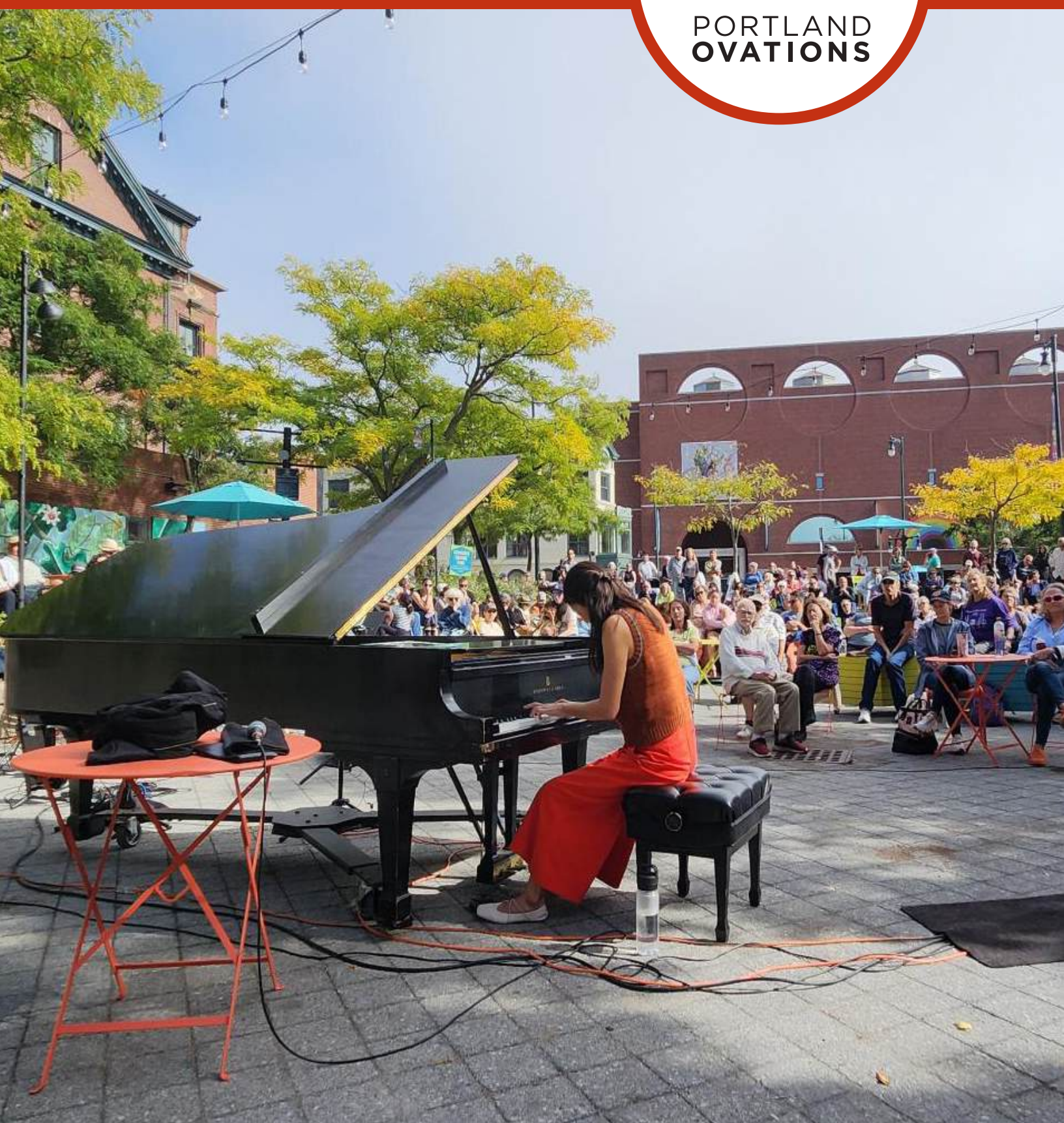


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ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT



PORTLAND
OVATIONS





Dear Friends,

It's with gratitude we share with you our 2024-2025 Annual Impact Report. With 38 performances across 9 venues and 44 complementing Ovation Offstage activities reaching audiences of 46,000 as well as 7 performances engaging 8,500 Maine students and their educators, it was a remarkable year.

We were entranced by the musicality of *Hadestown*; moved by the joy and resiliency of CONTRA-TIEMPO; clapped along with the Fraggles of *Fraggle Rock*; and waited with bated breath for drag artist Monet X Change to break into song. Maine students and young families danced and sang along with *Beautiful Blackbird* and were delighted by besties in *A Year with Frog and Toad*. We brought the original work, *Wabanaki Stories*, co-commissioned with Akomawt Educational Initiative, to Indigenous communities in Central Maine.

Our FY25 financial outcomes demonstrate the continued volatility of the arts and entertainment industry post COVID. Audiences have not returned fully or consistently, operating and production expenses have risen steeply, grant funding is erratic at best. Fortunately, because of the support of our community of sponsors, funders, and Members, Ovation, too, is resilient.

Live performance endures as one of the most vital and powerful spaces for us to gather. Supporting our wellbeing, these moments nourish our souls, stir our minds and expand our hearts. We are thankful to be part of this curious and creative community where the arts are an integral part of our lives.

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CONTRA-TIEMPO
MERRILL AUDITORIUM, FEBRUARY 2025

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS



Ovations on Tour

Ovations took to the road in May 2025 to bring free performances of *Wabanaki Stories* to Wabanaki schools and families at the Gracie Theatre at Husson University in Bangor. Co-commissioned by Akomawt Educational Initiative and Ovations in 2020, *Wabanaki Stories* increases knowledge, visibility and appreciation for Wabanaki peoples as a living culture while simultaneously supporting Wabanaki artists in the autonomous presentation of their work. The tour proudly served 519 Wabanaki citizens with participation from all four federally recognized tribes in Maine and featured all six artists who have participated in *Wabanaki Stories* since its premiere in February 2023, as well as our 10-foot-tall puppet, Jenu the Ice Giant.

Gather Hear Portland

Through her signature project Gather Hear, pianist Miki Sawada travels the country with a piano in a van to perform in community gathering spaces, fostering human connection and dialogue while capturing an honest, intimate, and hopeful portrait of America through music. Gather Hear Portland marked a successful residency from September 24-28, 2024, with Miki performing concerts at Preble Street's Elena's Way Wellness Shelter, Long Creek Youth Development Center, and culminating in a free community concert in Congress Square Park, featuring guest musicians from Listen Up! Music with over 500 in attendance.



Member Updates

In the past year, Ovations reached a record-breaking 3,000 Members, thank you! Membership fuels our arts community, bringing people together for impactful experiences. Throughout the year Member perks included eight exclusive Member lounges, complimentary tickets to select performances, and 12 monthly newsletters, in addition to early ticket access, discounts, and more. In January of 2025 we launched a new, long-awaited Member benefit thanks to OODA Parking Solutions: Member parking at Merrill Auditorium for all Ovations performances. We are grateful for our Ovations Members and their generosity.



Maryna Krut

In February 2025, Oventions welcomed our community to an unforgettable evening with Ukrainian artist Maryna Krut at First Parish Church. Her soulful performance fused the hauntingly beautiful sounds of the bandura with jazz, folk, and pop influences, creating a powerful and resonant experience for all who attended. The evening began with homemade borscht, lovingly prepared by Board Member Tania Powers, transforming the gathering into a celebration of culture, language, and shared stories. Events like this reflect Oventions' mission to build community and connection through meaningful artistic experiences with our audiences.



CONTRA-TIEMPO

During a snowy week in February 2025 audiences were treated to the warmth and vibrancy of LA-based activist dance theater company, CONTRA-TIEMPO. Over three days, the company taught workshops at Thornton Academy and Casco Bay Movers, rehearsed with a community cast of ten Maine movement artists to perform their thrilling program, *joyUS justUS* at Merrill Auditorium, which included a community "sabor session" onstage with the artists. The entire week lived up to the company's mission to celebrate joy as the ultimate act of resistance.



Drag Storytime

For the second year in a row, Drag Storytime delighted and dazzled families, featuring local drag performers, Ophelia and Chartreuse Money. These glamorous expert storytellers read books and lead craft projects at local bookstores, libraries, and community centers. Oventions partnered with seven community organizations to serve 375 families.



BY THE NUMBERS

1

DRAG KING

1

PIANO IN A PUBLIC PARK

9

DRAG STORYTIMES

10

**VENUES &
PERFORMANCE SITES**

32

**MAINE ARTISTS
& SCHOLARS EMPLOYED**

35

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

38

**MAINSTAGE
PERFORMANCES**

78

**PARTICIPATING
SCHOOLS**

94

**YEARS PRESENTING
LIVE PERFORMANCE**

280

**ILLUMINATED HEXIGONAL
KEYS ON A LUMATONE**

400

**FLOWERS DISTRIBUTED
AT CONTRA-TIEMPO**

600

**COMMUNITY SEATS
TICKETS DISTRIBUTED**

1,500

**BOOKS DISTRIBUTED
THROUGH CULTIVATING
CURIOSITY**

3,115

OVATIONS MEMBERS

8,433

**STUDENTS &
EDUCATORS SERVED**

32,029

TICKETS SOLD

50,766

**PEOPLE SERVED THROUGH
PERFORMANCES &
OFFSTAGE PROGRAMMING**

\$55,000

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

The FY25 financial results demonstrate the ongoing sector volatility of rising costs, diminished funding and inconsistent ticket purchasing behavior. Ovations is incredibly fortunate to have strong cash reserves to weather such times.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR OVATIONS AND ITS AFFILIATE | 2025

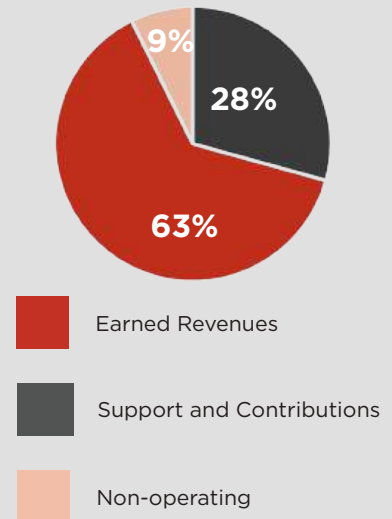
REVENUES

Earned Revenues	\$2,307,524
Support and Contributions	\$1,050,517
Non-operating Revenue	\$328,452
Total Support and Earned Revenues	\$3,686,493

EXPENSES

Program and Services	\$3,428,202
Fundraising and Administration	\$421,512
Total Expenses	\$3,849,714

REVENUES



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR OVATIONS AND ITS AFFILIATE | JUNE 30, 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets	\$1,370,636
Property and Equipment	\$12,571
Investments and Other Assets	\$2,854,800
Total Assets	\$4,238,007

LIABILITIES

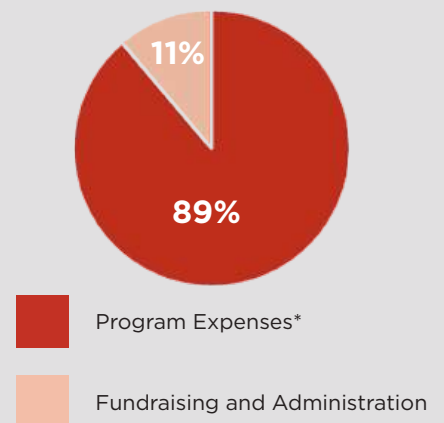
Current Liabilities	\$1,044,581
Non-Current Liabilities	\$578,576
Total Liabilities	\$1,623,157

NET ASSETS

Without Donor Restrictions	\$2,151,685
With Donor Restrictions ¹	\$459,165
Total Net Assets	\$2,614,850

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$4,238,007
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EXPENSES



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

1. Includes corpus of the CCEF Fund.

Audited financial statements are available upon request.

CREATIVE ECONOMY IMPACT

\$1,171,612 was paid out locally by Ovations to realize our programs and support staff and artists and an additional \$1,768,160* 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 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.