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Salt Lake Arts Academy

A Public Charter School

Annual Report 2021-22

Dear Salt Lake Arts Academy Community – Salt Lake Arts Academy students and teachers returned to school in Fall of 2021, entering our second pandemic school year with optimism and gratitude at being together in person, and with new school leadership in place. **Deborah Candler joined SLArts in summer of 2021 as Principal and Chief Administrative Officer. Deborah comes to SLArts with over 10 years' experience in school administration. Her commitment to student learning, support for exceptional instruction, and dedication to arts education will serve our school community well**. The Governing Board is confident in her leadership and looking forward to where her vision will take our school.

School in the time of COVID has been challenging for all. When school opened in August 2021 COVID cases were increasing in the community but SLArts was not allowed to require face coverings. Instead, the SLArts' Governing Board asked the entire SLArts school community to voluntarily follow COVID safety recommendations from the Salt Lake County Health Department and the CDC. **In an inspiring show of community spirit, our students, teachers and staff voluntarily wore face masks throughout our school year**, helping slow the spread of COVID and keeping kids and teachers in the classroom.

As we enter the Fall of 2022 we are looking forward to a more "normal" school experience, where students can expand their academic horizons, joyfully engage the arts, and become the creative, confident citizens our school envisions. Thank you for investing your time and resources in SLArts. We couldn't build this community and inspire our students and teachers without you.

Julie Bartel
Governing Board Chair 2022-23

Arts Enhancing Engagement

In 2021-22 we continued to witness the power of the Arts in education to build deep and meaningful student engagement. As we navigated the return to school in a "new normal setting," the arts became even more important tools to help students re-engage with in-person learning.



When students are intrinsically engaged in their education, they become more self-directed and achieve at higher levels. We have been tracking student engagement since December 2020, using a tool developed by the Metiri Group. The Metiri Student Engagement instrument measures how kids feel about their classes, their relationships with teachers, and their pride in their work, among other metrics. Unsurprisingly, we found that student engagement dipped during the pandemic, and has increased dramatically now that we are all back in school together. Our Faculty is placing student engagement as one of our school's highest priorities in the next several years.



Last year our students were able to experience the joy and transformative power of performing together again, for their peers and their parents. We see these opportunities as critical touchpoints that build confidence in young people, and these were some of the most missed aspects of school during the darker days of the pandemic. **Performances were held in our Black Box theater for fully masked audiences**. We were very grateful this year to be able to **live stream each of our Arts Performances** – broadening our audience to far-flung family members and keeping our live audience size COVID-friendly. Our Arts and Performance offerings this year included:

"An Evening of Edgar Allen Poe," a collaborative performance of Drama, Dance and Music, celebrating the work of Poe – a festive Halloween performance.

Two Visual Arts installations at the Salt Lake Public Library. In November, student work was on display in the Children's Gallery. In May, a cool transformed skateboard deck installation was mounted in the CanTEEN gallery by our 8th Grade students.



Two fun dance **Flash Mobs** (one at Halloween, and one at our end of year SLArts FEST) plus a **full-length Dance Concert** featuring work choreographed by students and guest choreographers.

Three Music Concerts – a Holiday Show, a 6th Grade Concert, and a Pop and Jazz Night.

"An Evening of Whimsy – The Stories of Dr. Suess" performed by 6th and 7th Drama students.

Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" – performed by our Advanced Drama students.

"Ancient: The Musical," – an original musical written by our own Lamar Holley, performed by 5th and 6th Graders.

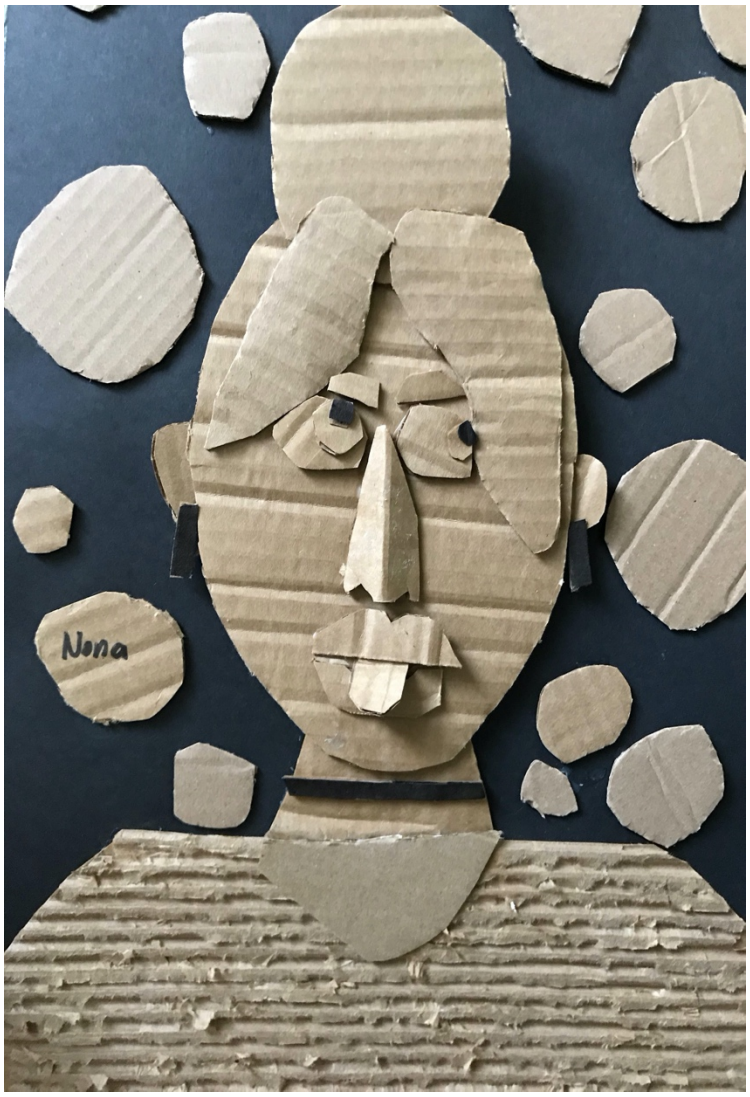
A new Community Mural – "You Are Loved " in front of our building, designed by 7th Grader Kurube Whitty, guided by guest mural artist Skylar Chubak. Community members added names of important people in their lives, during our end of school year celebration, SLArts Fest.

RISE Testing 2022 **SLArts students took the state-mandated "RISE" Assessments in May of 2022.**

Using standardized assessments as measures of achievement has been challenging during the pandemic. The tests were not administered in 2020, and in 2021 the large number of remote students opting out of testing made the data unreliable. We were pleased to see our students' scores this Spring approaching pre-pandemic levels. RISE measures student "proficiency" in three subjects. Students receiving a "3" or a "4" on their RISE test are deemed proficient or excelling on grade-level material in that subject**. RISE data is just a "snapshot in time" and only tells part of the student achievement story.** We continue to evaluate students on PEPR (Participation, Effort, Preparation and Risk-Taking) and CAB (Cooperation, Atittude and Behavior) in addition to Proficiency, in the belief that cultivation of these additional qualities contributes to student achievement.

Spring 2022 RISE Scores: % of Students "Proficient"

Subject	Salt Lake Arts Academy	Salt Lake District	Utah State Average
English Language Arts	64	41	43
Math	60	37	40.9
Science	63	40	44







Financial Report FY22

Salt Lake Arts Academy undergoes an independent audit each year. To see detailed financial statements, and learn the results of those Audits, visit our website, www.slarts.org, and view the documents under "About Us/Financials."

Revenue – Fiscal Year 2022	Funding Source
$3,369,845.26	State of Utah
$199,752.65	Federal
$62,187.93	Student Fees and Rental of Building to Other Nonprofit Groups
$53,480.14	UTA/Trax Passes Purchases by Families
$168,136.39	Individuals, Corporate Gifts and Philanthropic Foundations
$201,949.30	After School Fees
$4,055,351.68	**TOTAL REVENUE**

Expenses – Fiscal Year 2022	Category
$2,330,273.53	Instruction – Teacher and staff salaries, benefits, supplies, equipment.
$591,195.56	Facility – Bond payment, utilities, improvements, custodial, repairs.
$409,413.71	Administration – Salaries, benefits, supplies and equipment.
$197,771.05	After School – Teacher salaries and benefits.
$455,914,75	Student Support – Staff salaries and benefits.
$56,712	Transportation – UTA /Trax Passes, Bus Hires
$4,041,280.60	**TOTAL EXPENSES**



Community Support: Here Comes the Sun!

So many organizations and individuals invested in our public school through gifts of time, talent, and treasure. The **Sorenson Legacy Foundation** continued their incredible ongoing support of our school's "Arts Every Day" program, with a gift of $10,000. **The Catalyst Foundation** and **Diana Lady Dougan** once again inspired our community to stretch by making Challenge Grants to our **Annual Campaign** and the **SLArts 24 Day of Giving**. Both initiatives raised money to fund student needs – including technology, equipment, Teton Science School scholarships, arts supplies and more. The **Utah State Board of Education (USBE)'s Digital Teaching and Learning (DTL) program** is helping fund our Digital Portfolio program for all students.

These families, friends and community partners made financial investments in our school in 2021-22. We are so grateful for this sustaining support! Please notify the office of any errors or omissions:

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