



**Young Audiences
Western New York**
Arts for Learning!



2018-2019

Annual Impact Report

Connect. Create. Experience.

Why We Are Here

Young Audiences of Western New York is a dynamic and leading provider of arts learning opportunities for young people in WNY.

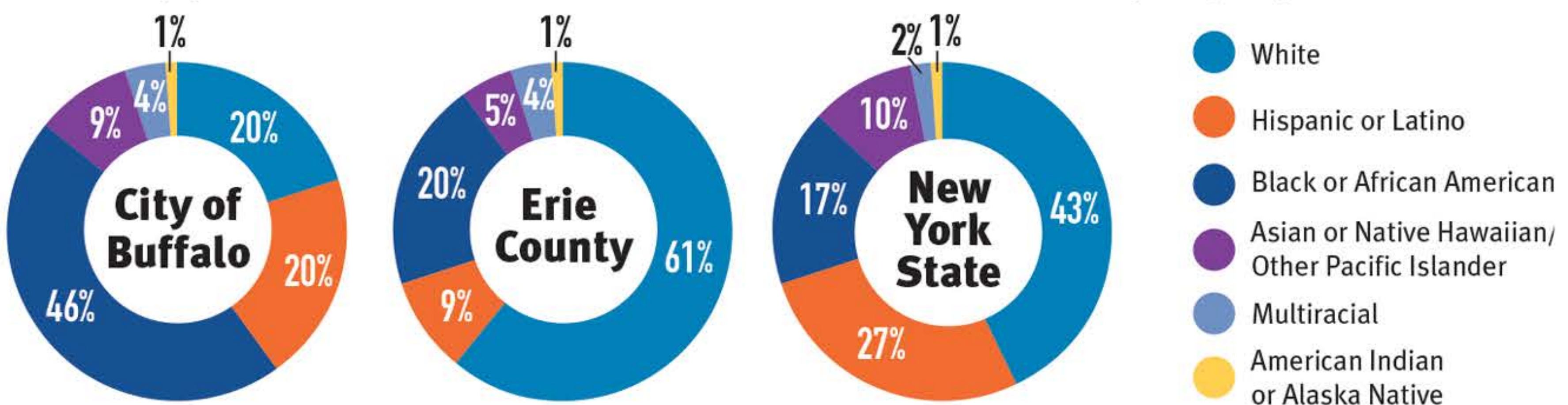
We believe that arts integrated learning is essential in the development of a young person. Research shows that students flourish when presented with the opportunity to explore their creativity. They develop self-confidence, gain self-efficacy, show academic improvements, and learn how to better collaborate and communicate with one another - building a healthier and more inspiring society.

Young Audiences' professional Teaching Artists engage youth in music, dance, theatre, media, visual and literary arts. The arts integrated programs we offer not only cultivate children's imaginations, so that they become more flexible and inventive thinkers, but also help to develop their physical, emotional, and mental capabilities. As such, it is imperative we work together to integrate greater chances for young children to engage in the creative arts, for such measures will provide the foundation for later success.

Who We Serve

Across all programs, Young Audiences of Western New York serves a diverse population of youth.

With our largest impact in Buffalo and Erie County, the young people in our programs are mostly non-white and economically disadvantaged, at much higher percentages compared to statewide. Young Audiences of Western New York supports its mission with a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.



	CITY OF BUFFALO	ERIE COUNTY	NYS
English as a New Language	18%	6%	9%
Economically Disadvantaged	82%	51%	58%
Students with Disabilities	23%	16%	18%

Testimonials



“I had three sessions with the same group of students and one girl was *really* funny and wonderful at theater. It was the first time she had ever been singled out in class for being especially good at something. I cast her in Dramatic Solutions shows, it was the beginning of her acting career—she is still in theatre today!”

- Gail Golden
Young Audiences Teaching Artist,
The Wondermakers



“I first came to Young Audiences for *Young Generations*. I then transferred to the *Art Works* program. I learned how to create resumes, went on college tours and participated in activities with the teaching artist. Working with Young Audiences taught me how to be more confident and speak publicly. My experience with Young Audiences was life changing!”

- Jania
Student ArtWorks Participant



“The past 25 years have grown into a wonderful partnership between Young Audiences WNY and the Holland Central School District. The arts have become an integral part of the school curriculum. The partnership has brought the arts to our rural community in WNY and has enriched the lives of the students it has touched in the past 25 years.”

- Susan Mikula
Arts-in-Ed Coordinator,
Holland Central School

Board and Staff Just as essential to our work is our committed Board of Directors, staff, and Teaching Artists who dedicate their time and heart in service to our mission and champion our cause.

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Our Teaching Artists

(July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019)

DANCE

Akruti Babaria
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Cindy Hanna
Configuration
Dance Theatre
Devi Bollywood Dance
Differential Flava Crew
Le Ballet Touba
PUSH Physical Theatre
Sarah Haykel

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Christina Vega-
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Sherry Robbins

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Alex Fernandez

MUSIC

Ancient Voices
Blaise Mercedes
Dave Ruch
Diaspora Drumming
Doug Yeomns
Griffin Brady
Drum Ensemble
Hill Brothers
Kevin McCarthy
Ladies First
Jazz Ensemble
Mohamed Diaby
Nancy Baun
Sol Y Sombra
Susie Rozler

Taylor Made Jazz
Victoria Pérez
Vincent Nunes
Wooden Cities

THEATER

Defiant Monkey Improv
Ted Baumhauer
Gretchen Murray Sepik
In Jest with Nels Ross
Janice Spagnola
Josh Rice
Lorna Czarnota
Melissa Kate
The Wondermakers
Airigami
Andy Parker
Weather Machine

VISUAL ART

Cartoons by Cadle
Cassandra Argeros
Catherine Spencer
Christy Zucarelli
Courtney Haeick
Demitrius Hall
Doug Rougeux
Fotini Galanes
Gerald Mead
Jeremy Stock
Kristin Brandt
Marissa Bannister
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Meg Robison-Albers
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Phyllis Thompson



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Our mission is to make the arts a part of young people's lives in order to enhance their development as creative and productive human beings.

Programs Spotlight



Traveling the Erie Canal: 200 Years of Journeys

To celebrate the Bicentennial of the Erie Canal, Young Audiences developed an engaging and educational arts-integrated program with themes and subjects to provide students a strong, hands-on, exploration of the social and historical significance of the Erie Canal. *Traveling the Erie Canal* is a multidisciplinary residency addressing multiple learning styles that bring the Erie Canal age to life for fourth grade students. We implemented this five-day residency in seven schools in WNY. Structured into learning modules that incorporate writing, poetry, theatre, music, and digital arts, this program teaches to the NYS Standards and includes professional development for the teachers and builds in assessment and a final portfolio of work from each student.



ArtWorks: Hired to Create. Inspired to Succeed

ArtWorks is a paid youth apprenticeship program in the arts for students, ages 14-18, in Erie County. Apprentices learn how to become creative and innovative participants in the 21st century's competitive economy. ArtWorks Apprentices focused on learning about public and mural arts. Thirteen participating ArtWorks Apprentices worked with Master Teaching Artist Kristin Brandt on a mural map and a large three-panel mural inspired by downtown Buffalo's vibrant public art.



Arts Partners for Learning (APL)

Arts Partners for Learning expands access to arts education for children throughout WNY and improves the capacity of cultural organizations to provide quality creative learning programs. Comprised of leaders from the arts, cultural, education, and philanthropic sectors, we work hand-in-hand with each school to select an arts and cultural organization that fits with classroom goals and curriculum. APL provided a total of 148 program workshops and nine field trips, partnering thirteen arts and cultural organizations to ten different WNY schools.

Impact by the Numbers

65,000 Youth and Families Engaged

60 Teaching Artists

1,725 Workshops, Performances, and Field Trips

106 Schools, Libraries, Camps, Cultural and Community Centers

190 Residencies

2 Whole-School Partnerships

Youth participate in Young Audiences programming throughout all of WNY.

Here are examples of where some of our programming has occurred

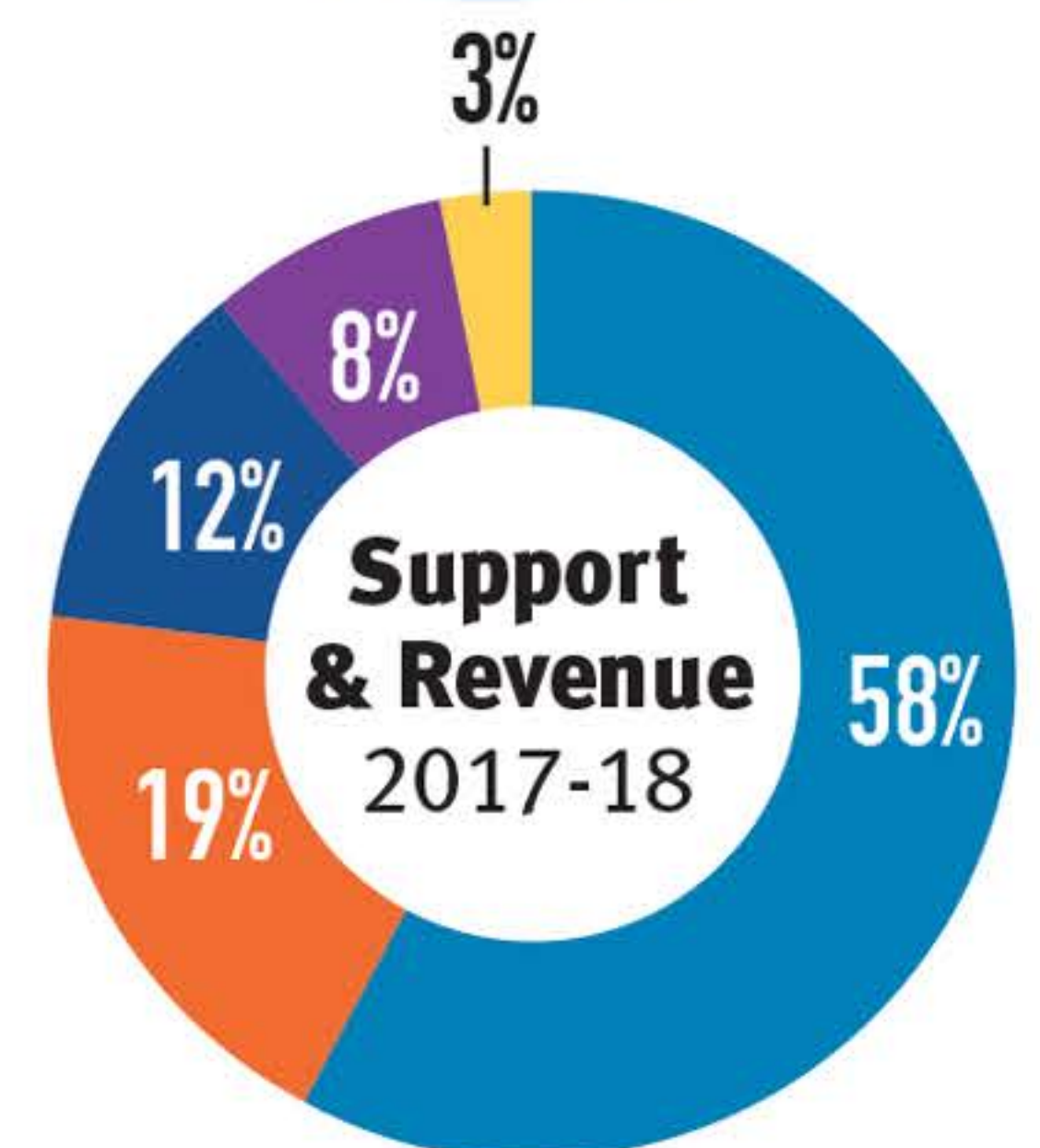
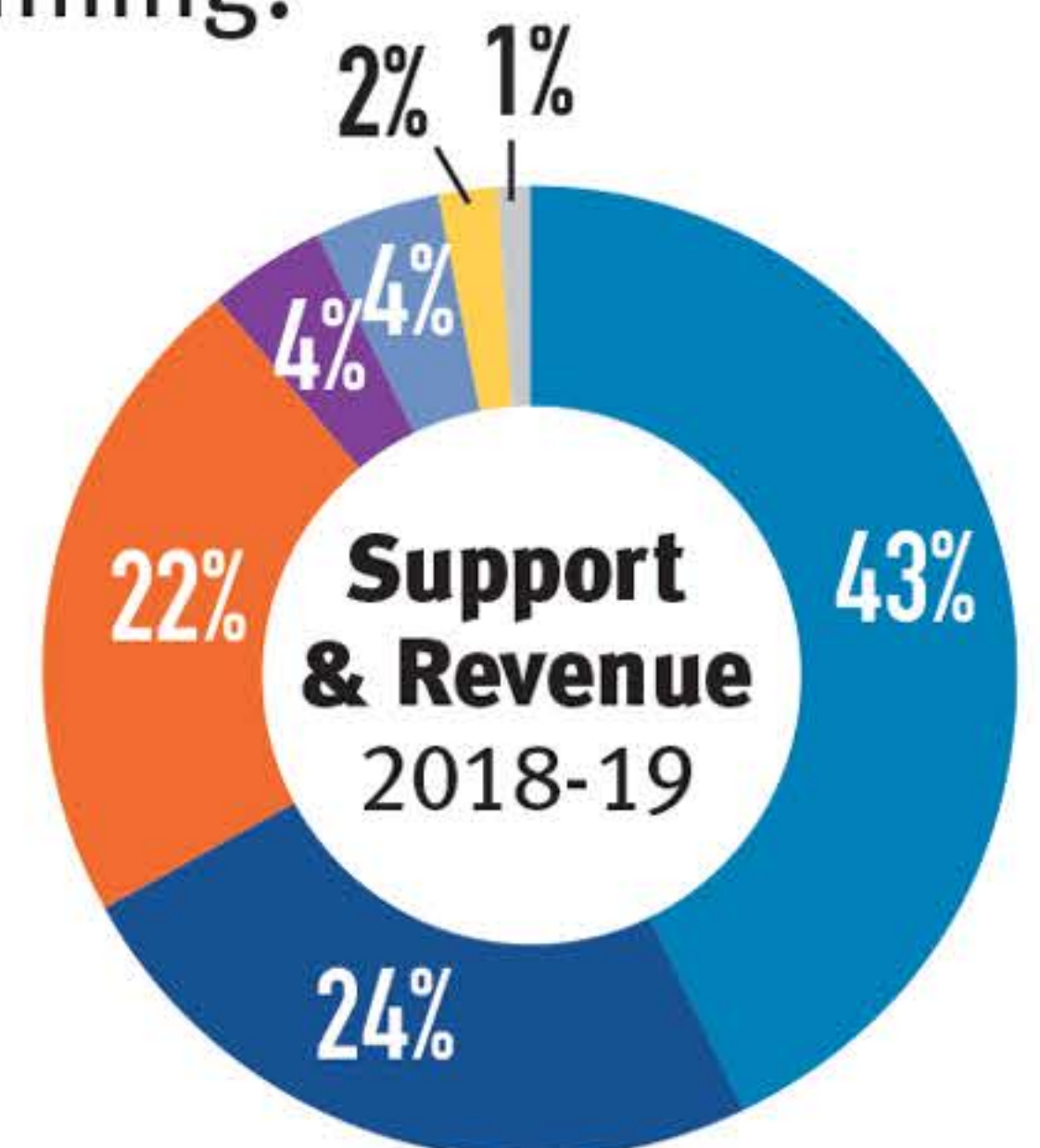


Funding at a Glance

We could not do it without you

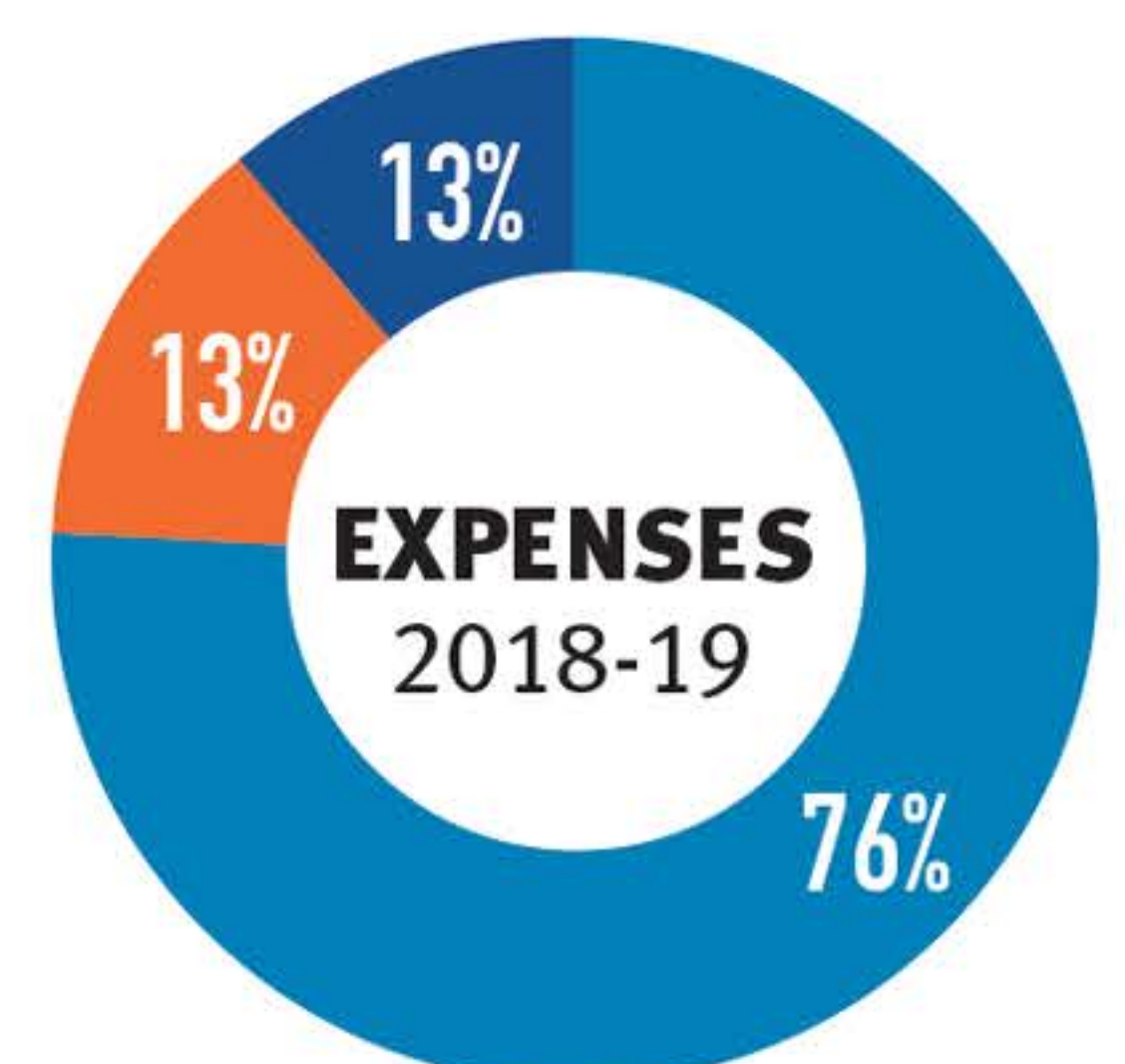
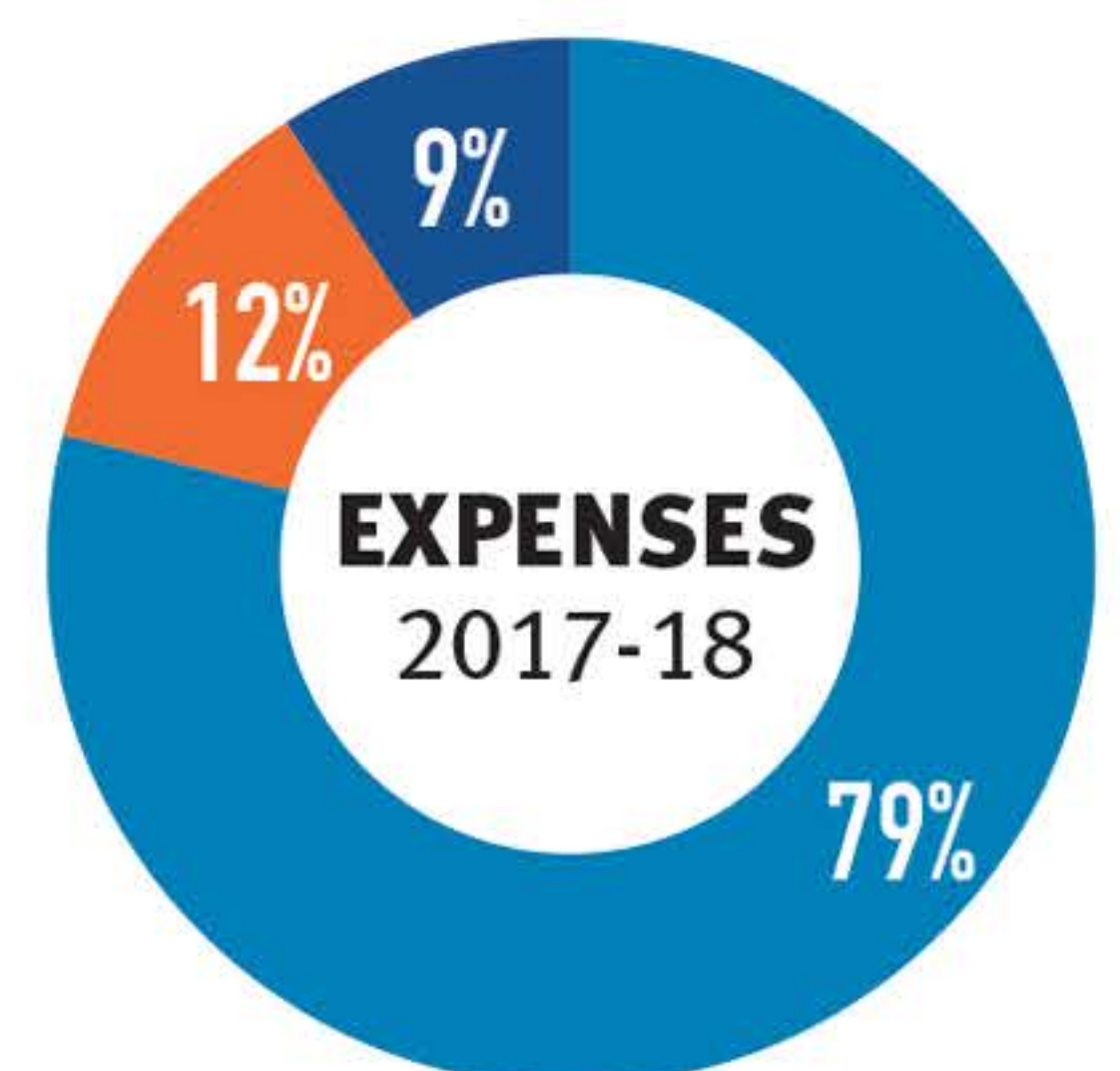
At Young Audiences, transformation in the lives of children is only possible thanks to our community of generous supporters – individuals, foundations and partners – who, together, contribute to the revenue necessary to fund our programming.

SUPPORT AND REVENUE	'18-'19 6/30/18	'17-'18 6/30/17
Contributions	\$26,877	\$45,745
Government Grants	\$177,424	\$74,410
Foundation Grants	\$163,509	\$117,887
Corporation Grants	\$8,720	\$2,000
Program Grants	\$319,568	\$350,931
Special Events Income	\$29,783	\$-
Non-Cash	\$15,047	\$17,993
Interest	\$97	\$18
Total	\$741,025	\$608,984



EXPENSES

Programs And Services	\$567,015	\$470,274
Management	\$99,669	\$68,950
Fundraising	\$79,184	\$55,754
Total Expenses	\$745,868	\$594,978
Change in Net Assets	\$(4,843)	\$13,106



Our Supporters

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\$25,000+

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The John R. Oishei
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New York State Council
on the Arts

\$10,000-24,999

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Erie County Youth Bureau
United Way of
Buffalo & Erie County

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\$250-499

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Defiant Monkey Improv.
Devi Bollywood
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The Wondermakers
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Allison Rabent

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by John Walsh III
Margaret Wincene
by Paul Homer

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SCHOOLS

Allendale Elementary School
Attica Elementary School
Ben Franklin Elementary School
Bennett High School
Blasdell Elementary School
BPS 17 Early Childhood Center
BPS 18 Dr. Antonia Pantoja
Community School
of Academic Excellence
BPS 19 Native American
Magnet School
BPS 206 South Park High School
BPS 208 Riverside Academy
BPS 27 Hillery Park Elementary
BPS 3 D'Youville Porter
Campus School
BPS 30 Frank A. Sedita Academy
BPS 32 Bennett Park Montessori
BPS 37 Futures Academy
BPS 42 Occupational
Training Center
BPS 45 International School
BPS 53 Community School
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BPS 79 Pfc. William J. Grabiarz
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BPS 80 Highgate Heights
Elementary School
BPS 89 Dr. Lydia T. Wright School
of Excellence
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BPS 94 West Hertel Academy
BPS 95 Waterfront
Elementary School
BPS 66 North Park
Middle Academy
BPS 50 North Park
Community School
Casey Middle School
Catholic Academy of West Buffalo,
Delaware Campus
Cattaraugus–Little Valley
High School
Charter School for
Applied Technologies
Clinton Street Elementary School
Cloverbank Elementary School
Colden Elementary School
Country Parkway
Elementary School
Dunkirk City School #4

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Elba Central School
Ellicott Central Middle
and High School
Franklinville Jr/Sr High School
Friendship Central School
Global Concepts Charter School
Harold O. Brumsted
Elementary School
Heritage Christian Services
Holland Jr/Sr High School
Holland Middle School
Holley Elementary School
Immaculate Conception School
Lackawanna Middle School
Lafayette High School
Letchworth Central School District
Lincoln Elementary School
Maryvale Intermediate School
Maryvale Primary School
Mullen Elementary School
Northside Elementary School
Northwood Elementary School
Penn Yan Middle School
Pinehurst Elementary School
Riverview Elementary School
St. Mark School
Theodore Roosevelt Elementary
Theodore Roosevelt School
Thornell Road Elementary School
Valley Early Childhood School
Walt Disney Elementary School
West Elementary School
West Seneca West Elementary
West Street Elementary School
Westminster Community
Charter School
Winchester Elementary
Windermere Elementary School
Woodrow Wilson Elementary

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Buffalo Architecture Foundation
Buffalo Audubon Society
Buffalo Niagara Heritage Village
Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra
Buffalo Zoo
Burchfield Penney Art Center
Explore & More
Children's Museum
Explore Buffalo
Herschell Carrousel
Factory Museum
Infinity Performing Arts
Martin House
Neglia Ballet
Roycroft Campus
Shakespeare in Delaware Park
Shea's Performing Arts Center
Squeaky Wheel Film
and Media Art Center
Starlight Studio and Art Gallery
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