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HOLTER

ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

AUGUST 2023

Current Exhibitions

Next World Emissaries
Jude Griebel

Figure Out: Catastrophe or Regeneration
Paolo Porelli

Montana Remembered
Joeann Daley

Makoshika
Dale Beckman

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A Word from the Director

Dear Holter Community,

And that's a wrap! The 2022-2023 year is over for the Holter, and we survived. It has been a year marked with transition, but through it all, there has been a steadfast group of people who helped our beloved institution continue on and do excellent work. I would be remiss if I did not thank Paige Nichter, Ramsay Ballew, Kelley Crevier, David Spencer, Jolene Grieve, and Anna Lund - all who were led with compassion and verve by Krys Holmes as their Interim Executive Director when Chris Riccardo (we wish him all the best!) moved on in October. The Holter Board guided the museum through all of these transitions hand in hand with the staff. Our mission at the Holter is to INSPIRE, CONNECT, and HEAL our community through contemporary exhibitions and innovative arts programming. And that is exactly what we can thank the staff, board, and our supporters for doing this past year.

On June 12th, I began the full-time work of Executive Director. I had spent the previous two months getting to know the staff, learning about the organization's history, and planning for the new fiscal year. I am so delighted to be returning to my first passion - the arts - and I get to utilize all of my experiences as a previous school and non-profit administrator and leader, art educator, and artist to help catalyze a bright future for the Holter, preserve its legacy, and fortify our roots in the community.

Our annual report lays out plainly what this past year felt and looked like. There were peaks and valleys, like any other year. But this past year, those peaks and valleys seemed a little more challenging. An annual report helps us reflect, but it also helps us plan for the future.

VISION for 2023/2024:

INSPIRE:

- Boost our museum visitors from 10,000 to 12,000. It's an audacious goal! But we do this by bringing relevant, engaging, inspiring, beautiful, connecting exhibits to our community. We have been doing this for 35 years. It is what sets us apart from the other 18 arts/cultural institutions in Helena.
- Impact, engage, teach, and reach 5,000 children this year - an increase from 3,700 over our last fiscal year.
- Develop and offer more Adult and Teen Fine Arts programming. We can always do more to help teens and adults find their own creativity and expression. Art can be accessed by all people!

CONNECT:

- Accelerate and diversify our partnerships with the Helena Public Schools. This one is near and dear to my heart being a former educator and administrator for 20 years. I have witnessed firsthand the incredible way the arts can change the course of young lives.
- Preserve our permanent collections so that these 1,700 pieces of artwork can live on into the future to be shared and learned about.

HEAL:

- Expand the range and scope of our Holter Healing Arts Programming. We will be continuing our work with St. Peter's Hospital, and we just started a partnership with the VA - a wonderful partnership for a community much in need.

We need your help to continue to INSPIRE, CONNECT, and HEAL! We have hired some excellent new staff to join us to fulfill our mission. We have much worthy work to accomplish. We have great art to bring to our community. We have so much to share. Please consider supporting the arts. Please consider supporting the Holter.

Come. See. Give. Share.

Warmly, **Christina Barbachano, Executive Director**



*The Holter Museum of Art celebrated 35 years of making the contemporary arts available to the Helena community.
Photo courtesy of the Helena Public Arts Council*

OUR MISSION

The Holter Museum of Art inspires, connects, and heals our community through contemporary exhibitions and innovative arts programming.

OUR VALUES

The Holter Museum of Art has the capacity to encourage community representation through participation and access to exhibitions, arts

programming, events, and partnerships in our community. The Holter acts as a conduit for the creative and innovative minds in our community, showing the impact arts and culture have on our values, opinions, health and wellbeing.

The Holter strives to provide access to lifelong arts learning opportunities that ignite creativity and encourage expression. Our programming opens unique and accessible pathways to learning about current issues and ideas, while also promoting collaboration and self-discovery.

THE HOLTER BY THE NUMBERS

10,340

Visitors to the museum

17

Exhibitions

250

Montana artists featured

2,684

Participants in programs/events

228

Total members

9

Staff members

Almost 700

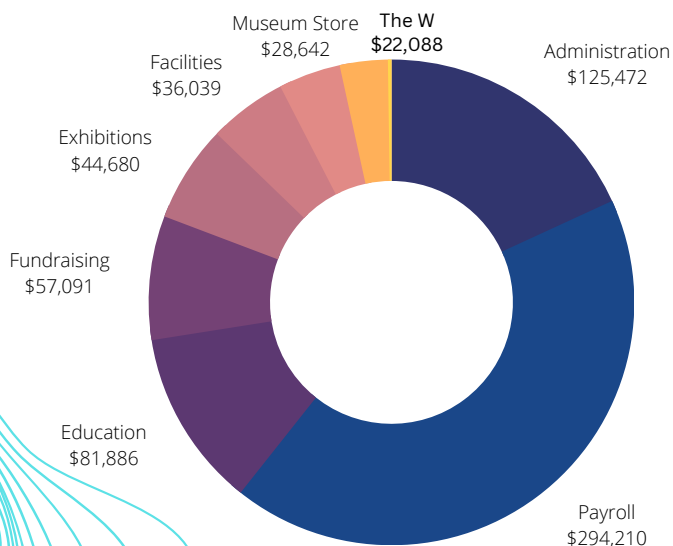
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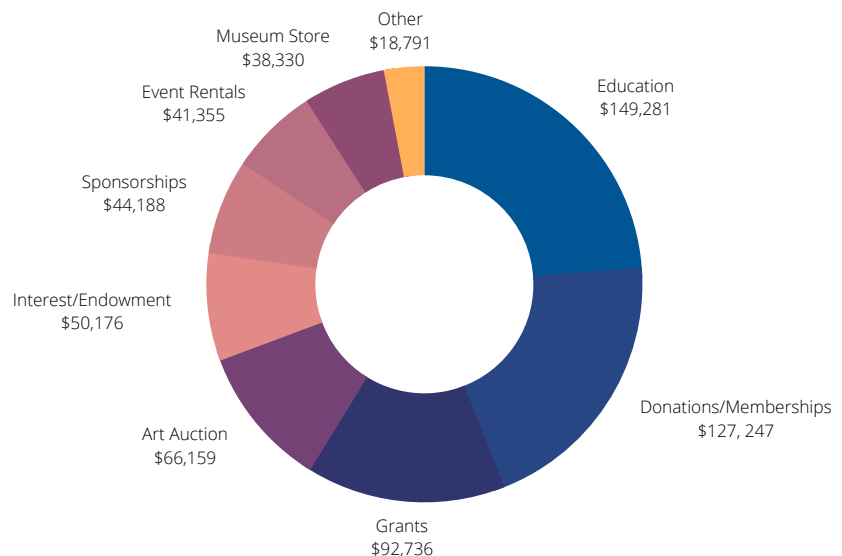
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2022 - 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

EXPENSES: \$691,743



INCOME: \$628,263



SUPPORTING ART + ARTISTS

We exhibited **9** group shows and **8** solo shows for a total of **17** engaging exhibits.

6 Montana artists exhibited solo shows &
4 national artists were showcased.

Approximately **250** Montana artists were featured through group shows.

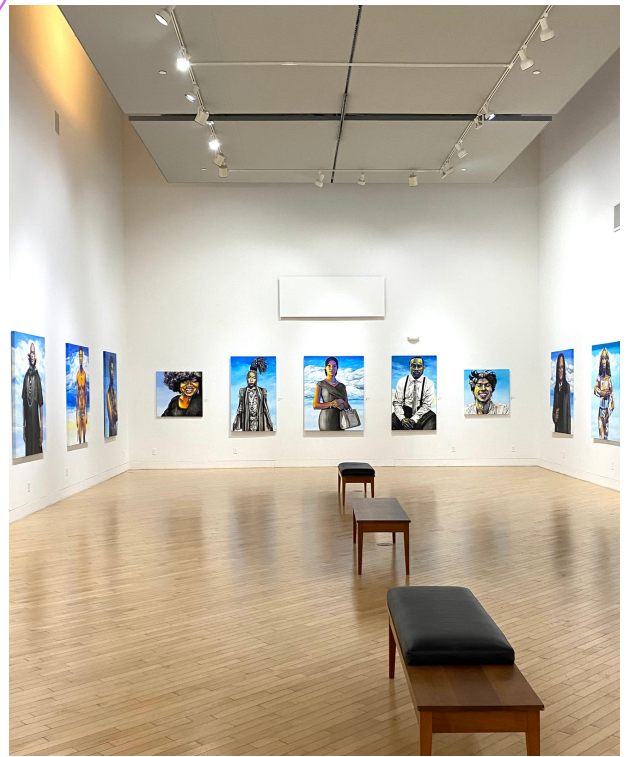
We held **8** artist talks for an inside look into these amazing exhibits.

2 exhibits were curated from the Permanent Collection:
Selections from the Collection

Youth Electrum featured over **280** works from Helena area student artists.

The 4-H Photography Exhibit featured work by **33**
Lewis & Clark County youth photographers.

***Thank you to the amazing volunteers** who contributed time, energy, labor, and insight into preparing, hanging, and reviewing exhibits!*



Rae Senarighi, *Transcend*, Baucus Gallery
January 20 - March 30, 2023

Highlights:

- **We provided two emerging artists with cameras and a small stipend** commissioned with producing a new body of work to be featured as part of the *Transilience* exhibition, highlighting and celebrating the work of Transgender artists in Montana.
- **We celebrated the second annual exhibit of outgoing Helena College art students in the Helena College Capstone Exhibition.** These student worked on a body of work throughout their year, compiled all the materials, and were held to the same standards as professional exhibiting artists. They installed their own work in the gallery and hosted the public in their opening reception. We look forward to working with the next group of students next year!
- **We extended the biennial invitational *Across the Divide*** to all Montana Colleges with art programming this year, featuring work from **6 colleges across Montana**, tripling the size and scope of this long-standing exhibit.

We acquired **2** new pieces to the Permanent Collection!

***Spring Creek from the Bench IV* by Mari Lyons**
Oil on canvas
Courtesy of Nick Lyons

***Madison Valley VII* by Mari Lyons**
Oil on canvas
Courtesy of Nick Lyons



THANK YOU TO THE ARTISTS who exhibited with us this past year!



Archie Bray 2nd Year Residents: *Bray Fellowship Artists Exhibition 2022*

June 3 - July 31, 2022

The Holter partners annually with the Archie Bray Foundation to feature work from the Bray Fellowship Artists. This exhibit featured contemporary ceramicists: Alessandro Gallo, Candice Methe, Kelsie Rudolph, Uriel Caspi, Yeh Rim Lee, and Yeonsoo Kim.

Supporting Sponsor: Archie Bray Foundation

Jeff Corwin: *Guns in America*

June 24 - September 11, 2022

Through fine art photography, this exhibit explored the complexities of gun violence in the United States, with vivid visual representations and historical representations, touching on references in recent history and on into the far-reaching traditions of gun ownership in America.

Jesse Blumenthal: *Endemic*

July 15 - September 26, 2022

Endemic's visual & sonic installation illustrated how the natural and technological worlds intersect and compete using printed circuit board patterns and adaptive kits, 3D printed objects, and speakers.

April Werle: *Mga Hunhong Sa Diwata (Whispers of Spirits)*

September 9 - November 6, 2022

Werle created artworks set with Filipino motifs and abstract landscapes, influenced by traditional Philippine art which is flat and heavily shaped and pattern based.

Supporting Sponsor: Montana Arts Council

The Art Center

September 16 - October 30, 2022

Featuring 33 local artists, this exhibit showcased works from the Art Center, which features dedicated local painters who gather monthly to encourage, support, and promote one another through group painting experiences, workshops, educational activities, and exhibits.

Chip Clawson: *Imagine This*

October 7 - December 31, 2022

Imagine This featured large scale freestanding and suspended multimedia sculptures inspired from architecture, engineering and technology, as well as drawing from elements in nature, surrealism, and installation art.

Supporting Sponsors: Montana Arts Council, Ascent Bank, TD&H Engineering & The Archie Bray Foundation

Bev Beck Glueckert, Susan Thomas & Ellen Ornitz: *Convergence*

November 11 - December 31, 2022

Three exemplary Montana-based artists brought their methods of mixed media sculpture, fossilized and charred ceramic vessels, and intricate mixed media print collages to illustrate nature - with a nod to its tender, furious, sweet, and unforgiving essence.

Rae Senarighi: *Transcend*

January 20 - March 30, 2023

Transcend celebrated accurate representation of Transgender and Nonbinary individuals with vivid and color colors with large scale portraits, radiating the brilliance of these individuals and celebrating, accepting, and loving one's self.

Supporting Sponsors: PureView Health Center, Montana Book Co., Ascent Bank, Gold & Western Bar, Imagine Jewelry Studio, The Painted Pot





Montana Transgender, Nonbinary & Two Spirit Artists: *Transilience*

January 20 - March 30, 2023

13 Transgender, Nonbinary & Two Spirit artists from in and around Montana brought their work to a museum-wide exhibit promoting visibility, honoring, and celebrating the work, impact, and contributions of these artists in our community.

Supporting Sponsors: TransVisible Montana, Missoula Black & Pink, ACLU MT, Montana Women Vote & the Myrna Loy

Helena College Capstone Exhibit 2023

April 7 - May 14, 2023

The annual *Helena College Capstone Exhibition* featured the second-year art students at Helena College, unveiling their capstone art projects.



Youth Electrum 2023

April 7 - May 14

Youth Electrum is a long-standing annual showcase featuring student artwork from throughout the Helena School District where K-12 students have the opportunity to exhibit their work in museum while also celebrating the dedication of their teachers.

Montana Faculty Artists: *Across the Divide*

April 14 - July 29, 2023

This semi-annual exhibit highlights and celebrates exemplary artists across the state devoted to cultivating not only their personal art practice, but also their deep investment in the next generation of artists in Montana.

Supporting Sponsors: University of Montana, Montana State University, MSU Billings, Helena College, Gallatin College, UM Western



Growth: 4-H Photography Project

May 25 - June 18, 2023

This annual community exhibit features work by local 4-H photography students, exploring their community and the world of 4-H from behind the lens of a camera.



Stephen Glueckert: *The Odyssey of Montana's Thomas Francis Meagher*

May 19 - July 21, 2023

Glueckert's 24 colorful vignettes are filled with the celestial, earthly, and man-made symbols that governed Meagher's life.

Supporting Sponsors: MAGDA (Montana Art Gallery Directors Association), Montana Arts Council, Montana Cultural Trust, National Endowment for the Arts, the Ancient Order of Hibernians & the Port Polson Players

Rob Leonard, Tyler Martin, Alex Camara: *Mathscaper*

May 26 - July 23, 2023

In this series, *Mathscaper* expressed the beauty of complex plane dynamics visually through machining in wood, and metal, illustrating and mirroring fractals in stunning works using wood, metal, and light.



Dale Beckman: *Makoshika*

June 23 - September 10, 2023

Drawing on the influences of artists like Georgia O'Keefe and Evelyn Cameron, Beckman captured the energy of the landscape, exploring the otherworldly landscape of Makoshika State Park in abstraction.



COMMITMENT TO ARTS EDUCATION

2,232 participants attended **5** different weekly programs throughout the year.

424 participants joined for recurring monthly and one-time specialty workshops.

We saw **3,000+** students participate in a variety of activities throughout the school year.

937 K-5 students at Hawthorne Elementary, Warren Elementary, Bryant Elementary, and Kessler School received arts programming from 4 local artists through our 8-week Teaching Artists in Schools Residency program.

1,662 3rd graders from the Helena School District visited the museum for Field Trips led by Holter Docents.

400+ area kids attended Summer Camp in 2023. The Holter was able to make accessible summer camp scholarships to **22** Helena families.



Highlights:

- We were able to work with **12 teaching artists** this past year!
- We started a number of new partnerships in the community including the **Montana Jewish Project** and the **Fort Harrison VA Hospital!**
- We partnered with the **Myrna Loy and Montana Historical Society** as part of their Juneteenth celebration.

Through weekly group classes, the Holter Healing Arts

Program reached **1,040** patients in St. Peter's Health Behavioral Health & Geriatric Units.

The Holter held its annual exhibition of patient artwork during the month of May, in celebration of Mental Health Awareness Month.

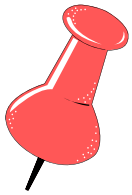
"In 2019, my family moved to Helena. Midway through the school year, schools were shut down because of COVID. Halfway through 6th grade I was finally able to return to school. But everything was new and strange. The schedules and teaching styles were difficult to grasp. And to make things worse, I knew almost no one. Not only was my anxiety skyrocketing, but I didn't have many friends.

Then I was introduced to the Holter. I soon gained a safe place to be myself and immerse myself in something I love - making art! I not only learned about how others perceive art, but also everyday things and life in general, in comparison to how I see those things. I've been able to freely be myself while making friends and working on fun projects. To the Holter, I say thank you for all that you have done for so many kids like me."

- Bucket, ArtFeeds participant



CONTINUING OUR IMPACT:



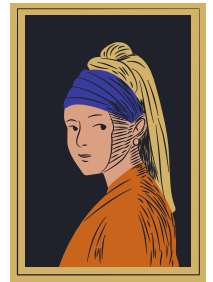
We continue to expand our incredible teen programs - ArtFeeds, Art for Survival, and the Afterschool Teen Arts Council (ATAC) to help area teens develop personal creative "toolboxes" to tackle tough emotions and current issues.

Our partnerships with the Helena Public School District continues, bringing arts education opportunities to students while arts funding has been cut. We conduct annual school field trips as well as bring teaching artists into classrooms.



The Holter's innovative arts programming for all ages employs a variety of platforms, strategies, and modalities to provide access for engagement. From novice to master, we have learning opportunities for everyone!

Believing that everyone should have access to the arts, the Holter continues to bring inspiring and timely exhibits to our small mountain city - encouraging open dialogue on current topics and contemporary art. These incredible regional, national, and international artists provide a look into arts and culture in an approachable and inspiring way.



Get Involved!



Join: Become a Member.



Create: Sign up for a class.



Network: Join our monthly member newsletter list.



Volunteer: Join a committee or explore our volunteer opportunities.



Donate: Make a donation to support the arts in the Helena community.

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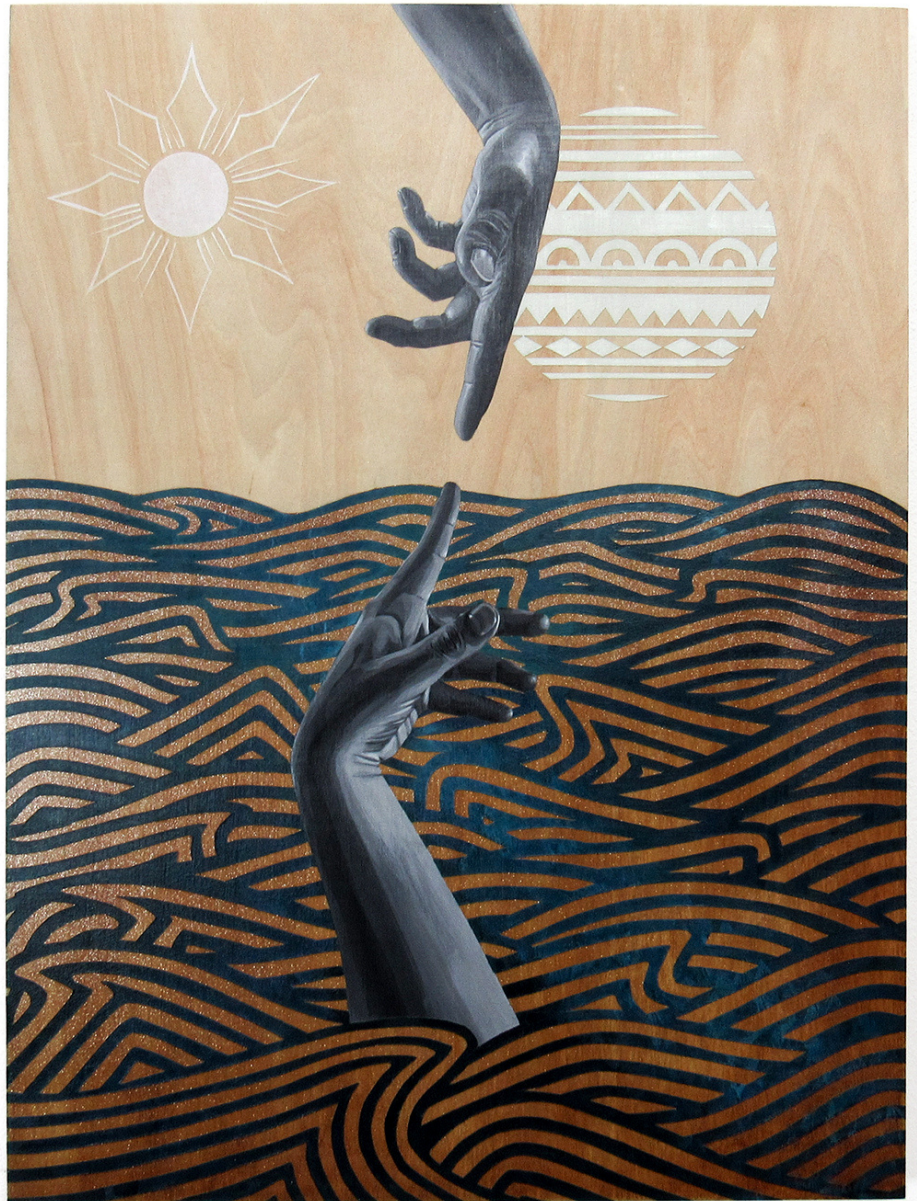
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