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Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland
Arts for Learning

2004-2005 Annual Report
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.

Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland
Financial Year in Review

Revenue

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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
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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 performance opportunities, 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.

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.
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 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 nature, their arts are collaborative. They compel us to announce, reaffirm, question, or charge 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 working together in arts education makes a real difference in the lives and futures of our children.

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

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Executive Director

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

— Henry Ford

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About the arts in Partnership

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

Each year, students and teachers at Roaboro 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 Roaboro 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 students’ 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 Wulgar and later participated in a puppet theater. Second and fifth grades shared a percussion residency with Irish YAGC artist Janet Pemberton taught drum rhythms that students incorporated into their graduation ceremonies.

What began as a simple connection between YAGC and Roaboro has evolved into a partnership that reaches across schools and the community. Sally Levine, former Roaboro 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. Roaboro Elementary principal Kelly 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 Roaboro’s arts focus has become a unifying force within the school and the entire community. REAP YAGC, and school administration have developed a long-term, collaborative relationship that has made the school and the neighborhood stronger for generations of students to come.
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. 35 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
Colet Elementary School
Daniel E. Morgan Elementary School
Denison Elementary School
Empire Computer School
Forest Hill Parkway Academy
Giddings Elementary School
Max S. Hayes Vocational High School
River Hazard Perry Elementary School
The Option Complex at Margaret A. Ireland
The Wilderness Center

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

Empire Computer School in Cleveland's Glenville neighborhood and Roots of American Music (ROMA) 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 work.

Oliver Hazard Perry Elementary School and DanceEvent 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.

Music

Dance

Visual Arts

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Northwest Ohio Education Association
Playhouse Square Foundation
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum
Tri-C Jazzfest

2004-2005 Roster Artists

Dance

African Soul
Cleveland Contemporary Dance Theatre
Ciaodas Dance Company
Dance/Theater Collective
Linda Kahn
Julie Rasbee Gentry
SADAN
Suzanna Sinissaw
DancEvet
VERB Ballets

Literary and Theatre Arts

Bob Henry Baber
Beacon Street
Cleveland Signage Theatre
Kulture Kids
Robin Pease
Rober Echols Cooper
Eva Evans
Jonathah Schonam
Elaine Greenstein
Bekky Hill
Robert Kikuchi-Yazojo
Ray McIntosh
Scott Plate
Terry Sandler
Bet Stewart and Intuition Theatre
The Hidden Arborium
Mary Weems
Candace Watts
Women in History

Music

Bars

Terry Rankins
Jubal Harris
Les and Kosear
Metropolitan Brass Quintet
Janet Pemberton
Rhythmic Cultures

7 Mile Isle Steel Drum Band
Sommers and Stone Wind Trio
The Hotfoot Duo
Tri-C Jazzfest
Hall Walker
Dave Young
Susan Weiser

Visual Arts

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Augusto Bordiels
Becky Bosman Center
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Northeast Ohio Education Association
Playhouse Square Foundation
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum
Tri-C Jazzfest
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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. Lyle
Archbishop Lyke-St. Timothy Campus
Arenus Ward Elementary School
Aurora Childcare
Beachwood Recreation Department
Bedford Head Start
Benjamin Franklin Elementary School
Birdface
Boulevard Elementary School
Breeds Apart
Bright Star Kiddie Tots
Brooklawn Elementary School
Bright Star Kiddie Tots
Breeds Apart
Boulevard Elementary School
Boniface
Benjamin Franklin Elementary School
Aurora Childcare
Artemus Ward Elementary School
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Together
Cleveland Music School Settlement
Cleveland Lakefront State Parks
Cleveland Childcare
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Fairmount Temple Pre-School
Fernway Elementary School
Forest Hill Parkway Academy
Franklin D. Roosevelt Middle School
Fuchs Mizrachi School
GESU School
Giddings Elementary School
Glendale High School
Grant Elementary School
Great Expectations
Great Lakes Science Center
Gross Shetler Day School
H. Barbara Booker Montessori Elementary School
Hannah Gibson Elementary School
Harrison Elementary School
Hathaway Brown School
Hawken Lower-Middle School
Haynes Nursery School
Helping Hands
Heritage School
Highland Drive Elementary School
Hiland Elementary School
Hilkie Middle School
Hilton Elementary School
Holy Lane Elementary School
Holy Family Learning Center
Holy Name School
Hough Salvation Army
Hyland Software Child Enrichment Center
Immaculate Conception School
International Preparatory School
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Judson Manor
Kadima Gan Child Care
Kensington Intermediate Elementary School
KidKare 2020
Kidz International
KinderCare Learning Center
Kirsner Elementary School
Lakewood Baptist
Lakewood Hospital Childcare
Laurel School
Lawrence School
Legend Village
Lincoln Elementary School
Limon Elementary School
Louis Agassiz Elementary School
Lowen Elementary School
Lyndhurst Enrichment Center
Marion-Sterling Elementary School
May & Martin Elementary School
Masters CEGIC, Head Start
Max H. Hayes High School
Mayfield Center Elementary School
McGuffin PreSchool
Mercer Elementary School
Memik House
Metro Catholic Parish School
Millan School
Moreland Hills Elementary School
Muroki 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
Paradise Valley Elementary School
PARKWORKS Cleveland
Parma City Schools Day Care
Pam Heights Christian Academy
Parma Montessori
Parma Park Kiddie College
Parma Preschool
ParmaTales 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 Computer School
Robinson G. Jones Elementary School
Rockport Childcare
Rockside Durham
Rocky River Middle School
Rosedale Elementary School
Rosedale Middle School
Shaker Heights Middle School
Shaker Square
Southymin Elementary School
Spanish American
St. Adalbert School
St. Albert the Great School
St. Angela Merici School
St. Aton School
St. Bridget School
St. Catherine School
St. Christopher School
St. Felix School
St. James PreSchool
St. Joan of Arc School
St. Joseph Collinwood School
St. Mark School
St. Mary Collinwood School
St. Many 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
Summer Elementary School
Superior Elementary School
Temple Emanuel El Preschool
Temple Tifereth Israel
The Goddard School
The Learning Circles
The Option Complex at Margaret A. Ireland
Thoreau Park Elementary School
True Sisters Child Care
Turtle Time
Unity Can Do
University Settlement
Valleymount Elementary School
Waterside Heights, City Schools
West Park Discovery
West Side Community House Child Center
Westlake Porter Library
Westtown Community Development Center
Youth Alive Academy
Franklin
Grow City Parks and Recreation
Geauga
Clarendon Elementary School
Geauga Department on Aging
Lake Farm Park
LedgeStone Montessori School

ArtWorks
In June 2005, VAGC 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, VAGC 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.
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 279,000 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 initiative 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 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.

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 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.

Partnerships with the Community

Through generous funding from The Jennifer Ferrild 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 that included YAGC’s 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’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 Byczynski, art teacher at Berea High School (Berea).