

2009 Annual REPORT



**Making
the arts accessible
to children and youth**

Art. with out-of-school
progams

Dance.
Theater.



Mission

The Jackson School of the Arts was formed in 2001 with a mission to make the arts accessible to all children and youth regardless of their financial means.

Jackson School of the Arts strengthens the fabric of our community by engaging youth in creative activities that develop discipline, problem-solving skills and decision making. These programs give them a sense of achievement and personal worth.

The need for arts education programs is stronger than ever. Our schools are challenged by limited funding, and the arts have been cut from the curriculum. Out-of-school lessons and classes are cost prohibitive for many in our community.

Programs

The Jackson School of the Arts provides a wide variety of dance, art and theater classes throughout the school year. Fees are based on a sliding fee family income scale. This makes it possible for children from all socio-economic backgrounds to discover and experience the arts. In 2009-2010, the Jackson School of the Arts subsidized the cost for 82% of participants.

Art.
Dance
Theater



EXPERIENCE.

Helping kids grow and thrive.

In 2009-2010, 359 children participated in weekly on-site art, dance or theater classes. 63% of the kids we serve live at or below the poverty level, with 33% from single family homes.

Connecting with children through the arts

Jackson School of the Arts teaching artists include professional dancers, practicing artists and experienced teachers. This past year we employed 18 art, dance and theater instructors. More than instructors, our staff are caring individuals and mentors who also volunteer their time to participate in outreach activities and take children to see live performances.



ONE CHILD AT A TIME



Visit the Jackson School of the Arts

...and you'll **see** a dance studio filled with little ballerinas, you'll **hear** aspiring actors learning to project their voice and you'll **feel** the excitement in the art room as young artists make their ideas come to life. Without financial support, two-thirds of the children in these classes would not have the opportunity to participate in the arts.

While we have a home in the ART 634 building, we also partner with organizations to bring the arts to more children in our community. Our partners include: Girl Scouts, Jackson Child Care, Jackson District Library and Jackson Public Schools.



ARTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Tyler had a hard time finding his place in school. At the Jackson School of the Arts he got the chance to discover that he has a passion and talent for drawing. His mom said Tyler would not be able to participate if it weren't for our sliding fee scale.



Abby's mom is unemployed and is receiving food stamp benefits. Without a scholarship that provides additional financial support to those with the greatest need, Abby would not have the opportunity to learn poise and confidence through dance.



Tyler and Abby are just two of the 359 children we served last year.

How you can help?

Jackson School of the Arts is the only place in south central Michigan where all children can participate because fees are based on income. We rely on donations from individuals and grants to annually provide quality arts education experiences to over 1,000 children.

Donations help us offer year round arts programming to all children regardless of their family income. Funding enables us to educate students in schools that have had to cut arts curricula and provide enriching opportunities to youth at-risk during the after school hours. Donations also help underwrite the cost of student performances, costumes, exhibitions and special outreach workshops.



The Jackson School of the Arts in 2007 created **new programs** to help us become sustainable. We offer Birthday Parties and special workshops for children and adults. We rent our space, and we sell dance wear and shoes.

Learn more at jacksonarts.org

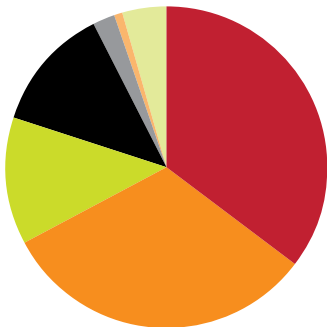
Looking to the future

Despite difficult economic times, enrollment continues to grow. This tells us that others agree that the arts should be a part of every child's basic education, and that adults too are looking for ways to enrich their lives. The Jackson School of the Arts continues to focus on overall quality improvement and to work towards an exciting, sustainable future.



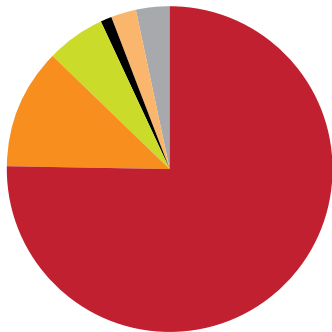
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INCOME



- ★ Grants
- ★ Student Fees
- ★ Contracts
- ★ Donations
(Individuals, Board, and Business)
- ★ Dance Wear/Shoes
- ★ Rental
- ★ Other

EXPENSES



- ★ Payroll
- ★ Rent and Utilities
- ★ Program Supplies
- ★ Insurance
- ★ Marketing & Printing
- ★ Other

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