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ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



PORTLAND
OVATIONS



DANIEL BERNARD ROUMAIN & GENIUS BLACK
ECHOES
ABYSSINIAN MEETING HOUSE, MAY 2024



Dear Friends,

It's with much gratitude that we share with you our FY24 Impact Report. Because of you — the many loyal Ovation Members, generous corporate sponsors and funders, our dedicated audiences, and many community partners, Ovation enjoyed a highly successful and resonant year.

Projects like E C H O E S featuring composer Daniel Bernard Roumain and an ensemble of Maine-based artists presented in partnership with Indigo Arts Alliance; Sasha Velour's queer history extravaganza *The Big Reveal Live Show*; the return of Ukraine's DahkaBrahka, an Ovation audience favorite; and the magnificent Manchester Collective featuring Abel Selacoe with through lines from Haydn to traditional African music and Danish folk songs (to name a few!), reminded us again and again of the power of live performance to honor our differences and celebrate what we share. More than 7,500 Maine students and their educators attended our School-Time Performance Series and related programming. We saw the need, and with our partners met the ever-increasing demand to celebrate one's identity and gender expression through Drag Storytime.

We gathered...we shared...we were moved to dance, sing, reflect, learn, think differently, and find joy together.

As we turn the page on our 93rd season, we look boldly to a future where the arts remain a place for people of all backgrounds to gather. Where we feel safe, welcome, and our stories and perspectives are honored.

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SASHA VELOUR'S *THE BIG REVEAL LIVE SHOW!*
STATE THEATRE, FEBRUARY 2024

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



Wabanaki Stories

In partnership with Akomawt Educational Initiative, Oventions presented our co-commission *Wabanaki Stories* in to 2,500 students and educators. For the second year in a row, due to overwhelming demand from educators, Oventions added a second performance for schools. Over 8,000 students, educators, and families have experienced *Wabanaki Stories* since its premiere in 2023. Oventions plans to tour the production 130 miles north of Portland to Penobscot County in 2025 where it will be presented for free to the people of the Wabanaki nation.

Community Drive

In conjunction with the presentation of the Broadway National Tour of *Come From Away*, Oventions was pleased to partner with three local service organizations throughout the weekend for a community necessities drive. Working with Maine Needs, Preble Street, and HIAS at the Jewish Community Alliance, we collected 517 pairs of socks, 150 pairs of gloves, 51 hats, 57 bottles of shampoo, 48 bottles of conditioner, 205 toothbrushes, 103 tubes of toothpaste, 162 bars of soap, 87 packages of dental floss, 32 razors, and \$310 in gift cards to area grocery stores.



POP Annual Fundraiser

Thanks to the extraordinary support of our community, we hosted our most successful fundraiser in 93 years! The sold-out fundraiser kicked off with a VIP cocktail party featuring espresso martinis, followed by electrifying performances from South Sudanese dancer Veeva Banga, who blends Afro Beats with local styles, and Penobscot artist Firefly the Hybrid, whose innovative fusion of traditional and electronic music has captivated audiences at the Kennedy Center and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Drag stars Cherry Lemonade and Gigi Gabor also brought their vibrant energy to the stage. Funds raised support Oventions' School-Time Performance programming, impacting thousands of students annually, and ensuring young people in our community have access to diverse performances that inspire creativity, critical thinking, and a lifelong love for the arts.

Sasha Velour

Ovations' presentation of Sasha Velour at the State Theatre was a celebration of joy, artistry, queer history, and all things drag. With our partners at the Equality Community Center, we provided tickets to 35 young people, ages 16-22 from all over Southern Maine, and invited them to a "Glam-Up Pre-Party" where they were treated to a suite of new makeup from MAC Cosmetics and participated in the VIP meet-and-greet with Sasha herself.



360 ALLSTARS Residency

The talented and kind performers of 360 ALLSTARS truly connected with the community after a full schedule of activities in addition to School-Time and public performances. During their short time in Portland they conducted four separate workshops with Portland Housing Authority at Mayo Street Arts, Boys & Girls Club, the Gym Dandies and the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine. They then performed a sold out School-Time Performance and a lively family performance that same evening, plus came out to the lobby to spend time conversing with the audience. During those three days, more than 2,500 people experienced the skill, artistry, and energy of these incredible performers.



ECHOES

On May 11, Ovations, in partnership with Indigo Arts Alliance, presented E C H O E S, a site-responsive, collaborative community event examining and celebrating Black life in Portland across time. Over the course of a bright and sunny afternoon, audiences engaged in a variety of events, including guided tours of the Eastern Cemetery, led by The Prince Project and Spirits Alive, and a pop-up performance activation of Indigo Arts Alliance's Cove Street studio. Just as the sun was setting, the day culminated in a large-scale performance on the street in front of the historic Abyssinian Meeting House. This emotional and expansive project would not have been possible without the dedication of the many artists, scholars, funders, and community partners involved.



BY THE NUMBERS

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PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT SESSION

6

SCHOOL-TIME
PERFORMANCES

7

DRAG STORYTIME
EVENTS

8

VENUES &
PERFORMANCE SITES

9

LANGUAGES SPOKEN
ON STAGE, INCLUDING 6
INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES

14.75

FEET OF HISTORIC
FLOODING IN PORTLAND
DURING A PERFORMANCE
WEEKEND

16

SOLD-OUT
PERFORMANCES

28

MAINSTAGE
PERFORMANCES

28

MAINE ARTISTS
& SCHOLARS EMPLOYED

30

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

53

PARTICIPATING
SCHOOLS

93

YEARS PRESENTING
LIVE PERFORMANCE

700

BOOKS DISTRIBUTED
THROUGH CULTIVATING
CURIOSITY

1,063

ITEMS COLLECTED AT
COME FROM AWAY

2,857

OVATIONS MEMBERS
AS OF JUNE, 2024

7,615

STUDENTS &
EDUCATORS SERVED

37,741

TICKETS SOLD

49,492

PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH
PERFORMANCES AND
OFFSTAGE PROGRAMMING



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FINANCIAL IMPACT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR OVATIONS AND ITS AFFILIATE | 2024

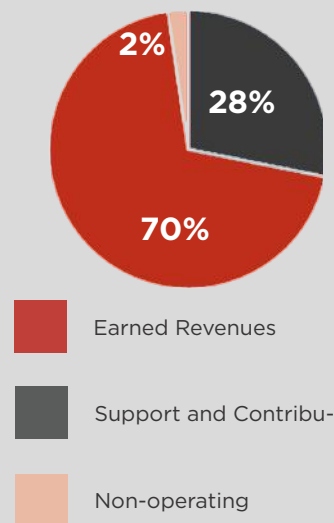
REVENUES

Earned Revenues	\$2,365,051
Support and Contributions	\$938,422
Non-operating Revenue	\$90,506
Total Support and Earned Revenues	\$3,393,979

EXPENSES

Program and Services	\$3,147,464
Fundraising and Administration	\$377,677
Total Expenses	\$3,525,141

REVENUES



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR OVATIONS AND ITS AFFILIATE | JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS

Current Assets	\$1,538,017
Property and Equipment	\$8,125
Investments and Other Assets	\$2,319,238
Total Assets	\$3,865,380

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	\$876,014
Non-Current Liabilities	\$643,339
Total Liabilities	\$1,519,353

NET ASSETS

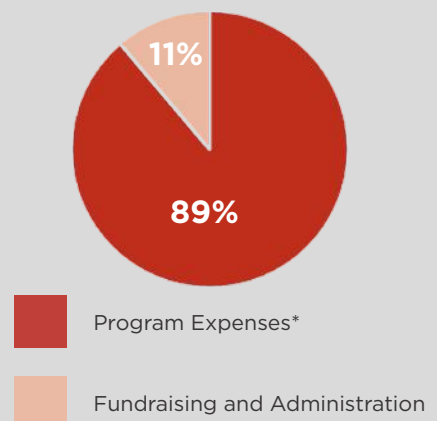
Without Donor Restrictions	\$2,346,027
With Donor Restrictions ¹	\$427,896
Total Net Assets	\$2,773,923

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS **\$3,865,380**

1. Includes corpus of the CCEF Fund.

Audited financial statements are available upon request.

EXPENSES



*Program expenses include artist fees, venue rentals, marketing, local labor and production—which help fuel the Maine creative economy.

CREATIVE ECONOMY IMPACT

\$3,393,979 was paid out locally by Oventions to realize our programs and support staff and artists and an additional \$1,454,518* was spent by our patrons when attending our presentations, infusing nearly \$5 million into Maine's Creative Economy.

*According to the Americans for the Arts: Arts and Economy Prosperity VI Report, arts attendees spend an average of \$38.46 per person per event in addition to the ticket price.



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About Us

Portland Oventions is a nonprofit cultural organization based in Southern Maine dedicated to gathering communities to share in the power of live performance. Oventions connects artists and audiences both onstage and off — making the arts an integral part of community life.

Our unique array of live performances for the public and school audiences are curated to delight, inspire and educate. Venues used throughout greater Portland include historic and modern theaters, clubs, galleries, and classrooms — chosen carefully to ensure the best possible experience for both audiences and artists.

Our Vision

To inspire a curious and imaginative community where the experience of the performing arts is a vital part of every day life.

Our Mission

Portland Oventions propels the artistic, social, educational and economic wellbeing of communities through the power of the performing arts.

Our Core Values

Portland Oventions...

- celebrates the power and brilliance of the performing arts
- commits to being anti-racist
- continues to evolve governance, operations, finances and programs to embody inclusivity, diversity, equity and access
- nurtures a staff, board and collective culture that is compassionate, committed and enthusiastic
- collaborates with other arts organizations, nonprofits, education systems and the business sector to promote lifelong learning through the arts

Racial Equity Statement

At Oventions, we recognize that promoting racial equity and anti-racism in the arts and culture sector is essential to showcasing the brilliance and artistry of diverse and multicultural communities from around the globe. Our commitment to inclusion, diversity, equity and access extends to all aspects of our operations, including governance, programming and community engagement. We aim to include all voices, stories and perspectives in our programs and inspire similar efforts in the Portland, Maine area, resulting in a more just and equitable society where everyone's contributions are valued.