



ArtsPartners
of Central Illinois Inc.



Annual Report

2015-2016



Our Mission

Founded in 1999, ArtsPartners of Central Illinois, Inc. is a 501(c)3 tax exempt, non-for-profit organization whose mission is to build awareness for and strengthen the arts for the economic and cultural enrichment of Central Illinois.



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2015-2016

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Thank you to our primary financial partners! The Peoria Civic Center Authority and City of Peoria have committed a portion of collected restaurant tax to ArtsPartners as an economic investment, recognizing that a rich cultural environment is an economic benefit to the entire Peoria area. Additionally, ArtsPartners is partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council.



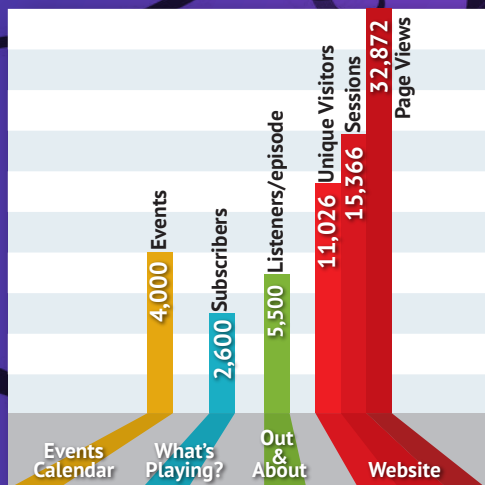
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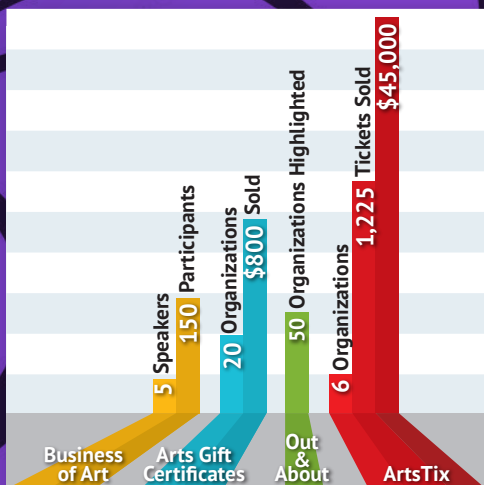
We are grateful for all of our partners, sponsors, supporters, and volunteers. To see a full list, visit artspartners.net and sculpturewalkpeoria.org

Supporting the Arts

We promote the arts through resources and marketing activities aimed at building awareness and developing new audiences. Additionally, we champion professional development and networking opportunities within our greater arts community.



Community Reach



Partnership Impact

Engaging You

We facilitate partnerships, initiatives, and programs that encourage and expand opportunities for public participation in the arts.



ArtPOP = Art + Public Outdoor Project

ArtsPartners brought ArtPop to Peoria in 2015, making Peoria the 3rd city in the country to offer this BIG promotional vehicle for local artists. In partnership with Adams OutDoor Advertising, ArtPOP puts the work of 5 local artists on 48'x 14' billboards that are seen by thousands of local residents. #artpoppeoria

Peoria's Big Bang Celebration of Creativity invites the community to ignite their inner artist by experiencing art, culture, and innovation up close and personal. Featuring over 130 local artists, performers, and innovators; this annual free event celebrates our culture of creativity, innovation, and diversity right here in Peoria. #ignitepeoria



Transforming Peoria's Warehouse district into a year-long public art gallery, this year's walk features 16 large scale sculptures crafted by sculptors from 2 countries and 9 states. #sculptpeoria

2015-2016 Timeline

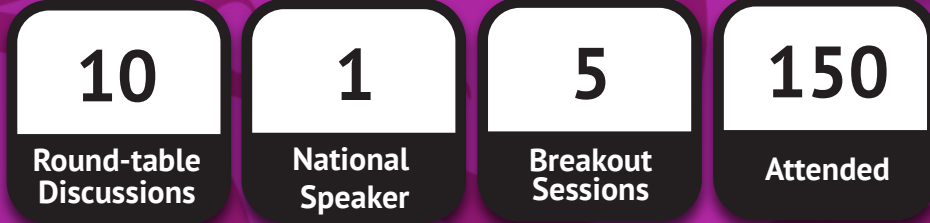
September 2015



BOA



February 8, 2016



"There's a big arts community here, and we really need that creative class to thrive. The more education we can get out there, the more we can help them build up their passion to be a business, the better off the whole community will be."
-Ross Miller, Bradley University



SWP



June 4, 2016

"It's terrific! So cool to walk in the downtown warehouse District!"

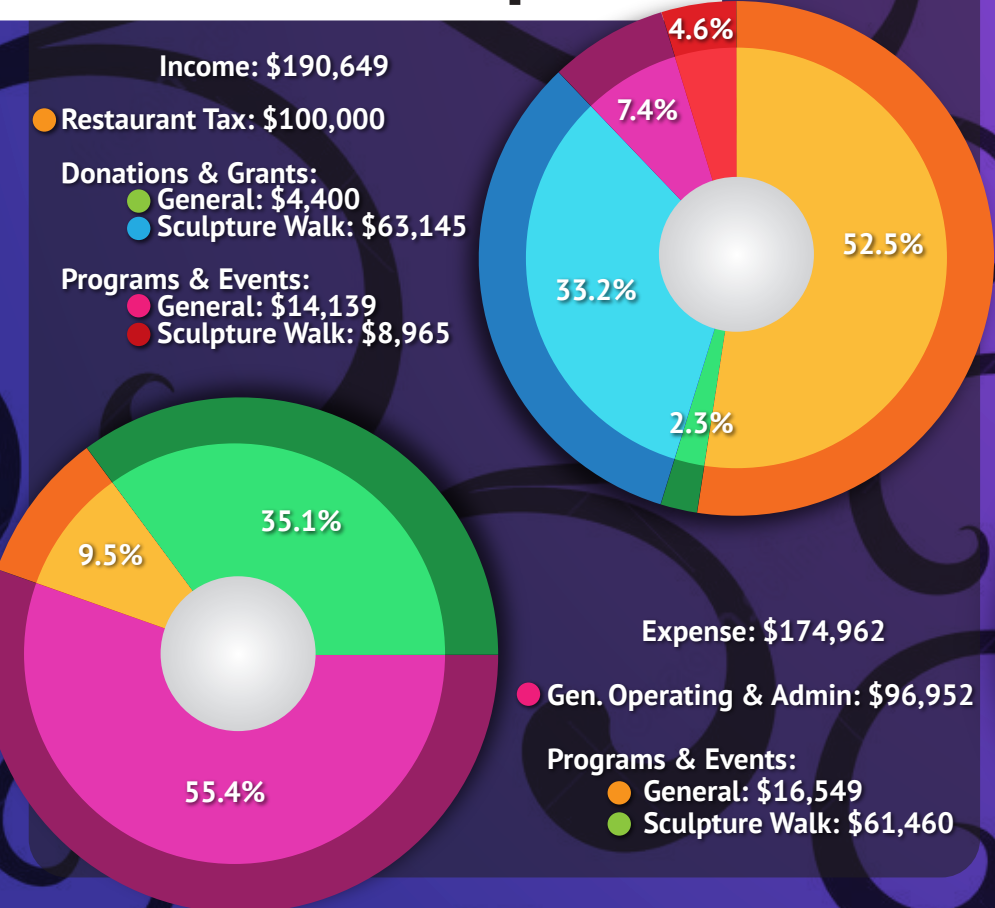
"Thank you! The Washington Street corridor transformation has been crowned with the art that provides visual joys as well as a reason to WALK! It is now a neighborhood as a result."

"I think it is one of the best things to come to Peoria. We are fortunate to have this, it is not something that every city has...The people involved are wonderful."

-Comments from People's Choice Award Voters



Financial Snapshot



"I really enjoyed being one of the first ArtPop winners in Peoria... Especially the amount of new people who contacted me who had never seen my work before. The art and name recognition will go far in helping future sales. It is nice to have strangers stop and give me a thumbs up about my art! Entering this local contest was one of coolest things that I have ever done."
-Greg DePauw, ArtPop 2015 People's Choice Award Winner



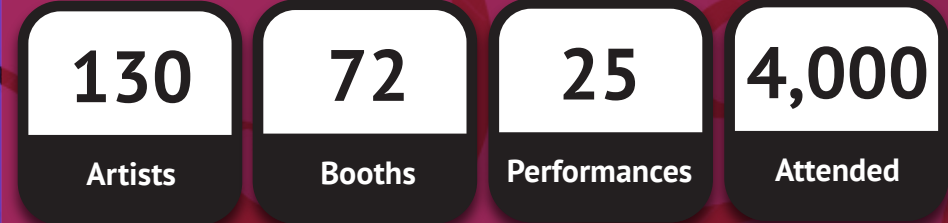
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May 19, 2016



August 13, 2016



"Ignite Peoria helps local artists gain exposure in the community. The event provides an opportunity to interact and share art/business with event attendees"
- Chelsea Tamms, Lettering Works



August 2016

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ArtsPartner of the Year



2015
Joe & Michele Richey



2014
Channy Lyons

2013
Bob & Joan Ericksen

2012
Doug & Eileen Leunig

2011
Dr. Jeff Huberman

2010
Vic Burnett

2009
**ICC Department of Arts &
Communication
and Kathy Chitwood**

2008
Dr. George & Norma Kottemann

2007
Nita Sunderlund

2006
Sally Page

2005
Peoria Park District

2004
WTVP - 47

2003
**Arts Alive! Magazine by
Central Illinois Business Publishers**

2002
Jim Thrush

2001
Jim Maloof

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