

SPACE GALLERY

# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2023



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# SPACE

# 2023 REFLECTIONS



**WE WORKED WITH  
1,226 ARTISTS\*, 646 OF  
THEM FROM MAINE**

*\*Not including the full casts and crews of films.*

*Tim Fite, Paradise Will  
Break Your Heart,  
mural*

2023 was a bustling year for SPACE, filled with inspiring arts, artists, and ideas alongside increased revenue, attendance, and community collaborations. A significant highlight of our year was subgranting the second cycle of American Rescue Plan grants through the NEA to artists throughout Maine, stimulating the state's creative economy after the prolonged pandemic shutdown in the cultural and live arts sectors.

In a year of formative writers' strikes, unprecedented weather events, book bans, and an ongoing post-truth Information Age, the role of artistic voices and free speech has never been more clear. With public support, our staff, volunteer, board, and artists have been able to build an experimental, joyous, and resilient platform for contemporary multidisciplinary artists here in downtown Portland.

Throughout SPACE's work, our team interrogates the arts industry's organizational biases and histories of exclusion, devises strategies for meaningful artistic opportunity generation, and catalyzes options for dismantling barriers to participation. Supporting SPACE means leveraging resources to let an independent venue and art center live out aspirational values while centering artists and their needs. All the while, we build a shared social gathering venue, creative play spaces, and artistic resources.

Thank you to our members, collaborators, volunteers, team members, foundational supporters and artists. The generous and generative spirit of SPACE is thriving and we are always open to listening and learning.

I hope to see you here soon.

With gratitude and excitement for what's ahead,  
**Kelsey Halliday Johnson**, Executive Director

**63%**

**More event attendees than 2022**

**36K+**

**Annual visitors**

**182**

**Public events**



**THANKS FOR THE  
SPACE  
FOR CURIOSITY**



# 2023 BY THE NUMBERS

THANK YOU FOR MAKING  
**SPACE**  
YOUR COMMUNITY

GRANTS TO  
ARTISTS

**\$160,850**

DIRECT SUPPORT  
TO ARTISTS

**\$434,795**

TOTAL GRANTEES

**166**

TOTAL  
VISITORS

**36,809**

EVENT  
ATTENDEES

**25,368**

GROUP &  
TOUR ATTENDEES

**1,441**

GALLERY  
VISITORS

**13,150\***

GALLERY  
HOURS

**800+\***

*\*Plus countless visitors to our 24/7 window gallery  
and outdoor projects and installations.*

Shabazz Palaces

**MUSIC  
EVENTS**

**76**

**PERFORMANCES**

**17**

**FILM  
SCREENINGS**

**67**

**PRIVATE  
EVENTS**

**29**

**GALLERY  
EXHIBITIONS**

**17**

**COMMUNITY &  
PARTNER EVENTS**

**35**

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## ☆☆☆ 2023 INTERNS☆☆☆

**SAM DUPONT, JACK GERVAIS, GRACE HAGER,  
CLAIRE KAMINSKI, XANTHE MILLER**  
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Editor Sophie Hamacher and Linda Smalls in conversation, celebrating her ARP Maine Project Grant recipient book *Supervision: On Motherhood and Surveillance* (MIT Press).

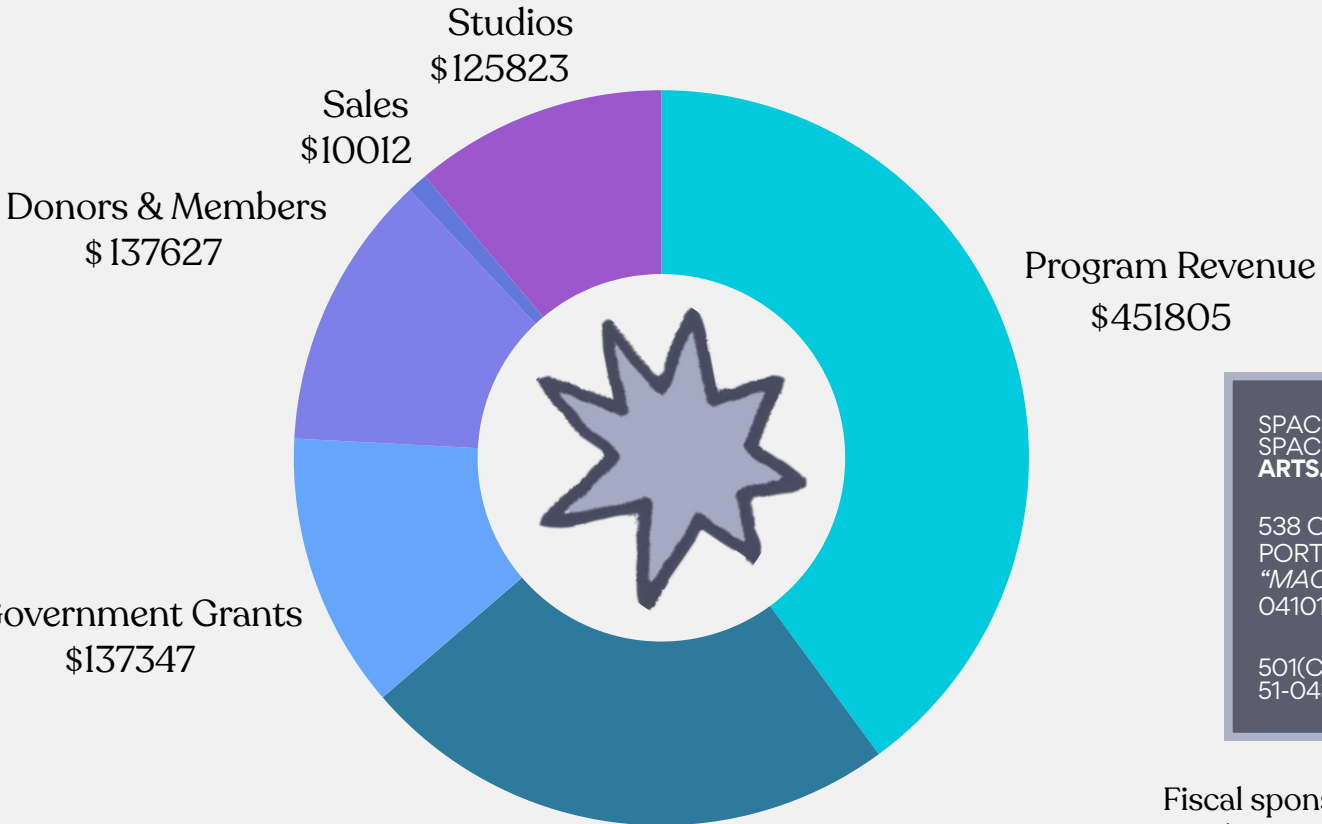


Audience members participating in *You Are Going to Be Healed* by Kristen Stake and Hannah Wasielewski, an ARP Maine Project Grant recipient (Photo by Kerry Constantino).



# 2023 INCOME

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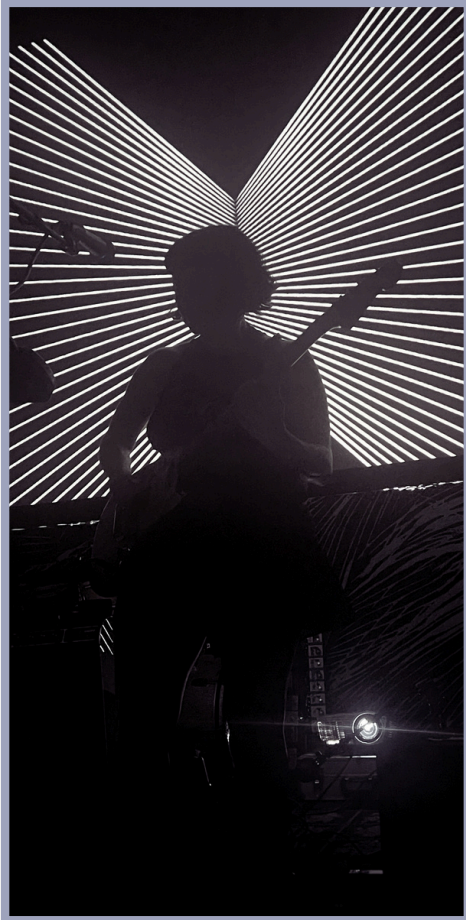
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Fiscal sponsorship income  
(not included): \$36,258

(L) Frankie Rose and (R) our Congress St. home and studio building with work by Jenny Ibsen (marquee) & Reniel del Rosario (window gallery)



# 2023 EXPENSES

THANK YOU FOR HAVING  
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 BE YOUR PLACE



Jacek Laskus's film *Picnic and a Little Mutiny*.



Tristan Koepke's dance *There's Only One Bed*  
 (Photo by Patrick Fogarty).

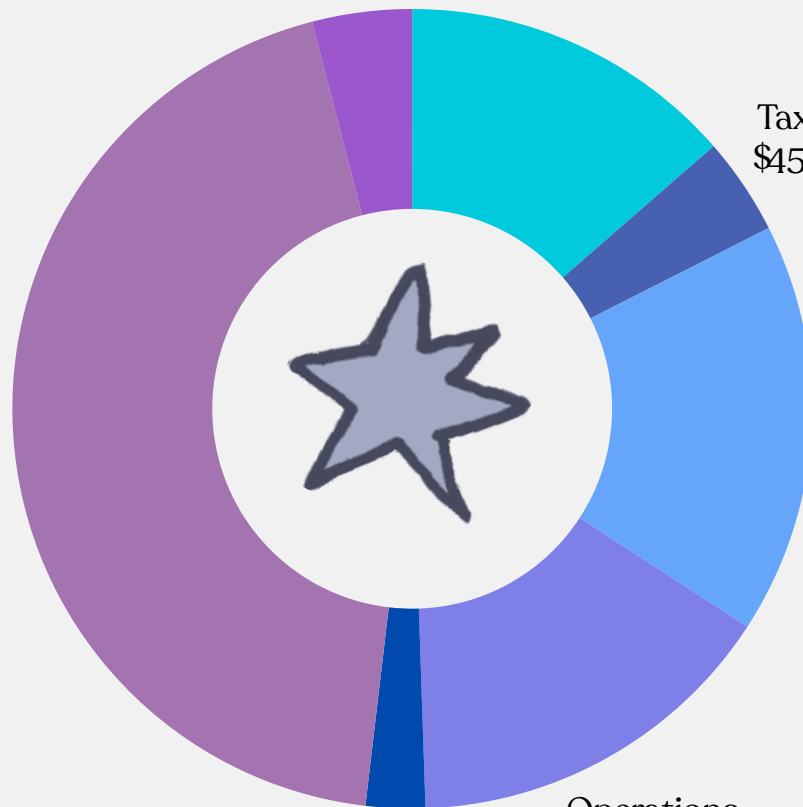
Building & Capital\*  
 \$46064

Grants to Artists  
 \$155350

Taxes\*\*  
 \$45012

Programming  
 \$504023

Administration  
 \$190252



Mortgage Interest  
 \$27387

Operations  
 \$174755

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\* Mortgage balance as of 1/1/2024: \$722125  
 \*\* Taxes include real estate & payroll taxes

Fiscal sponsorship expenses (not included): \$29951



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