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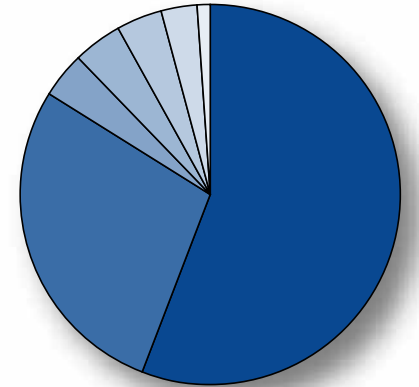
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2004-2005 Annual Report

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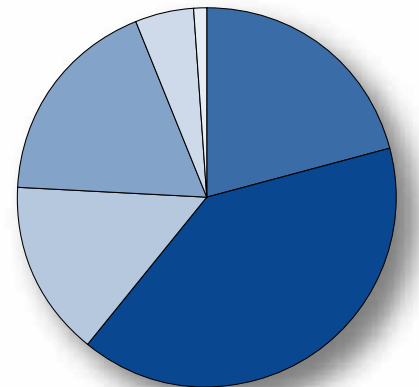
Revenue

Foundation and Corporate Support	\$951,455	56%	●
Earned Revenues/Program Fees	\$477,258	28%	●
Special Events	\$76,085	4%	●
Government Support	\$68,011	4%	●
Individual Contributions	\$71,071	4%	●
Contributed Services	\$44,318	3%	●
Other	\$21,068	1%	●
TOTAL	\$1,709,266		



Expenses

Program Services:			
ICARE	\$589,593	40%	●
Artists	\$306,570	21%	●
Other	\$218,850	15%	●
Support Services:			
Management & Administrative	\$261,619	18%	●
Special Events & Development	\$71,122	5%	●
Dues & Staff Professional Development	\$20,870	1%	●
TOTAL	\$1,468,624		



Change in Net Assets	\$240,642
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$1,543,803
Net Assets, End of Year	\$1,784,445



On the Cover

"Fun on the Family Farm"

Enthusiastic kindergartners at Cleveland Municipal School District's Corlett Elementary School all worked together to make this vibrant mural for their school hallway in spring 2005.

Students learned about farm animals and rural life as well as texture, shape and color during this innovative art program with YAGC visual artist Wendy Mahon. For the project, Wendy provided myriad materials – from buttons and feathers to textured paper and foam pieces— for children to create individual animal collages that were combined into a class mural. For a school with no art teacher and little access to visual art supplies, this project was a unique opportunity for students to express themselves visually while learning required elements of the kindergarten social studies curriculum. The program was part of a four-year ICARE arts integration partnership at Corlett, in which YAGC collaborated with the Western Reserve Historical Society and Roots of American Music to infuse the arts into the social studies curriculum for every student in the K-5 school.



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Working Together to Learn through the Arts

Why teach the arts? The answer is simple: the arts have the capacity to change lives.

Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland (YAGC) programs foster opportunities for students to think creatively, experience positive role models, build respect for others, and enhance self-esteem. We believe that learning through the arts requires focus, creativity, risk taking, perseverance and above all, TEAMWORK. We collaborate with a host of artists, teachers, school administrators, community organizations, donors, and volunteers to make our programs effective and meaningful...in fact, we couldn't be successful without them.

The following pages highlight just some of the incredible collaborations that YAGC facilitated during the 2004-2005 academic year.

About Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland...

YAGC is the fourth largest among 32 chapters in the national Young Audiences network, and the only multi-arts resource for Northeast Ohio schools with a mission to regularly involve children in the arts as an integral part of the education and development process.

YAGC began its operations in 1953 by bringing chamber music performances into public schools. Children listened, interacted with, and questioned the musicians, eagerly learning about instruments and musical concepts. As the organization flourished, theater and dance were added, then the visual and literary arts. By the mid 1980s, YAGC's professional artists began working side-by-side with teachers in the classroom in artist residencies in addition to the auditorium performances that comprised the majority of their work. The 1990s brought new ideas and additional challenges—artists began to more closely align their art disciplines with the classroom teacher's academic achievement needs and curriculum standards.



Today, YAGC is a full-service organization that provides Pre-K through grade 12 teachers and students with performances, workshops, long-term residencies and professional development designed to infuse the arts into the school curriculum and environment. Whether it is the literary arts, visual arts, dance, music, or theater being used to enhance student learning in reading, writing, history, or the sciences, YAGC has a range of artists and programs to fit almost any need and budget. We have the expertise to provide complete and connected learning experiences while energizing an entire school.

All Together Now

Letter from the Board Chair & the Executive Director

There's nothing more joyous than watching a group of proud children join hands and bow before an audience of their parents and friends at the end of a performance. Or seeing them share a poem or story with classmates that defines their individual personality, dreams, or challenges. There is just something gratifying about coming together to acknowledge artful work—especially that of children, who are discovering so much about themselves and their world in the process.

Art is present all around us, but we usually experience it in connection with other people—parents, teachers, friends, community members, or the artists themselves. By their nature, the arts are collaborative. They compel us to announce, reaffirm, question, or change what we know about ourselves—and help us to better understand and connect with each other. While the arts teach children critical thinking skills, independence, and self-confidence, they also teach children essential partnering skills like tolerance, respect for others, and how to work in a group.

At YAGC, we know that collaboration and partnership are critical to successfully infusing the arts into our children's schools and classrooms. For 52 years, we've fostered partnerships between students, teachers, and artists that have improved academic performance and enriched lives. During the last decade, YAGC has become increasingly savvy at facilitating collaborations. We broadened our approach to include local government and community partners, consortiums of regional education and cultural stakeholders, as well as national funders and programs. We are receiving local and national recognition as a facilitator—adept at bringing together diverse parties to improve and increase arts education experiences in Northeast Ohio.

In the following pages, we are proud to share a few of our success stories from the last year. All are shining examples of how working together in arts education makes a real difference in the lives and futures of our children.

Our personal thanks to all of you who have come together to make our work possible. With the help of our generous sponsors, parents, educators, staff, volunteers, artists, and community partners, YAGC will continue to touch hundreds of thousands of lives through the arts every year.

As we celebrate our accomplishments, there is still much work to be done. Your encouragement and support are essential to our success. **All together now!**

Sincerely,



Leonard Young
Chair, Board of Directors



Marsha Dobrzynski
Executive Director



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keeping together is progress;
working together is success.”
— Henry Ford*

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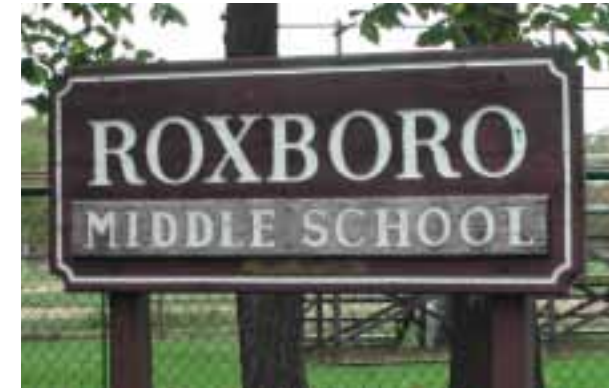
Sometimes, the entire culture of a school—and a community—can be transformed by the arts.

Each year, students and teachers at Roxboro Elementary and Middle Schools in Cleveland Heights create, discover and investigate through the arts, thanks to the generous support of the Roxboro Enrichment Arts Program (REAP). Founded in 1985 to help Roxboro become a premier arts magnet school, REAP is comprised of parents and community members dedicated to giving students arts experiences that go far beyond the basics. Over the last decade, REAP has firmly implanted the arts within the schools' curriculum by providing YAGC residency and performance programs for each and every grade level.

In 2004-2005, kindergarten students eagerly looked forward to the annual tradition of theater artist Jonathan Graham's *Dramaphonics*, a totally interactive theater experience that introduces phonics in a kinetic, auditory and visual manner. Third graders spent a day making shadow puppets with visual artist Debra Wuligar and later participated in a puppet theater. Second and fifth grades shared a percussion residency in which YAGC artist Janet Pemberton taught drum rhythms that students incorporated into their graduation ceremonies.

What began as a simple connection between YAGC and Roxboro has evolved into a partnership that reaches across schools and the community. Sally Levine, former Roxboro Elementary School principal and current Director of Elementary Education for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights school district, uses YAGC artists to lead district-wide professional development sessions for teachers and principals. Roxboro Elementary principal Kelli Cogan will invite other elementary schools in the district to participate in REAP-sponsored YAGC performance programs in 2005-2006, ensuring that students throughout the district benefit from REAP's commitment to arts education.

It is no understatement to say that Roxboro's arts focus has become a unifying force within the school and the entire community. REAP, YAGC, and school administrators have developed a long-term, collaborative relationship that has made the school and the neighborhood stronger for generations of students to come.



All Together Now

Integrating the Arts in Education

Administered by YAGC since 2001, the Initiative for Cultural Arts in Education (ICARE) program connects the resources of the Northeast Ohio arts community to the needs of the Cleveland Municipal School District by facilitating educational partnerships between individual schools and arts organizations. During the 2004-2005 academic year, 15 Cleveland schools and 10 arts organizations were active ICARE partners. 55 local artists and approximately 100 teachers were directly involved in the program. 2,761 district students participated in partnership activities, including over 2,100 workshops comprising 255 artist residencies.

2004-2005 ICARE Partners

Schools

Alexander Hamilton Middle School
Charles Dickens Elementary School
Child Development Collaborative
Corlett Elementary School
Daniel E. Morgan Elementary School
Denison Elementary School
Empire Computech School
Forest Hill Parkway Academy
Giddings Elementary School
Max S. Hayes Vocational High School
Oliver Hazard Perry Elementary School
The Option Complex at Margaret A. Ireland
Robert Fulton Elementary School
Robinson G. Jones Elementary School
Thomas Jefferson Middle School



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ICARE partnerships focus on in-depth work with students where knowledge and skills are built over time:

Empire Computech School in Cleveland's Glenville neighborhood and **Roots of American Music** (ROAM) developed their partnership around the idea of "Music on the Move," blending traditional music, history and technology for 5th and 8th grade students. Students studied various music styles—bluegrass, black string band music, Delta blues and gospel—and how this music spread across the country through the Great Migration and advances in recording and broadcasting technology.

Taking advantage of **Max S. Hayes High School's** unique vocational curriculum, the **Cleveland Institute of Art** worked with students and teachers on a public sculpture project serving the Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood. Students fabricated a stainless steel roadster for the entrance to the Soapbox Derby park that will be unveiled later this



year. Among the numerous individuals, companies and groups that donated consulting and services to the partnership were the local Cement Masons and Bricklayers Unions, who helped students pour the sculpture's concrete footers, lay concrete block and complete the foundation stonework.

Oliver Hazard Perry Elementary School and **DancEvert** are exploring four broad cultural areas in order to increase understanding of the diverse cultures represented in the school's student population. Classroom teachers, dancers and other visiting artists addressed core curricular applications in the study of land and climate and their manifestations of food, clothing, language, history, beliefs and the artistic expression of people and their world. The partnership culminated with an outdoor festival that attracted several hundred parents, families, and neighbors in the community.

Munson Elementary School
Parkman Elementary School
St. Anselm School

Hamilton

Cincinnati Nature Center
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Holmes

Holmesville Elementary School

Lake

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Edison Elementary School
Fairfax Elementary School
Grant Elementary School
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Avon Middle School
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Mahoning

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Brunswick High School
Central Intermediate School
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A New Beginning

Portage

Harmon Middle School
Stanton Middle School

Stark

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The Wilderness Center

Summit

Copley-Fairlawn Middle School
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Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum
Tri-C JazzFest

2004-2005 Roster Artists

Dance

African Soul
Cleveland Contemporary Dance Theatre
Csardas Dance Company
Dance/Theater Collective
Linda Kahn
Julie Raabe Gentry
SAFMOD
Suujatha Srinivasan
DancEvert
VERB Ballets

Literary and Theatre Arts

Bob Henry Baber
Beacon Street
Cleveland Signstage Theatre
Kulture Kids' Robin Pease
Robin Echols Cooper
Eva Evans
Jonathan Graham
Elaine Greenstein
Becky Hill
Robert Kikuchi-Yngogo
Ray McNiece
Scott Plate
Terry Sandler
Bet Stewart and Intuition Theatre
The Holden Arboretum
Mary Weems
Candace Wolf
Women in History

Music

Battu
Terry Boyarsky
Jubal Harris
Lewis and Kovac
Metropolitan Brass Quintet
Janet Pemberton
Rhythmic Cultures
7 Mile Isle Steel Drum Band
Somerton Woodwind Trio
The Hotfoot Duo
Tri-C Jazzfest
Hal Walker
Dave Young
Susan Weber

Visual Arts

Carol Adams
Augusto Bordelois
Becky Bristol
Colin Coots
Bonnie Dolan
Joan Domankos
Jim Gill
Joann Giordano
Wendy Mahon
Anitra Redlefsen
Christine Siarka
Alexis Thynne
Valerie Van Sice
George Woideck
Debra Wuliger

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Our Program Partners Program Sites (alphabetical by county)

Cuyahoga

A Child's View
Alexander Graham Bell Elementary School
Alexander Hamilton Middle School
Allen Elementary School
Angels on Earth
Archbishop James P. Lyke
Archbishop Lyke-St. Timothy Campus
Artemus Ward Elementary School
Aurora Childcare
Beachwood Recreation Department
Bedford Head Start
Benjamin Franklin Elementary School
Boniface
Boulevard Elementary School
Breeds Apart
Bright Star Kiddie Tots
Brooklawn Elementary School
Carol Nursery School
Carylwood Intermediate Elementary School
Case Elementary School
Central Elementary School
Charles A. Mooney Elementary School
Charles Dickens Elementary School
Children's World
Chippewa Elementary School
Clara E. Westropp Elementary School
Cleveland Childcare
Cleveland Heights Main Library
Cleveland Lakefront State Parks
Cleveland Music School Settlement
Cleveland Orchestra
Cleveland School of the Arts
Coffinberry Early Education Elementary School
Collinwood High School
Columbus Intermediate Elementary School
Corlett Elementary School
Coventry Elementary School
Creative Early Learning
Cuddles & Hugs
Dag Hammarskjold Elementary School
Daniel E. Morgan Elementary School
Denison Elementary School
Dorothy E. Lewis Elementary School
Dover Elementary School
Drake Elementary School
Early Childhood Center
Early Childhood Enrichment Center
Early College
Early Intervention Center East
East High School
Emile B. deSauze Elementary School
Empire Computech School
Estabrook Recreation Center
Fairmount Elementary School
Fairmount Temple Pre-School
Fernway Elementary School
Forest Hill Parkway Academy
Franklin D. Roosevelt Middle School
Fuchs Mizrahi School
GESU School
Giddings Elementary School
Glenville High School

Grant Elementary School
Great Expectations
Great Lakes Science Center
Gross Shechter Day School
H. Barbara Booker Montessori Elementary School
Hannah Gibbons Elementary School
Harrison Elementary School
Hathaway Brown School
Hawken Lower-Middle School
Haynes Nursery School
Helping Hands
Heritage School
Highland Drive Elementary School
Hilliard Elementary School
Hillside Middle School
Hilton Elementary School
Holly Lane Elementary School
Holy Family Learning Center
Holy Name School
Hough Salvation Army
Hyland Software Child Enrichment Center
Immaculate Conception School
International Preparatory School
John Carroll University
John D. Rockefeller Elementary School
Judson Manor
Kadima Gan Child Care
Kensington Intermediate Elementary School
Kidshealth 2020
Kidz International
Kindercare Learning Center
Kinsner Elementary School
Lakewood Baptist
Lakewood Hospital Childcare
Laurel School
Lawrence School
Legacy Village
Lincoln Elementary School
Lomond Elementary School
Louis Agassiz Elementary School
Lowden Elementary School
Lyndhurst Enrichment Center
Marion-Sterling Elementary School
Mary B. Martin Elementary School
Masters CEOGC Head Start
Max S. Hayes High School
Mayfield Center Elementary School
McMillan Preschool
Mercer Elementary School
Merrick House
Metro Catholic Parish School
Millikin School
Moreland Hills Elementary School
Muraski Elementary School
Murton's
Neighborhood Centers Association
Noble Elementary School
North Olmsted Library
Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Service
Oliver H. Perry Elementary School
Orange Early Childhood Center
Orchard School of Science Elementary School
Our Lady of Peace School
Park Synagogue Nursery
Parkside Elementary School
Parkview Elementary School
PARKWORKS Cleveland
Parma City Schools Day Care
Parma Heights Christian Academy
Parma Montessori
Parma Park Kiddie Kollege

Parma Preschool
Parmadale Childcare
Patrick Henry Middle School
Phyllis Wheatley Childcare
Pine Elementary School
Pinnacle Academy
Playhouse Square Center
Precious Little People
Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital
Robert Fulton Elementary School
Robert H. Jamison Computech School
Robinson G. Jones Elementary School
Rockport Childcare
Rockside Dunham
Rocky River Middle School
Roxboro Elementary School
Roxboro Middle School
Shaker Heights Middle School
Shaker Square
Southlyn Elementary School
Spanish American
St. Adalbert School
St. Albert the Great School
St. Angela Merici School
St. Ann School
St. Bridget School
St. Catherine School
St. Christopher School
St. Felicitas School
St. James Preschool
St. Joan of Arc School
St. Joseph Collinwood School
St. Mark School
St. Mary Collinwood School
St. Mary of the Falls School
St. Paul's Community Church
St. Paul's COOP Nursery
St. Rocco School
St. Thomas Aquinas School
St. Thomas Lutheran School
Strongsville Public Library
Sunview Elementary School
Superior Elementary School
Temple Emanu El Preschool
Temple-Tifereth Israel
The Goddard School
The Learning Circle
The Option Complex at Margaret A. Ireland
Thomas Jefferson Middle School
Thoreau Park Elementary School
True Sisters Child Care
Tutor Time
Unity Can Do
University Settlement
Valley View Elementary School
Warrensville Heights City Schools
West Park Discovery
West Side Community House Child Center
Westerly Elementary School
Westlake Porter Library
Westown Community Development Center
Youth Alive Academy

Franklin

Grove City Parks and Recreation

Geauga

Claridon Elementary School
Geauga Department on Aging
Lake Farm Park
Ledgemont Elementary School



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ArtWorks

In June 2005, YAGC took arts education for high school students to an entirely new level through ArtWorks.

With the partnership of Forest City Enterprises and numerous community collaborators, YAGC brought another first to Cleveland by creating the city's only arts-based employment program. Sixty students from eight different high schools worked as apprentice artists for six local professional artists. Together, they created sculptures, a theatrical production, choreography and dance, murals, music and photographs. The experience offered them more than summer employment; it was a chance to interact with professionals and grow their employable skills through the arts.

During this unique two-week experience, students from different backgrounds and communities worked together through cooperation and teamwork. The musicians played for the dancers, the visual artists helped decorate the musicians' gourd instruments and the photography students documented the entire process. The program demonstrated how skills in the arts will directly prepare students to join the workforce: local professionals from organizations such as Marcus Thomas, Robert Madison International and American Greetings held roundtable discussions with the students about the role of the arts in their personal and professional career paths.

The results of the young artists' work was showcased at a culminating event on Shaker Square with over 150 people in attendance. The Cleveland Airport System was so inspired by their efforts that the mural *Faces of Cleveland*—created by ArtWorks visual art students—was placed on display at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport as part of its 80th anniversary celebration.

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2004-2005 Partner Highlights

Our success is possible because of many partnerships throughout the greater Cleveland area, from individual teachers and artists to schools, cultural organizations and generous donors. We are proud to share these additional achievements from the past year, and grateful to the individuals and organizations that have pulled together to realize them.

Partnerships with Schools

In 2004-2005, YAGC presented over 6,700 performances, workshops, and artist residencies to more than 275,000 students in 60 urban, rural, and suburban school districts throughout 15 Northeast Ohio counties.

With planning support from the Ford Foundation, YAGC is leading a collaborative of local arts, education and community leaders to integrate the arts into the Cleveland Municipal School District's English Language Arts curriculum. By infusing the arts into the experience of every student in the District, YAGC hopes to develop an arts education model that can be replicated in other communities nationwide.

YAGC brought a number of national arts education initiatives to greater Cleveland schools, including partnerships with programs such as *From the Top*, a classical music radio show and MetLife Foundation's *Dance for Life*. YAGC also became a Kennedy Center Partner in Education through a collaboration with Playhouse Square, Cleveland Municipal School District, and Berea City School District.

Partnerships with Artists

Our artists are selected for artistic excellence, as well as for their ability to communicate with children and adapt their art form in a way that enriches a school's curriculum. Our 2004-2005 professional artist roster included over 70 artists/ensembles totaling more than 130 individual visual artists, dancers, musicians, theater artists, literary artists, singers, and visual artists. All but eight were from Ohio and represented not only a wide range of art forms, but ages and ethnic backgrounds as well.

Through support from the The William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation, YAGC began implementing professional development opportunities specifically for teaching artists. Using a rubric created by the national Young Audiences Inc., sessions provide cutting edge arts-integrated learning techniques to help artists work with teachers and students to significantly effect critical thinking, communication and achievement.



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2004-2005 Partner Highlights (cont.)

Partnerships with Teachers

The vital link between students and the arts is the classroom teacher. YAGC provides educators with the skills to integrate the arts into the core curriculum with or without the assistance of a YAGC artist. Professional development offerings included participation in NEOEA Day for Northeast Ohio educators, as well as a series of professional development workshops offered with Playhouse Square's Education Department.

YAGC and Playhouse Square again joined forces to engage nearly 80 Northeast Ohio teachers and artists in the eighth annual week-long Summer Institute at Cleveland State University. This graduate level course provided educators with tools and resources to plan and develop integrated arts units for English Language Arts instruction.

YAGC's fifth annual Arts Educator Awards recognized three outstanding individuals who use the arts to enrich education and enhance learning of core curriculum. This year's recipients were Arts Education Champion Colleen Porter, Director of Education at Playhouse Square; Primary Educator Alice Backus, music teacher at A.G. Bell Elementary School (Cleveland); and Secondary Educator Jim Bycznski, art teacher at Berea High School (Berea).

Partnerships with the Community

Through generous funding from The Jennifer Ferchill Foundation, YAGC continued its meaningful partnership with Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. YAGC artists performed and facilitated interactive activities for patients and their families, using art to lift spirits and encourage smiles during difficult hospital stays.

In June, Greater Cleveland area children and their families enjoyed the 16th annual Parade the Circle celebration with festival activities booth. There, young and old alike explored colors, shapes, textures and patterns as they created a colorful community mural. YAGC has participated in the annual University Circle arts celebration for a decade.

YAGC continues to strengthen its organizational capacity, financial sustainability, and strategic risk management as one of six local mid-sized arts organizations selected by the Cleveland Foundation to participate in the Arts Advancement Program. This three-year leadership development and organizational advancement initiative targets mid-sized, established, professional arts organizations.

