



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

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A LETTER

from Executive Director, Kevin L. Maynard



As we reflect on the year 2023, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of our patrons, whose contributions have **propelled** Quad City Arts along a remarkable trajectory of **growth and innovation**. Building upon the

solid foundation established in 2022, this past year was marked by significant advancements and achievements that have enriched our cultural landscape.

QUAD CITY ARTS' ARTIST INDEX

In February 2023, we proudly launched the Quad City Arts' Artist Index, a custom-built digital platform. This innovative tool, **housing nearly 200 artist profiles**, has swiftly become a vital resource for businesses and community members to discover and engage with local talent. More than just a directory, the Artist Index serves as a dynamic connector—and provides Quad City Arts with a tool to find artists for projects with timelines to do not allow for an open call to be posted.

ADVANCING PLACEMAKING INITIATIVES

Our longstanding commitment to placemaking has been further cemented through strategic partnerships

and high-profile projects. Notably, our collaboration with the Moline Public Art Commission facilitated the creation of a breathtaking mural by the globally acclaimed artists, WERC & GERALUZ. This initiative not only transformed Moline's skyline but also **rekindled a regional enthusiasm for public art and placemaking**, promising the advent of additional murals and artistic endeavors in the Quad Cities.

EMPOWERING LOCAL ARTISTS

In recognition of the shifting needs and aspirations of our local artists, we have intensified our initiatives to support their integration and success within the **creative economy**. This year, we eagerly anticipate the launch of two pioneering pilot projects. Firstly, Project LAB (**Learning Art Business**), crafted in conjunction with the Creative Empowerment Initiative, is specifically designed to fortify artists' understanding of business and financial management. Secondly, the Quad City **Performing Arts Mentorship** aims to provide performing artists opportunities to refine and expand their educational and touring capabilities.

All of these projects were made possible with your support! It is through your generosity that we continue to enhance and celebrate the arts within the Quad City region. We extend our heartfelt thank you and we look forward to sharing another exciting year with you!

ABOUT QUAD CITY ARTS

Established in the early 1970s, we at Quad City Arts have been pivotal in fostering the arts community across Iowa and Illinois, supporting artists and organizations with a variety of programs and services. Quad City Arts contributes significantly to the region's economic development and cultural enrichment, and continues to pivot to meet the needs of our community.

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES

- Diversify our audience, including event attendees and artists served
- Clarify and establish our identity to our audiences.
- Create a more visible physical space
- Diversify and stabilize monetary resources

MISSION STATEMENT

Quad City Arts is dedicated to enriching the quality of life in the Quad City Region through the arts.

VISION STATEMENT

Quad City Arts will foster a thriving arts community by intentionally building its role as an arts presenter, advocate, connector, and resource hub.

OUR TEAM

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Executive Director

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DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

In 2020 Quad City Arts committed to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion. What followed was a hard look within our organization, our programs, and our leadership. This section is intended to both share our commitment, improvements, and to measure change. Our efforts around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are ongoing. To read more you can find the 2020-2022 annual report at quadcityarts.com/about.

Quad City Arts is relentlessly driving transformative change, both internally and within our communities. Our partnership in 2022 with Alfred Ramirez of Diverse Strategies Now sparked a profound reassessment of our structures through DEI-focused workshops. These insights led to significant revisions in our committee charters in 2023, aligning our governance with our inclusive values. As we move into 2024, we remain committed to ongoing change, deepening community ties and championing diversity at every level.

	2022	2023
BIPOC* Board Members	22%	29%
Female Board Members	50%	50%
BIPOC Artists represented in VAS	76%	36%
Female Artists represented in VAS	34%	38%
BIPOC Artists represented in gallery exhibitions	10%	18%
Female Artists represented in gallery exhibitions	52%	69%
BIPOC Artists represented in Metro Arts	31%	31%
Female Artists represented in Metro Arts	69%	70%

*Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC)

PROGRAMS

Quad City Arts is an arts advocacy organization that operates visual arts galleries, community events, re-granting programs, an educational residency program presenting multi-disciplinary performing arts, and activates public spaces through public art.

GALLERY EXHIBITS & SPACES	Featuring both established and emerging artists, our exhibitions span across two physical gallery spaces, Rock Island Gallery and Art at the Airport, supplemented by an online gallery, ensuring broad accessibility to our diverse offerings.
ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL ART INVITATIONAL	Showcasing students' artwork in a commercial art gallery and compete for over \$6,000 in scholarships and prizes.
VISITING ARTIST SERIES	Bringing performing arts directly to schools and community sites, providing low-cost opportunities for students and area residents to see performances that would otherwise be out of reach.
METRO ARTS YOUTH APPRENTICESHIPS	Metro Arts brings together talented young adults and provides them with paid apprenticeships in the arts. The program is open to any student age 15-21 residing in the Quad City area.
PUBLIC SCULPTURE PROGRAM	Quad City Arts collaborates with cities, organizations, and businesses to curate and exhibit public sculptures in accessible locations across the region.
ARTS DOLLARS GRANT PROGRAM	Providing grants and funding to support artists and arts programming, prioritizing community engagement.
ART SERVICES	Quad City Arts facilitates art selection for businesses, actively participates in placemaking initiatives to enhance our community's cultural landscape.

OUR IMPACT IN 2023



333

ARTISTS FEATURED in our gallery exhibits including the High School Art Invitational

90+ Artists featured in our gallery store

3,000 VISITORS to the RI Gallery

163

OUTREACH EVENTS

in schools and community sites by **13** nationally acclaimed performance artists through the Visiting Artist Series

"Quad City Arts' commitment to fostering local artistic talent has been **instrumental in propelling my career forward.** The support from the Quad City Arts has not only enabled me to pursue my passion but has also opened doors to countless opportunities. Thank you for supporting artists and for being a driving force behind the vibrant artistic landscape in our community."
-Brandon Nees
"Mars Murals Co"



\$84,000

awarded in **ARTS DOLLARS**

- grants to **20** Organizations
- **8** Individual Artists
- **35,000+** people impacted

29

NEW

Public Art Installations



7 Murals

22

Sculptures

\$237+K

TOTAL PAID TO REGIONAL ARTISTS

Arts Dollars, Public Sculpture, Public Art Projects, Metro Arts, Gallery Sales, Awards - HS Art and Riverssance.

\$37,750+

PAID TO STUDENTS

age 15-21 to create art in our community

"Our new mural is truly a **special highlight of the emerging arts scene in downtown Moline.** It provides vibrancy and intrigue, and I look forward to more projects gracing our streets and buildings in the near future."

-Sangeetha Rayapati
Mayor of Moline

302,248



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

reach through events

Events include: Chalk Art Fest, Riverssance, Alternating Currents Events, Performing Arts Signature Series, Public Concerts, Festival of Trees

BOARD & COMMITTEES

We could not do this impactful work without the dedication to our board and committees. Thank you for your time and dedication.

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We are profoundly grateful to our donors for their unwavering support over the past year. Your generosity has been the cornerstone of our achievements, enabling us to reach new heights and make significant impacts. This annual report not only reflects our accomplishments but also stands as a testament to your commitment to our cause. Your contributions have touched lives, fostered innovation, and propelled us forward. **Together, we are making a difference.**

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Rock Island Community
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Authority
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Two Rivers United
Methodist Church
Coffee House Café and Goods
Rock Island Library Watts-
Midtown Branch
Coffee House Café and Goods
Rock Island Library Watts
Midtown Branch

City of Davenport
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NEST Café
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QUAD CITY ARTS PRESENTS PERFORMANCE SERIES

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PUBLIC SCULPTURE PROGRAM

City of Bettendorf
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Joel & Diane Franken
Living Lands & Waters
Pat Bereskin
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Ralph Iaccarino, Life at
Night Rock Island Art
Guild
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City of Rock Island
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Iowa Arts Council
Illinois Arts Council

FESTIVAL OF TREES



The Festival of Trees is Quad City Arts' premier annual fundraising gala, playing a pivotal role in fostering local arts programming across the Quad Cities. This enchanting holiday tradition thrives on the remarkable dedication of our community volunteers and the magnanimity of our sponsors. Thank you for helping us keep the magic alive.

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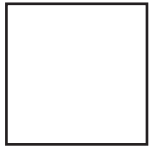
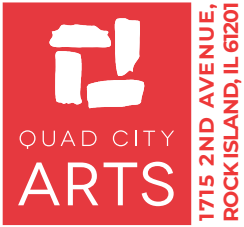
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Group O Companies
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Office Machine Consultants
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Sedona Staffing
Storage of America in partnership
with IL/IA Center for
Independent Living
TBK Bank
The Acri Company
The Milestone Group
at Morgan Stanley



The vibrancy and success of our programs are a direct reflection of the generous support and dedication from our community. Whether through financial contributions, volunteering your time, or offering governance and strategic guidance, your involvement is the cornerstone of our mission to enrich the quality of life in the Quad Cities through the arts.



Quad City Arts continues to be a trusted regional leader that is making our community stronger through the arts,” said Dave Herrell President and CEO, Visit Quad Cities. “Visitors desire places where they can emotionally connect to and be inspired. Public art and its evolution in the Quad Cities are adding value for tourism and our quality-of-life objectives. Quad City Arts recognizes this and has made it an imperative private/public sector conversation and action to lift our Quad Cities creative energy. We must support their initiatives because the arts bolster economic development, resident pride, and our visitor economy.”

Make your contribution to Quad City Arts and help us grow a vibrant future.

To find out more about how you can be involved with Quad City Arts visit QuadCityArts.com.



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