

THRASHER OPERA HOUSE

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION

The Thrasher Opera House promotes the arts, provides a community gathering place, and preserves the historic Thrasher Opera House. This is done in cooperation with area educational, artistic, and civic organizations, as supported by individual and corporate donations, and utilizing the skills and contributions of community volunteers.

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT

For 25 years, Thrasher Opera House has been bringing performers from around the world to our small community. Offering educational workshops and outreach, children's theater, an art gallery for local artists, and many other engaging activities, we are dedicated to providing a rich, cultural experience through live performances. Thrasher continues to serve as a community gathering place just as it did in 1910 when Charlie Thrasher built the theater. We are honored to continue this mission and look forward to expanding Thrasher's impact in Green Lake and the surrounding communities.



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EIN 39-1915602

AT A GLANCE

2023



5,367

AUDIENCE
MEMBERS

71%

AVERAGE
CAPACITY

59

EVENTS & PUBLIC
PERFORMANCES

428

DONORS &
SPONSORS

115

VOLUNTEERS

11

OUTREACH
PROGRAMS



2023 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM

- Ticket Sales 33%
- Donor Support 30%
- Fundraisers 18%
- Sponsor Support 7%
- Grants 2%
- Concessions 6%
- Other 4%

HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT

- Salaries 34%
- Program Expenses 28%
- Marketing 6%
- Taxes 5%
- Professional Fees 4%
- Building Maintenance & Insurance 4%
- Supplies 3%
- Conferences/Membership Dues/Licenses 3%
- Bank/CC Fees 1.5%
- Other 12.5%



THRASHER OPERA HOUSE ENDOWMENT & INVESTMENTS

Oshkosh Area Community Foundation: \$67,839

Endowment Fund: \$977,101

Thrasher Internal Line of Credit: \$50,000

Thrasher Reserve Account: \$50,389

CD: \$105,000

Thrasher has no debt! Both buildings are paid off so along with these other assets, you can be assured that this organization is a stable, secure organization in which to invest in now or in the future.

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

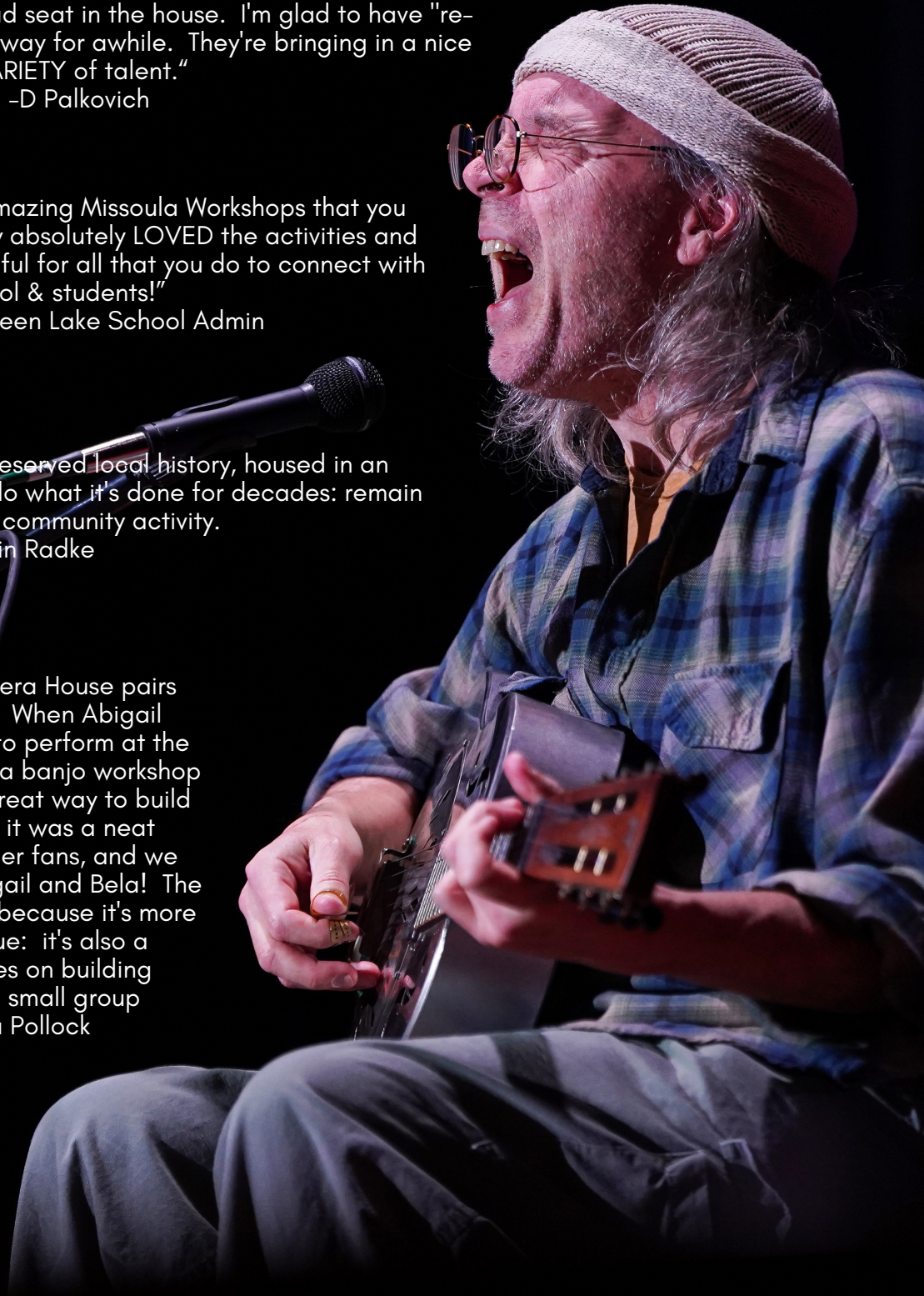


"This is SUCH a LOVELY VENUE - a GEM in this small community. Small (200 capacity), chairs and/or tables, QUAIN, historic. Acoustics/ambience are wonderful. There's not a bad seat in the house. I'm glad to have "re-discovered" it after being away for awhile. They're bringing in a nice VARIETY of talent."
-D Palkovich

"Thank you so much for the amazing Missoula Workshops that you provided for our students. They absolutely LOVED the activities and the instructors. We are so grateful for all that you do to connect with our school & students!"
- Katie James, Green Lake School Admin

Such a fine example of well-preserved local history, housed in an intimate venue that continues to do what it's done for decades: remain a vital center of community activity.
-Kristin Radke

"I love the way the Thrasher Opera House pairs learning events with concerts. When Abigail Washburn and Bela Fleck came to perform at the Thrasher, the Thrasher scheduled a banjo workshop during the afternoon. It was a great way to build hype for the evening concert, it was a neat opportunity to connect with other fans, and we even got a surprise visit from Abigail and Bela! The Thrasher Opera House is special because it's more than just a performance venue: it's also a community center that focuses on building relationships through unique small group experiences." - Virginia Pollock



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