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2020

ARTIST TRUST ANNUAL REPORT A YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION

WE WORKED TIRELESSLY TO MEET ARTISTS' NEEDS IN THE VOLATILE LANDSCAPE OF COVID-19, WORKING WITH DONORS TO MOVE RESOURCES AND CREATE A RELIEF FUND AND PROGRAMMING THAT SERVED THOUSANDS STATEWIDE. THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF ARTISTS, WE BEGAN TO SHIFT OUR ORGANIZATION TOWARDS DEEPER EQUITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY, EXAMINING PROCESSES, STRUCTURE, CULTURE, AND MORE, AND BECAME BETTER FOR IT.

THROUGHOUT IT ALL, WE WERE INSPIRED BY UNPRECEDENTED SUPPORT FROM OUR COMMUNITY – DONORS WHO DUG DEEP AND GAVE WHEN IT WAS MOST NEEDED, ARTISTS WHO ADVISED US AND HELD US TO TASK, AND PARTNERS WHO MADE OUR PROGRAMS POSSIBLE. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL THAT WE GET TO LEARN AND GROW WITH YOU AS OUR GUIDE.

SERVING ARTISTS IN A PANDEMIC

67% OF RELIEF FUND
RECIPIENTS WERE **BIPOC**

FUNDING REACHED
22 WASHINGTON STATE COUNTIES

\$683,500

IN RELIEF FUNDING REACHED

434 ARTISTS
ARTISTS IN FINANCIAL NEED

OVER 600

DONORS TO OUR RELIEF FUND

THANK YOU!

OVER 1,000 ARTISTS

SERVED THROUGH
COVID-19 RESPONSIVE PROGRAMMING

16,000 ARTISTS

CONNECTED THROUGH ONLINE RESOURCES

JANUARY

All staff retreat to plan for the year ahead

FEBRUARY

Delivers professional development programs throughout the State

MARCH

Surveys artists statewide – 75% report severe income loss from COVID-19

Pivots core focus to helping artists face the COVID-19 pandemic

Launches the COVID-19 Artist Trust Relief Fund (March 16)

APRIL

Shifts all programs online

Creates comprehensive list of COVID-19 artist resources

Presents our first COVID-19 responsive programs: Unemployment for Artists and Creatives, and Tenants' Rights for Artists

MAY

Introduces artist social media takeovers and spotlights

COVID-19 responsive programming and Relief Funding continue to serve hundreds of artists

JUNE

Launches monthly online COVID-19 resource digest

Pivots Relief Fund to prioritize funding for Black artists

JULY

Receives our community's call for deeper accountability, transparency, and equity, and gets to work

Begins evaluating leadership and organizational structures

AUGUST

Undergoes leadership transition

Begins deep analysis of grants processes

Removes barriers to artist compensation

Etsuko Ichikawa and artist-partners Haruko Crow Nishimura and Joshua Kohl receive the Arts Innovator Award

SEPTEMBER

Introduces Racial Equity Committee to center anti-racist work

Introduces annual Anti-racist Commitment for board and staff

Begins AIA workgroup

OCTOBER

Ross Palmer Beecher receives the Twining Humber Award; Carol Gouthro, Susan Bennerstrom, and Barbara Sternberger receive SOLA awards.

Launches open application for Artist Trust Board of Trustees

Launches Mental Health Mondays program

NOVEMBER

Begins public search for a racial equity audit consultant

Holds first Community Conversation with artists Remelisa Cullitan, Christopher Icasiano, Natasha Marin, and Matthew Offenbacher, Paul Rucker

Reaches a total of 440 artists with over \$750,000 in Relief Funding and merit-based grants – the most in our history

DECEMBER

Serves over 1,000 artists statewide through responsive programming and connects over 16,000 artists with resources by year end

2020 ARTIST TRUST MERIT-BASED GRANTMAKING

Artist Trust recognizes the 2020 recipients and panelists of our merit-based grant programs. During a year of turmoil, it felt especially important to support these exceptional artists. In particular, we thank the 2020 AIA panelists, finalists, and awardees for their patience and perseverance with a significantly delayed award process. A workgroup consisting of members of the AIA cohort, Artist Trust board, and staff met five times from October to December to discuss the 2020 grants process and recommend change. Due to shifts in scheduling to allow us to focus on pandemic response, the 2020 Fellowship Awards were announced in early 2021.

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SUPPORTING ART AT ITS SOURCE

THE TWINING HUMBER AWARD (THA)

A \$10,000 award recognizing a Washington State female-identified visual artist, age 60 or over, made possible through legacy support from Yvonne Twining Humber.

Recipient: Ross Palmer Beecher (King County)

“THIS AWARD ENHANCES MY FREEDOM TO CREATE AND ENABLES MY EXPLORATIONS IN ART MAKING.”

- ROSS PALMER BEECHER



THE SUPPORT OLD LADY ARTISTS AWARDS (SOLA)

Three unrestricted awards of \$3,000 founded by artist Ginny Ruffner to honor and reward women artists over the age of 60 for their energy, vision, persistence, and dedication to maintaining creative momentum over the long haul.

Recipients: Carol Gouthro (King County), Susan Bennerstrom (Whatcom County), Barbara Sternberger (Whatcom County)

“RECEIVING THIS AWARD AT THIS STAGE IN MY LIFE IS A HAPPY REMINDER OF WHY I GO IN THE STUDIO EVERY DAY IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING.”

- SUSAN BENNERSTROM



THE ARTS INNOVATOR AWARD (AIA)

Two \$25,000 awards funded by the Dale and Leslie Chihuly Foundation recognizing artists who are originating new work, experimenting with new ideas, and pushing the boundaries in their respective fields.

Recipients: Haruko Crow Nishimura and Joshua Kohl (Degenerate Art Ensemble) (King County), Etsuko Ichikawa (King County)

Finalists: Priscilla Dobler (Pierce County), Lori Goldston (King County), Tessa Hulls (Jefferson County), Wes Hurley (King County), Casandra Lopez (Whatcom County), Barbara Earl Thomas (King County)

Panelists: John Feodorov (King County), Shin Yu Pai (King County), Chieko Phillips (King County), Kryston Skinner (Spokane County), Anida Yoeu Ali (Pierce County)

“THE ARTS INNOVATOR AWARD GIVES ME THE CONFIDENCE TO PURSUE MY OWN ORIGINAL VISION AND CONTINUE CREATING WORK. TO RECEIVE SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS AWARD IS AN HONOR.”

- ETSUKO ICHIKAWA



TWINING HUMBER & SOLA AWARDS PANELISTS

Barbara De Pirro (Mason County),
Deborah Lawrence (King County),
Pamela Awana Lee (Whitman County)

FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Merit-based unrestricted awards of \$10,000 providing support for Washington State artists of exceptional talent and ability

Recipients: Dan Friday (King County), Tatiana Garmendia (Snohomish County), Benjamin Hunter (King County), Jaleesa Johnston (Skamania County), Mary Ann Peters (King County), Rena Priest* (Whatcom County), Sharma Shields (Spokane County), Chris E. Vargas (Whatcom County), Anthony White (King County)

* Vadon Foundation Fellowship for Native Artists Recipient

Panelists: Dawn Barron (Thurston County), Ginger Ewing (Spokane County), David Dinnell (Pierce County), Johnaye Kendrick (Pierce County), Juan Alonso-Rodriguez (King County)

“WITH THE FELLOWSHIP AWARD, I CAN MATERIALIZE IDEAS THAT HAVE BEEN SITTING IN MY SKETCHBOOK OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.”

- JALEESA JOHNSTON



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Luther Hughes

PROGRAMS INTERN

Grace Nakahara

THANK YOU TO OUR 2020 PROGRAM PARTNERS. WE ARE HUMBLLED TO HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT ARTISTS ALONGSIDE YOU.

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2020 FUNDING & PROGRAM PARTNERS



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\$50,000+

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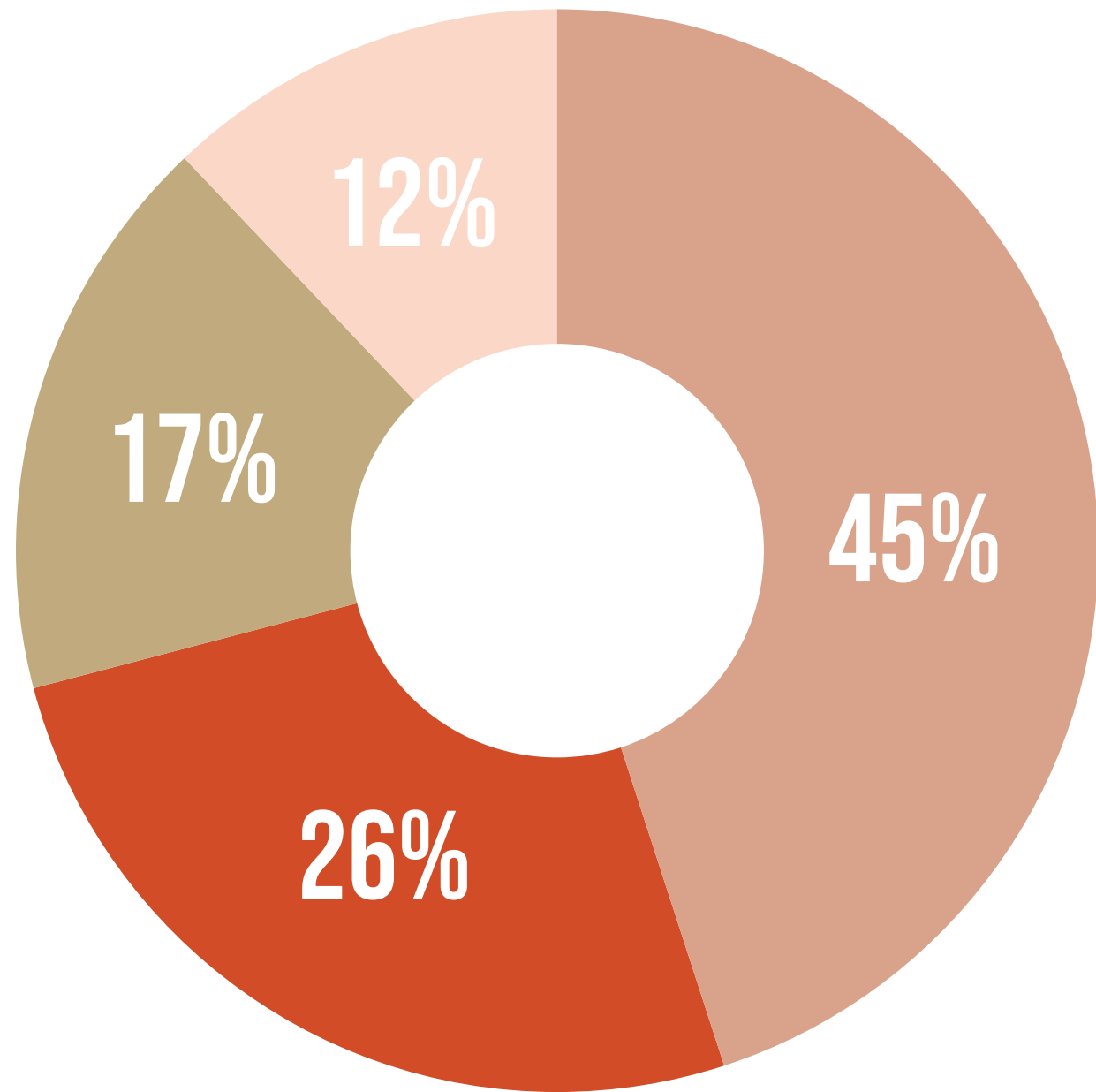
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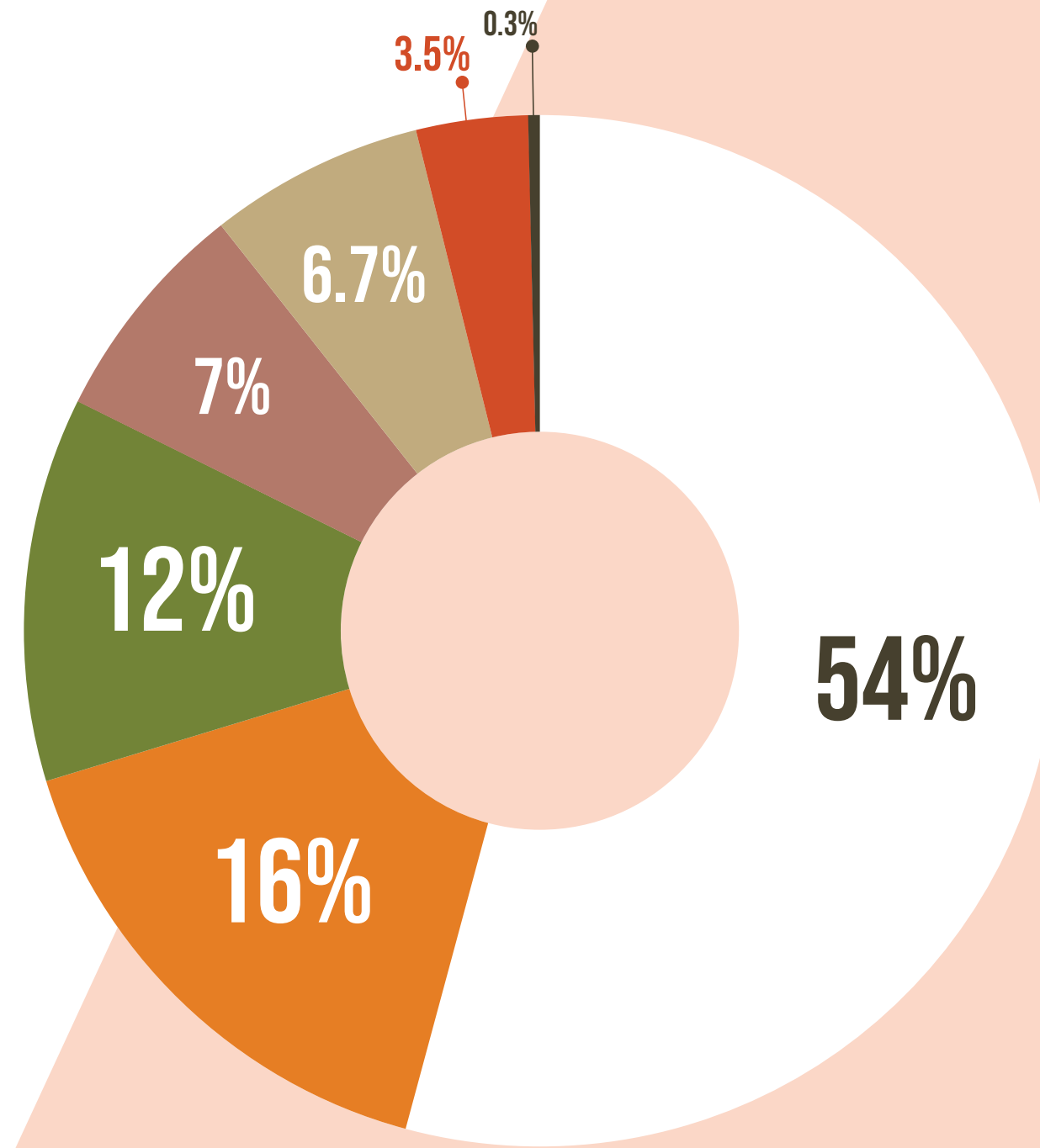
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2020 INCOME & EXPENSES



EXPENSES TOTAL: \$1,678,172



INCOME TOTAL: \$1,904,511



CASH AT YEAR-END

A cash surplus at year-end allowed us to seed a second round of COVID-19 relief funding in early 2021, create a restricted fund for 2021's core grant programs, and fund a finalist honorarium for the 2021 Arts Innovator Award, in response to community feedback and need.

*Based on pre-audited financials. 990 and audited financial statements will be available in May 2021.