

Thank you for your support to the Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts. Your generosity enables our ongoing efforts to further enrich our community, making it possible for us to develop new ways to engage our audiences! We invite you to visit often to create, to imagine, to learn, and to explore.

What a year! Reflecting on an incredible 2022 and what we've collectively accomplished - we're so grateful to have your continued support in community enriching through the arts. We enhanced participation in our community engagement programs, displayed exciting, thought-provoking exhibitions, recognized growth in our entertainment attendance, and provided new educational experiences for our community members.

We are humbled by the support of the Fond du Lac community and look forward to reaching new audiences in 2023. We must extend a special thanks to our THELMA members, donors, and sponsors who have provided so many of these engaging and meaningful events. With their contributions - financial, intellectual, and creative - we are able to present our broad array of programming and events!

This year we really focused on partnerships. Collaboration is the heart of our work, and we remain ever grateful for our many program partners that deepen the impact of our work! We have done our best to form partnerships with creatives and organizations to present work that matters and makes a difference in our community.

We look forward to more new and exciting things for the 2023 season including our newest entertainment option, Dinner + A Show, inclusive art exhibitions, and so much more.

There are so many ways to get involved at THELMA - charitable contributions, memberships, attending our events, and supporting fun and financially important programs like On Stage @ THELMA, Children's Chorale, Valley Jazz Institute, and THELMA Visual Artists, to name a few.

I hope you consider a donation to help support and advance THELMA's vital and impactful mission. We look forward to seeing you at THELMA again soon!

With gratitude,

Shannon Kupfer Executive Director & Curator



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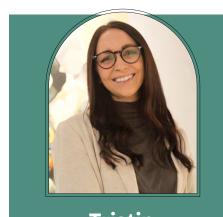
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"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see." - Edgar Degas



THELMA Visual Artists (TVA) is a professional group of artists devoted to promoting and encouraging visual art throughout Fond du Lac and the surrounding areas. As a program of Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts, TVA fosters creativity and focuses on professional development through a supportive artist community, exhibitions, classes, workshops and collaboration.

The Fond du Lac Children's Chorale is a community children's chorus comprised of fourth through eighth grade students, from Fond du Lac area and surrounding communities, interested in performing and studying high-quality choral music. Founded in 1997 as a project of the Fond du Lac Arts Council, it is a resident ensemble of THELMA. The Chorale performs two major concerts each season, in addition to smaller appearances at other venues throughout the year. The Chorale's repertoire provides enjoyable and challenging experience, while expanding children's learning horizons in music fundamentals, vocal technique and rehearsal discipline. Musicianship and artistry are taught in rehearsals through а performance-based education process that aims to inspire appreciation and enjoyment of music, while developing personal and artistic excellence, and enriching our community. Auditions are held at various times throughout the year and by appointment. This program is for any child who loves to sing! The Children's Chorale is an organization where children are encouraged to express themselves.



The **Lake Reading Series** hosts writers at THELMA, providing opportunities for community members, students, creative writers, and book-lovers to engage with contemporary literature and authors writing today – from poets, to novelists, to memoirists. Also, join the **THELMA Book Club** once a month on Monday evenings! It's free and open to the public!

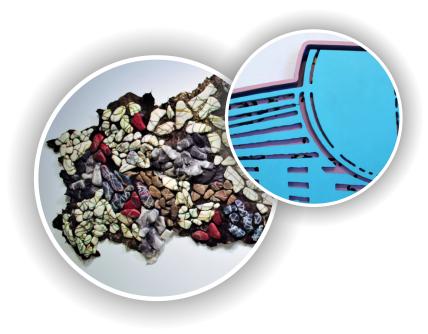
On Stage @ THELMA is a children's theatrical program ran in the summer months. This year, On Stage @ THELMA chose "BOTS!" as their theatrical adventure, the story of a BOTS Robotics Competition where teams and their (singing and dancing) robots are all vying for the top prize! Fourth through eighth grade students learned the lines, the music, the dances, and built the sets in a two week adventure. Then on the final day, students performed!

A WAMI nominee for Best Big Band, THELMA is excited to have **Lighthouse Big Band** as their resident band. The 17-piece band attracts top-notch musicians from throughout East Central Wisconsin. The LBB performs music including traditional big bands/dance bands of the 30's and 40's, the music of Count Basie and Duke Ellington, Latin Jazz, and the more modern big bands like Gordon Goodwin's Big Phat Band, as well as big band versions of rock/fusion music. You can find LBB playing at THELMA on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, starting at 7pm.

New to THELMA, The **Valley Jazz Institute** is a fully immersive jazz education program, teaching confidence and creativity through jazz education and providing exciting on-stage experiences for our students of all ages. The Valley Jazz Institute's flagship program is "**Students' Jam!**" – a jazz JAM session geared towards the opportunity of sharing musical ideas in a real world performance situation. Area high school players, as well as other local musicians of all ages, are invited to join the members of the WAMI award winning Jazz Orgy and noted jazz educator and performer Brad Curran for thse authentic jazz JAM session at THELMA!



You will not only reflect upon art at THELMA but also connect directly with the artists who created it through informal artist exchanges, receptions, special events, and more. Visitors can find inspiration when visiting our **Susan O. Ahern Contemporary Wing**, home of 2 beautiful gallery spaces which host artists from both near and far. In 2022, THELMA hosted 14 various art exhibitions including Art Spectacular during Sturgeon Spectacular, our first ever Plein Air Competition, and our annual THELMA Visual Artists show. Exhibitions change out every 6 weeks with 2 new shows on each floor. Enjoy the abundance of natural light in this contemporary space as you wonder and take in the beauty of the original works of art! Whatever time of the year you choose to visit, there will be a new, unique series of exhibitions on display. Our galleries are ALWAYS free and open to the public during our regular business hours, curtesy of Horicon Bank. Find our upcoming exhibitions and reception events by visiting www.thelmaarts.org!



2022 FEATURED ARTISTS

Craig Clifford
Mark Mcleod
Kenny Nguyen
Reni Gower
Tom Lundquist
Mayuko Ono Gray
Paho Mann
Lizz Stringfield
Meredith Setser
Michael Litzau

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"The world of reality has its limits; the world of imagination is boundless."

- Jean Jacques Rousseau

A Note from Our Curator, **Shannon Kupfer**

It is such a privilege to be able to curate THELMA's beautiful galleries. It is a joy to spend time with the art as it is naturally lit by the large Palladian windows. We are very lucky to have this kind of space in Fond du Lac to showcase local, out-of-state, and international artists. I love working with each one of them, as they offer the most unique viewpoints and insights into art.

Some installs are a challenge, but the outcome is always worth it. We can watch our building change with each new exhibit and see the reactions as our patrons discover something new. It is also quite special to host events in our galleries and see the art in the background as our guests make memories with loved ones.

Fond du Lac has a wonderful arts community, and their ongoing

support of our exhibition programming means the world to me. With every art reception, we are building relationships and fostering creativity with one another. To me, that is priceless.









"To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong."

- Joseph Chilton Pearce



In 2022, THELMA offered over 30 various **Adult Classes**, ranging from sip n' paints to charcoal drawing for beginners, figure drawing to watercolor painting, and collage to plein air painting. Our offerings allowed all of our supporters to find something they could enjoy! With THELMA's adult art classes, all materials are provided and class sizes is limited to allow a comfortable, hands-on atmosphere. Most classes are also open to all ability levels. We also launched exciting new programs including monthly Women's Art History lecture, Mocktail Monday Sip n' Paints, and various community outreach programs fit to the specific organization's needs.

Studio 51 classes are designed to provide students of all ages with inventive art instruction through a creative and stimulating environment that expands their imagination and sense of self. Students will experience art in a direct, focused and encouraging atmosphere while creating unique artworks that they can share with the rest of the world. For these classes, children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult or a sibling over the age of 12. We had non-stop fun in our Studio 51 classes this past year! We introduced lots of new programming for the kids and created themed workshop for various holidays and events. The kids used their full imagination as they explored their creativity and made wonderfully unique artworks!



A Note from Our Arts Educator, **Arianna McCormick**

2022 was my first year as THELMA's new Arts Educator! This was an exciting year for Art Education.
We made many new friendships in the Fond du Lac community. Children explored, grew self-confidence & resilience through creativity in our classroom. Our monthly class with the

Senior Center reached max capacity, as we investigated traditional charcoal drawing techniques. Clients at the Arc were exposed to a new sensory world, as we painted with Saranwrap. Many fun nights were had at our paint and sips!

In 2023, Thelma is continuing our community partnerships to offer free classes to organizations in Fond du Lac. Kid's Club art classes are held every other Saturday at Thelma. We also offer a large range of Adult classes during the days and evenings. In addition to our regular paint and sips, we have introduced Mocktail Mondays! This is an NA opportunity for a night out on the town with art at the center. Thelma's Women's Art History Lecture has debuted as a success with lectures every month- A can't miss!

Regardless of age, ability, or skill level; you are welcome at Thelma. There is a place for art in your life, and a class is a wonderful place to start. The act of creating is more important than the result. I cannot wait to see you at our next class!





A Note from Our Events Manager, Sadie Sokoloff

Events are memorable times when people can gather around those they love, celebrate something special, and have a good time. The events at THELMA are special because we have a stellar staff to work with as well as a wonderful clientele. While working with a large variety of businesses and guests we learned how to make events as we know them even better. In 2022 we have bounced back from COVID-19 and are heading back into the swing of how events used to be. In 2022, we led some excellent, large-scale events that require a shout-out. The BoDeans Summer Concert had nearly 4,000 people in our street from all over the state. This large-scale event proved that Thelma's staff is one of the strongest, most hardworking, and most dedicated teams there are. Not only are we able to hold successful outdoor events, but we can hold successful indoor events. Recently, we got the chance to host NEBAT and about 500 of their employees for their Holiday Celebration. With the teamwork of myself, Katie, our Event Support Lead, and Max, our Bar Manager, we have created a rhythm for running events as smoothly behind the scenes, as you see them happening. After looking at the past, we want to make a point to reference the future. THELMA is a beautiful destination that is a gem in this

community. We want to continue to create events at THELMA that will benefit the community and make people want to come and spend their days or evenings. With events like private rentals such as weddings and showers to public events like concerts and theater performances, to community-based events like partnering with Festival of Trees there is truly a home for any art enthusiast here. With a little something for everyone, we want to continue to make THELMA an inclusive go-to place to hold any event.





"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much."

- Helen Keller

This celebration of winter and really big fish, **Sturgeon Spectacular**, can only be found in Fond du Lac, WI on the 2nd weekend in February. This fun-filled weekend has events for all ages and interests including curling, ice and snow sculpting competitions, live music, sturgeon crafts and activities, and so much more! We truly enjoy participating in this unique event another year! In 2022, we kicked off the weekend with a concert by Alex Wilson Trio! On Saturday, entertainment continued with family-friends activities, including sturgeon mini games, and more live music by Copper Box. Guests enjoyed watching snow sculptors continue their masterpieces on Sheboygan Street. Sturgeon Spectacular concluded with Brunch on Sunday with live music from the Pineapple hunks and crepes from Mila Vanilla!

THELMA's Great Hall continues to be the perfect space for winter and spring concerts at THELMA. In 2022, we hosted over 13 **Great Hall Concert Series** performances including Davina + The Vagabonds, The Jimmys, Huntertones, and more! Bringing in bands from all across the Midwest performing original music, attendees were able to enjoy friends and good times during the winter cold.

THELMA's **Thirteen Thursdays Summer Concert Series** brought in some new and some returning bands including The Jimmys, Good Morning Bedlam, Alex Wilson Band, BoomBox, Pineapple Hunks, Throwback Stereo, Hot & Dirty Brass Band and more! We added fun era nights for supporters to join in including 70's, 80's and 90's night. Collaborating with the Downtown FDL Night Markets, we enjoyed an entire downtown party every Thursday night!







"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?"

- Martin Luther King



2022 brought so many new things to our outreach initiative including Community Arts Outreach Program, Art of Wellbeing Speaker Series, The Farm Dinner, and so much more. With these free, inclusive programs, we hope to benefit individuals and families in our community through education and creative imagination. partnered with various groups including NAMI, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Ebony Vision, United for Diversity, Solutions Center, ASTOP, Senior Center, Camp to Belong, Sisters of Nazareth, ARC, Salvation Army, SSM Behavior Health, Children's Museum of FDL, Downtown FDL Partnership. Destination Lake Winnebago Envision Agribusiness, FDL County Land & Water Conservation, and more! Our programming continues to grow and we look forward to reaching organizations in the coming 2023 year.

To reach our goal of growing our relationships with the FDL community and its surrounding organizations, we also **participated in various events** including Walleye Weekend, North Fondy Fest, Pride Picnic, National Night Out, No Children Hungry, FDL Food Truck Festival, Light Up the Night, Lights on Afterschool, Higher Education Diversity Initiative Team, We EmpowHER, FDL Leadership Seminar, Friends of Lakeside Park Open House, Festival of Trees, Fondue Fest, and more. New in the 2022 year, we also collaborated with the FDL Library on a STEAM project. This 1-week long camp allows underserved students in the community to engage in an educational, hands-on experience. In 2023, we hope to add additional programs like these to continue making a difference!



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A Note from Our Community Outreach Coordinator, Jules Schroeder

Seeing all the ways our community has connected and grown through 2022 has been a joy. Throughout 2022, our Community Engagement Program has brought art out into the community by bringing arts projects out to our friends at Solution Center, The ARC, and The Congregation of Sisters of Saint Nazareth. We've opened our doors to hosting changemaking groups like Festival of Trees and Light Up the Night. We've created partnerships with such wonderful organizations as ASTOP, Ebony Vision, The Senior Center, The Fond du Lac Public Library, SPROUT and Children's Museum of Fond du Lac, United for Diversity, and many more amazing groups.

We created a community centered wellness speaker program, Art of Community, that brought wellness education and resources free of cost to all. We also had our first ever farm dinner in our beautiful gallery, partnering with Cellar District and local farmers, to help people connect to the food on their

plates and how it got there. We set up booths at many incredible events in the community from Women's Empowerment Series resource fair to the Friends of Lakeside Park Art Fair and Food Truck Festival to YMCA's Light On Afterschool. We were proud to be a part of Pride Picnic. And we had fun in the sun at our booth during the Downtown Fond du Lac Partnership's Farmer's Market. We have loved getting out into the community, bringing art out to our all friends and neighbors and opening our doors to welcome everyone in. We carry our love of art and our community into the next exciting year.



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- H. Jackson Brown Jr.



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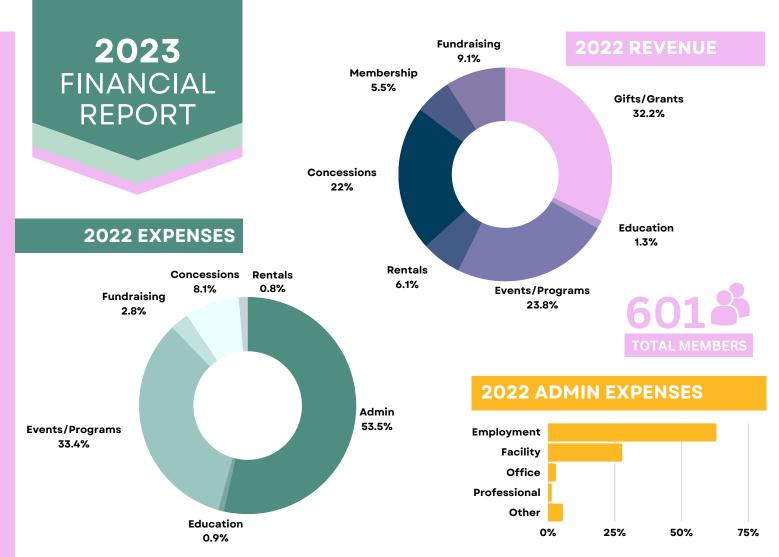


We thank our volunteers for the immeasurably valuable work they have committed to our organization in 2022! Our volunteer's dedication is essential to the work that we do. We cannot do it without them. These volunteers bring ideas, positive energy and a beautiful intensity to THELMA. Thank you, volunteers, for being so selfless with us and for so many in whose lives you make a tangible difference.

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A Note from Board of Directors Treasurer, Katherine Diederich, CPA

I love to sing; however, I am not too proud to admit I cannot carry a tune. Correspondingly I cannot play an instrument and make a recognizable sound. When I gather with my family and friends at a Thelma event, that all changes - I find I am very talented in my own way. My family and friends love to sign and harmonize with me, I play air guitar very well and my talent extends to doing all this while enjoying a beverage. Attending a THELMA event allows me to be with family and friends, it gives me confidence and it helps my community too.

You may be asking, "what does this have to do with a financial report?' Allow me to explain – A significant amount of the revenue that supports our mission is generated from concessions and programing. You do not need any special talents to attend THELMA events to support our mission. You can also support your community by bringing new friends or co workers to THELMA; to grow and expand the conversation about how our organization is a gathering place. As community engagement continues to be important to many of our community employers,

you may find a hidden talent, just waiting to shine at a musical event, at an educational workshop or through volunteering.

As an organization, we continue to strive to be a community partner, and that partnership is illustrated in the following financial pie charts.

On behalf of THELMA, thank you to all our donors, sponsors, members and the community for all your time, talent and treasure. We will work together, embrace our special talents and continue our focus on growing our mission, collaboration and being an integral part of the success of our community.

"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved."

- Mattie Stepanek

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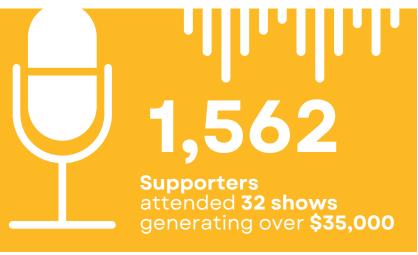
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