# A Culture of Promise

2021 ANNUAL REPORT and 2014 - 2021 Overview





We started with a singular focus: rediscovering, as a community, our intrinsic promise and vitality. One of the most powerful ways to make this happen: by recognizing the timeless truth that we all have something to express. That's why we've been committed from the start to building equity through access to the arts. And it's why we create opportunities to experience world-class music, dance, theater and visual arts for children and families throughout Rochester --transforming lives as we create a permanent home for the arts.

The centerpiece of our efforts: converting our historic building into an 11,000 square foot performance and gallery space, a spearheading component of regional revitalization and transformation. We're also helping to coordinate programming our neighbors can take advantage of right now, from presenting concerts and dance performances to inspirational educational opportunities through collaboration with Rochester's wonderful education and performance institutions.

We've successfully navigated through a challenging year for us all. The Joseph Avenue Arts and Culture Alliance is excited about the milestones we've already achieved -- and the promise that lies ahead. Here's where we stood at the close of 2021.

Warmly, Neil R. Scheier, M.D., *President, Board of Directors* 



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Betty Strasenburgh
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Eastman School of Music, University of Rochester, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Rochester Institute of Technology, Garth Fagan Dance, Finger Lakes Opera, Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Nazareth College, Baden Street Settlement, The Hochstein School of Music and Dance plus an ever-growing roster of artists and Community Partners.



# **Milestones Achieved**

2014 - 2021

**2014** Joseph Avenue Arts and Culture Alliance was founded

2015 Received 501c3 approval

**2016** 692 Joseph Avenue listed on the National Register of Historic Places

**2017** Recipient, Betty Strasenburgh Award for Activism

2018 Gallina Development and Pardi Partnership, Architects plan our renovation

**2019** 30th foundation grant joins corporate and individual supporters

Renovation plans approved by National and State historic agencies

Welcomed an Executive Director as the first full-time professional staff

Expansion of programming, maximizing attendance — encompassing all of Rochester!

First presentation of the KeyBank Rochester Fringe Festival, Gateways Music Festival, and Finger Lakes Opera in the Northeast Quadrant

2020 50th Foundation Grant joins coast-to-coast individual and corporate supporters

> Historically our busiest week yet! 5 programs within 6 days early in 2020

Launched the Center for Performing and \*Virtual\* Arts online and in freely available DVDs distributed throughout the community

**2021** Interior renderings of the Center for Performing and Visual Arts completed by the award-winning Bryant Design Studio, revealing the first glimpse of our shared vision

Returned to in-person programming in Summer 2021, drawing



**Cornerstone initiative:** 

renovation of the 1928

Congregation B'Nai Israel

synagogue at 692 Joseph Ave. into a performing arts center

Founded in 2014 by a small, determined group of performing arts lovers

Key urban location: Northeast Quadrant, Rochester, N.Y.



Facility size: 11,000 square feet, with seating for 330



**Events:** World-class presentations of music, dance, theater, visual arts, and community showcases



Fundraising goal: \$3.3 million

**Anticipated** grand opening: Early 2023



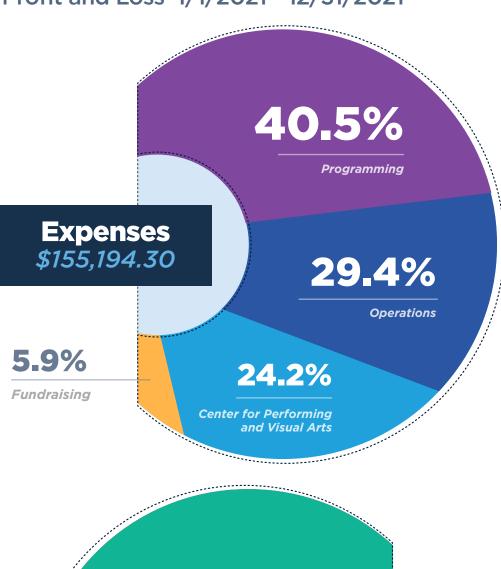


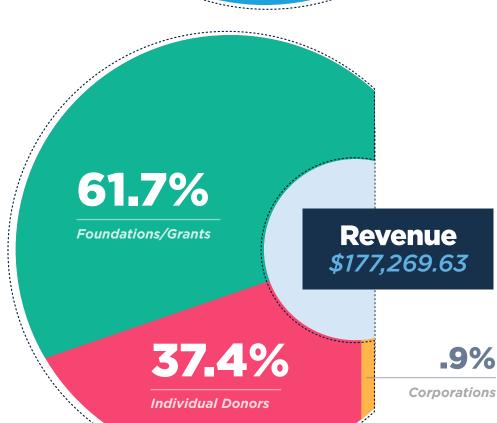
Local population served: 30,000 in neighborhood, hundreds of thousands throughout Greater Rochester



## **Joseph Avenue Arts And Culture Alliance**

Profit and Loss 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2021





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