

2019 IMPACT REPORT



Enriching our community through artistic experiences

2019 WHAT A YEAR!



 | The 2019 ARTventure student cohort in Seattle.

Our 30th year was a smashing success, thanks to the generous contributions of supporters like you! We continue to invest in the growth of Big Sky's art community by expanding nearly all of our programs, adding to the vibrant cultural landscape of our town with more public art, new education and outreach opportunities and award-winning musical events.

Our advancement and success would not be possible without the ongoing support of our donors, sponsors, board members, volunteers and artists. We're extremely grateful for our community partnerships and look forward to continuing and expanding these relationships as we move forward.

We have an exciting year planned for 2020, and can't wait to share all of our endeavors with you! Please stay in touch, and, once again, thank you for supporting the ACBS!

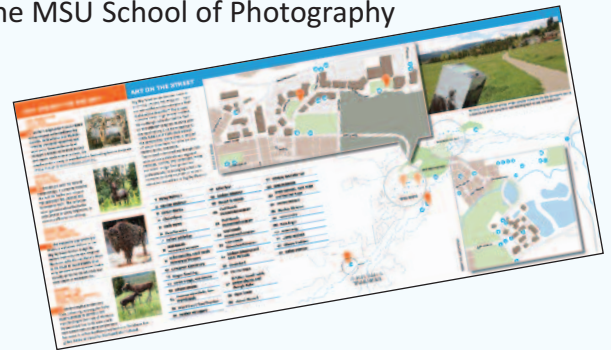
Sincerely,

Brian Hurlbut

Executive Director, Arts Council of Big Sky

COMMUNITY IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS...

- Placed **6** new public art installations
 - Installed Robert Winslow's *Continuity* sculpture in the new Town Center Plaza
 - Relocated Jim Dolan's *Ram* bronze sculpture to a new, more visible location in the Town Center
 - Wrapped four utility boxes throughout Big Sky with local artwork
- Hosted more than **35,000** attendees at our summer Music in the Mountains concerts
- Engaged more than **1,200** kids at our summer concert ARTventure activity tent
- Invited **11** local high school students on our third annual ARTventure excursion to Seattle
- Welcomed Seattle's Ben Hunter and Joe Seamons to Big Sky to work with local students
- Produced and distributed Big Sky's first-ever Public Art Map (below)
- Showcased **13** local artists with our first-ever Big Sky Open Studio Tour
- Partnered with Montana State University for Big Sky's 23rd annual Madrigal Dinner event
- Presented **19** musical artists on the Town Center Stage
- Supported more than **60** local and regional artists at our annual Auction for the Arts event
- Hosted high school field trips to the Archie Bray Foundation and the MSU School of Photography
- Invested in operations by hiring a full-time Development Director
- Hosted **3** weekend painting workshops for area residents
- Awarded 2019's Best Annual Event for Music in the Mountains by readers of *Explore Big Sky*




...THANKS TO YOU!

FINANCIAL REPORT

A large crowd of people is gathered for a concert at sunset. The sky is filled with colorful clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and blue. In the background, there are mountains and a large building with a sign that reads "Town Center". The crowd is dense and many people have their arms raised, suggesting a lively atmosphere.

“Great art picks up where nature ends.”

Marc Chagall

 | *The crowd gathers for 2019's Pinky and the Floyd concert in the Town Center*

Total Income
\$631,050

Total Expenses
\$672,962



Administrative Expenses **15%**
Program Expenses **85%**

31%
Resort Tax Funding

25%
Program Income

20%
Donation Income

5%
Other Sources

6%
Grant Funding

13%
Sponsorship Income



WATERSTON



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| A young participant in the summer concert ARTventure activity tent. Photo by Megan Buecking.

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Maya Angelou



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**“Music expresses that
which cannot be put into
words and that which
cannot remain silent.”**

Victor Hugo





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On the front cover: Intrigued children examine the "Waldozo" sculpture up close in the Town Center. | 