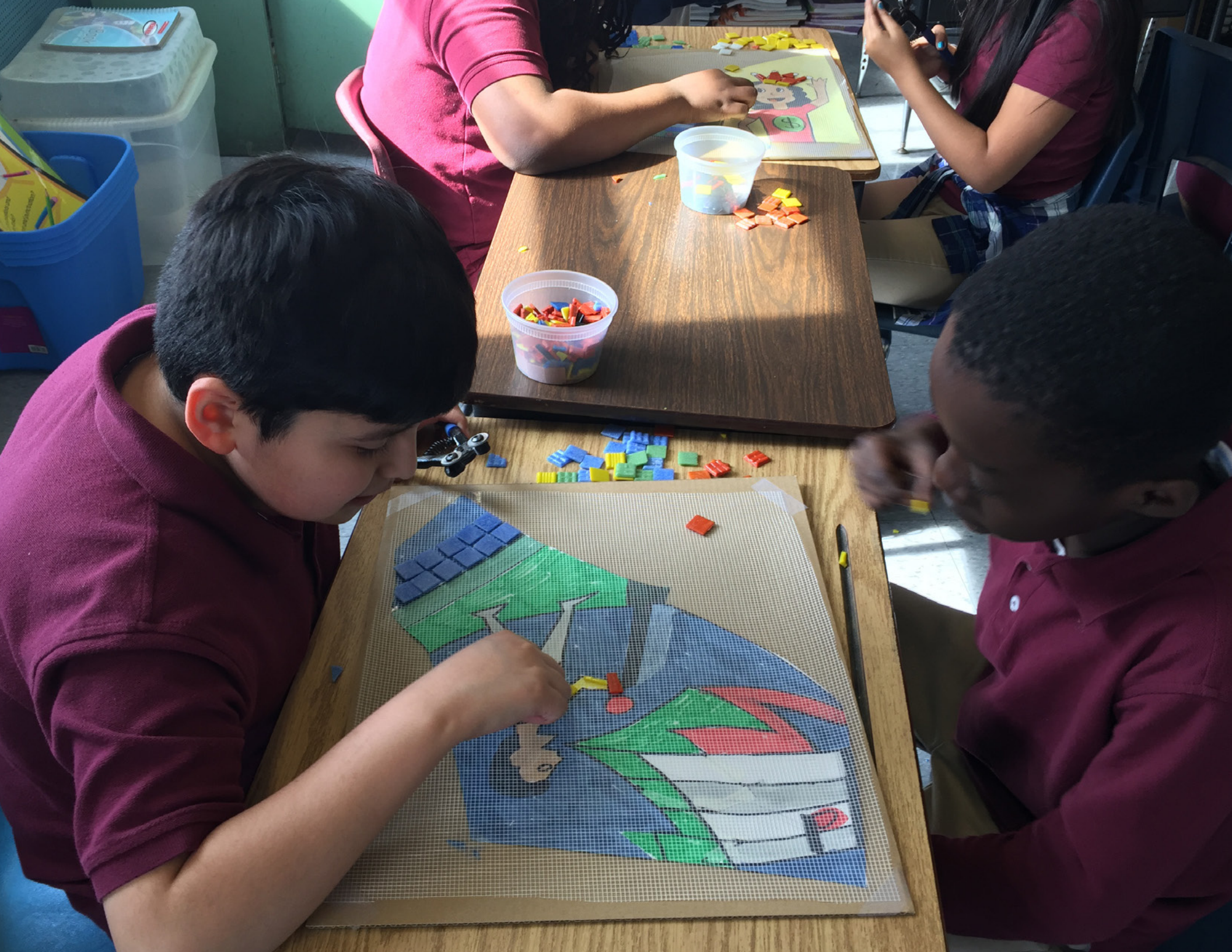




Young
Audiences
Arts for
Learning

Annual Report 2017



MISSION

We inspire young people and expand their learning through the arts. Our venue is the school. We bring arts experiences by professional teaching artists directly to students, eliminating barriers to participation and making the arts accessible to students of every socioeconomic background, geographic area, and ability.

Children are at the center of our work. Teaching artists focus on an outcome driven approach, with emphasis on the skills and knowledge children should acquire, understand, and apply to their lives and learning.

At the center of this model are the four core elements that are the hallmark of all our programs:

1. **EXPERIENCE** extraordinary art and artists
2. **UNDERSTAND** the value of art and creativity in the world
3. **CREATE** art that engages the imagination and expresses ideas
4. **CONNECT** the creative process to learning and life.

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359,706 children

527 schools

17,284 teachers

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The staff, students, and parents feel truly blessed to have been the recipients of the Adopt-A-School program for so many years. The benefit to our students is immeasurable.”

—*Fran Willever, Media Specialist, Wilson School*



Creative Beginnings

We train teachers and work directly with our youngest learners to explore open-ended inquiry and hands-on art-making.



Adopt-a-School

We partner with educators and funders to bring teaching artists to schools in need, giving many children their first chance to experience live performance and co-create art with a professional artist.



We partner with the New Jersey State Council on the Arts to provide schools with 20 days of arts education programming including performance, hands-on workshops and a school-wide culminating event.



14,586 families

4,880 programs

2,972 workshops & residencies

520 teacher training sessions

“Young Audiences’ teaching artists have given our students the voice, the words and the rhythm to express themselves. Good, bad, or ugly, *expression is connecting* and the YA program helped our students to thrive, to bloom and to find beauty. Through the creative process, they discovered empathy, commonality, and most of all community.”
—4th grade teacher

Creativity Consultant Project

By training classroom teachers, we show how the arts can be used to problem solve, reach reluctant learners, and enhance every subject taught in school.





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Theatre to Learn

We work in partnership with theatres to develop a 2nd-5th grade curriculum that combines theatre techniques with the exploration of science, social studies, and English.

Family Arts & Creativity

We give families a chance to experience and create artwork together. Parents witness their children's creative spark and children awaken to their parents' many talents.



318 new donors

652 new social media followers

\$1 Million in wages to 233 artists

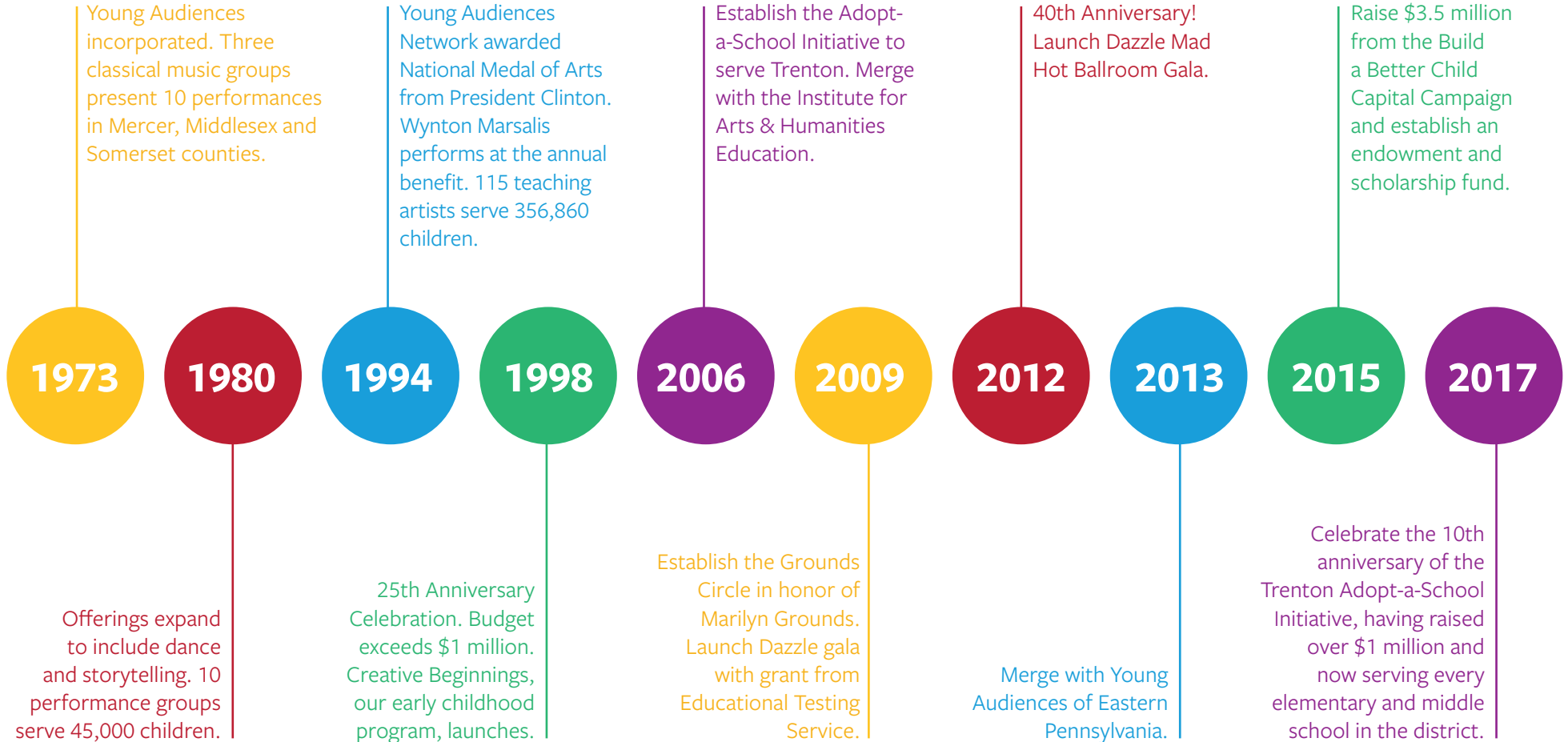
“This year’s residency has been such a positive and beautiful learning experience for both teachers and students. Artists have opened our eyes so students can express themselves musically, poetically, and artistically throughout the workshops and assemblies.”

—Melissa Ann Hunton, 6th Grade ELA teacher,
Somerset Intermediate School

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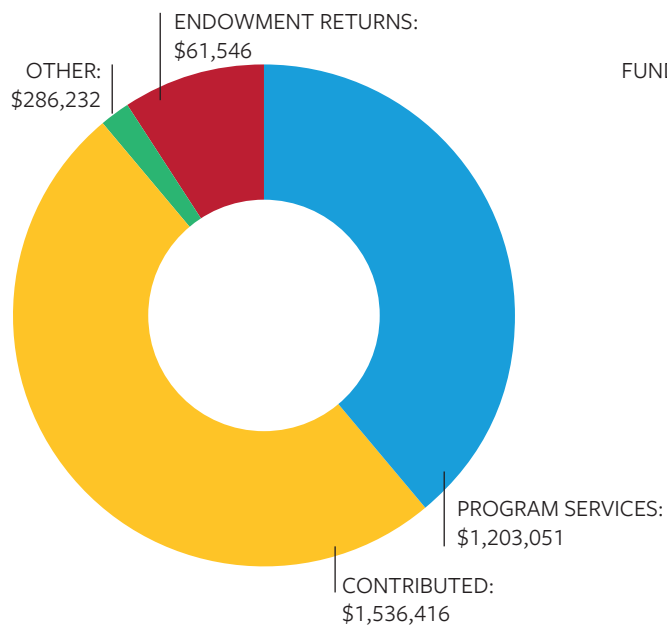


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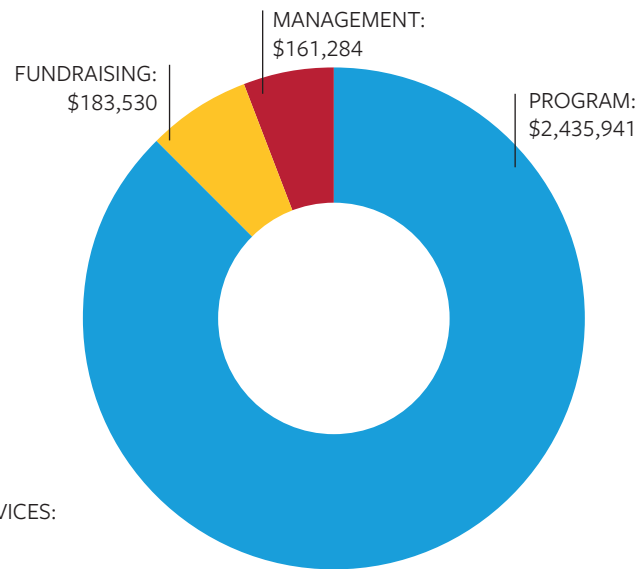
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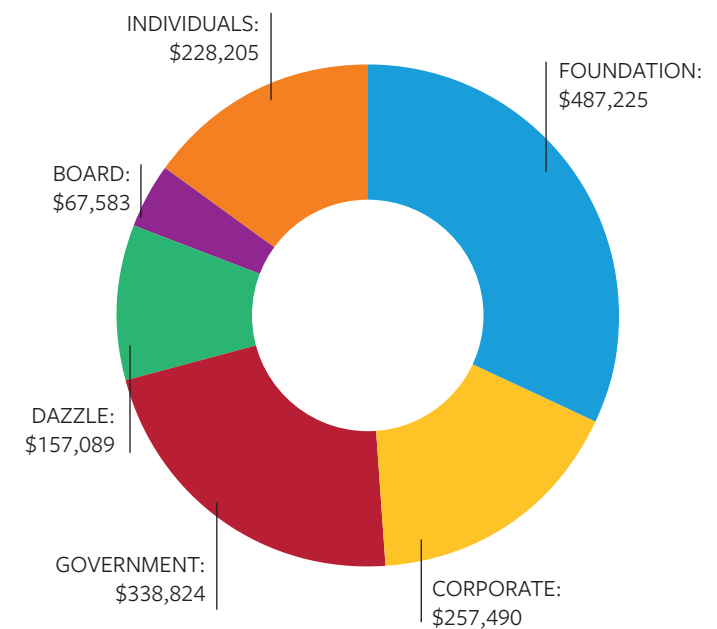
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