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# NH BUSINESS COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

CONNECTING CULTURE, COMMERCE, AND CREATIVITY

ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18

# Join Us in Connecting Business and the Arts

### A CREATIVE WORKFORCE

The arts and the creative thinking they inspire are fundamental to our culture and economy. Increasingly, success in all walks of life comes to those who innovate, who can imagine alternatives and envision better solutions; the same creative problem solving skills fostered by the arts.

The New Hampshire Business Committee for the Arts is our state's most effective advocate for businesses to connect to and support the essential role of the arts in our lives. It represents the collaboration of many of New Hampshire's most successful business leaders, united by their knowledge that creativity is the essence of our emerging economy, and that the arts enhance our wellbeing through inspiration and understanding.

The businesses of today and tomorrow require a creative workforce. New Hampshire must compete regionally and globally for the thought leaders, visionaries, and creative problem solvers who will drive our economy forward. And, the arts are essential to the cultural experiences and educational opportunities needed to attract and retain talent.

Come join your fellow business leaders; those who are artfully negotiating today's challenges and positioning their businesses and our state for enduring success.

The NH Business Committee for the Arts is proud to be a key partner in promoting New Hampshire's creative economy by connecting culture, commerce and creativity!

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT**

Music. Theater. Dance. Art. Literature. Together they make up a powerful and thriving force known as the Creative Economy which is good for business!

- Direct and ancillary spending from arts patrons and arts organizations throughout New Hampshire is responsible for an estimated \$120 million impact on the state's economy.
- Nationally there are over 4.6 million jobs supported by the nonprofit arts and cultural community. Here in New Hampshire that translates into 3,851 full-time equivalent jobs. And for every 100 jobs created by new demand for the arts, 62 additional jobs are created outside the industry.
- Patrons attending arts events invest in the local economy significantly above the cost of tickets or admission, with non-local attendees spending \$47.57, while local attendees spend \$23.44.
- Nonprofit arts organizations employ not only artists but administrative, development and marketing professionals, accountants, facilities and maintenance staff, graphic and web designers, and support staff.
- Nonprofit arts organizations are civic minded business citizens, participating in local chambers of commerce, using locally sourced good and services, and promoting their region.

The numbers back up what the arts and cultural community has long suspected – that more than 82% of Americans overwhelmingly believe that the arts are important to quality of life, business and local economy. Clearly the arts keep communities alive, revitalize downtowns, contribute to the tax base, support local businesses, boost tourism and help raise property values.

### **Current NHBCA Members**

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## Committed to the Arts

The New Hampshire Business Committee for the Arts educates, motivates and recognizes business support of and participation in the arts, advocates for the value of the arts in economic, social and community development and facilitates people and projects that enhance engagement in the arts.

Often referred to as the connector that binds business and the arts, we are a membership organization of leading companies united in a commitment to the arts. Take a moment to review our highlights and activities as well as membership, directors and efficient budget.

NHBCA members are recognized as advocates of the arts, helping to cultivate a climate where arts, community and economy intersect to create a strong foundation for the future, and who value the partnerships created by those strong affiliations. If you are a member – thank you; if not, contact us so we may welcome you!

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### **Revenue and Expense Summary**

NHBCA fiscal year May 1, 2017 - April 30, 2018

TOTAL REVENUE \$118,254
Member/Board dues \$ 64,000
Awards Program \$ 52,750
Misc. income \$ 1,504

TOTAL EXPENSES \$119,766
Fees\* \$ 94,147
Awards program \$ 25,619
Net Loss \$ 1,512

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\*administrative, personnel, and program

# **NHBCA Highlights**

#### **RECENT YEARS**

**PRODUCED** the 34th Annual Business in the Arts Awards gala to recognize and honor businesses for their support of the arts and to showcase the arts in the state.

**PARTNERED** with Portsmouth and the Monadnock region for presentations of new data from their recent Arts & Economic Prosperity V survey.

**FOUNDED** "Coffee, Culture and Conversation" gatherings in Concord, Manchester and Portsmouth held at cultural facilities with current and potential members to share individual perspective and experiences of the importance of the arts.

**EXPANDED** social media to include Facebook and Twitter. Updated nhbca.com to include a comprehensive list of museums, performing arts organizations/schools and galleries.

**CONVENED** board meetings and showcased an artist or cultural facility each time to highlight diversity of geography and disciplines.

**PARTICIPATED** in regional NH Creative Economy efforts. Member of NH Creative Communities Network. Provided information to business leaders on the impact of cultural arts as an economic sector. Made periodic presentations. Consulted with community start-up groups.

**SELECTED** annually as a mentor for the NH Center for Nonprofits' Hoffman Hass Fellowship program which strives to populate NH nonprofit boards with new leaders.

**SERVED** as a judge for the Rising Star Awards, a program of the Stay Work Play NH, a collaborative initiative that promotes New Hampshire as a favorable place to live for young workers and recent college graduates.

**PROVIDED** models of businesses incorporating creativity in the workplace and served on the committee of Arts Alive! to develop the *Creativity Toolkit*.

**PARTICIPATED** as a judge in the Poetry Out Loud contest with the NH State Council on the Arts, the NEA and the Poetry Foundation.

**CREATED** a 30-year timeline PowerPoint highlighting 30 years of NHBCA and presented to business and NHBCA gatherings.

**ELECTED** vice president of the community advisory board of NHPBS. Selected to work on the station's rebranding effort and the strategic planning committee.

**FOUNDED** Lawyers for the Arts and later formed the partnership with UNH School of Law clinic to refer artists and arts organizations for pro bono legal assistance. Co-partner on the Art, Culture and the Law conferences and Culture OneStop.

**STRATEGIZED** with arts organizations on securing funders; made presentations to various community groups including the World Affairs Council.

**PUBLISHED** e-newsletters for NHBCA members, economic developers, arts organizations and policy makers highlighting national and statewide business and arts news, research, and creative economy information with links to various resources.

**IDENTIFIED** and placed business members with expertise in finance, law, insurance, IT, marketing and HR to projects and boards of directors of arts organizations. Met with a variety of arts organizations board nominating committees.

**UTILIZED** and promoted data from the national Americans for the Arts statewide survey, for which the NHBCA secured the funding, to measure the statewide economic impact of culture in NH.

**EXECUTED** an office relocation involving new systems and administrative functions.

### **PREVIOUS YEARS**

**SERVED** as an organizer and board member of NH Center for Nonprofits and its former iterations for 20 years. Chaired seven annual statewide nonprofit summits. Also chaired the sector report, *Essential: A Portrait of the Nonprofit Sector in NH*. Member of the advocacy committee and NonprofitNext platform committee.

**PARTICIPATED** annually on panel of *Giving Matters*, joint project of NH Charitable Foundation and NH Public Radio to present the positive face of nonprofits and increase awareness of this sector work in the state.

**CREATED** the first Arts in Healthcare Symposium for healthcare leaders and professionals to share best practices and evidence-based information about the role of art in healing and wellness.

**ATTENDED** an Art in Airport conference for ideas on increasing art in NH airports and other public buildings.

**SELECTED** to participate in various initiatives including the Southern NH Planning Commission's leadership team for its statewide Granite State Future and for the strategic planning process for the Business and Industry Association.

**PARTICIPATED** on task force convened by NH Department of Cultural Resources to make case to legislators on the economic impact of culture. Secured funding for statewide participation in the Americans for the Arts survey.

**CREATED** *Your Business Can Creatively Keep the Arts Alive in NH*, a collection of suggestions and strategies of creative ways to keep companies involved in and actively supporting the arts in challenging economic times.

**ORGANIZED** seminar on Corporate and Individual Art Collecting with the Currier Gallery of Art, the NH State Council on the Arts and Fidelity Investments.

**DEVELOPED** ArtSavers, the NHBCA discount ticket program that promoted arts events to member company employees. Currently includes arts and cultural events on e-newsletters and on extensive list of cultural organizations on nhbca.com.

# Board of Directors (as of May 2018)

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**Executive Director**Joan Goshgarian

**CREATED** Guide to Non Profit Incorporation and made it available at nhbca.com with links to it from the State's Division of Charitable Trusts and New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits. Updated it in 2012.

**CONDUCTED** a statewide Performing Arts Attendance Survey to support theaters to become more effective in audience development efforts by learning more about the interests, preferences and behaviors of attendees of performing arts events in major population areas of the state.

**CONDUCTED** five Leadership Arts Series for participants in business and the arts. Guest speakers and panelists presented a variety of arts and business related issues. Presented at other state leadership programs.

**COLLABORATED** on various statewide projects and programs including the NH Visual Arts Coalition, MacDowell Celebration and the Smithsonian Folklife Festival.