

## ANNUAL REPORT FY20

- Housing 10 studio artists, and 4 visual and performing arts schools
- Employing 46 teachers and staff, and bringing in 1457 students of all ages through its doors in year-long programming in music, dance, theater, and visual arts, with support from 42 volunteers.
- Presented 6 Munroe Saturday Nights performances
- Presented 3 gallery shows of local artists, plus 2 outdoor sculptures
  - Created *ArtGarden 2* with artwork by two high school students, and ground preparation by another
  - Hosted work by local Bat Mitzvah student in *ArtGarden 1*
- Hosted or collaborated in 4 free community events
  - *Inter-generational Valentine-making workshop*
  - *Trick or Treat Day* with Lexington Retailers Association
  - Annual fall *ArtWalk*, a summer *Art Block Party*, and a *Barrier Beautification Project* showcasing local artists while beautifying the town and creating a reason to visit Lexington Center, as part of the ArtWalk Committee
  - *Thank you banner project* to recognize our pandemic front line workers
- Restored 123 windows from 1904, and installed new storm windows - making the building more energy-efficient and permitting better fresh air circulation in warmer weather
- Painted exterior shingles, doors, windows, trim, and eaves
- Installed a wheelchair lift, and automatic door opener
- Signed a long-term lease
- Upgraded the fire monitoring system
- Pivoted to continue to offer classes and experiences in a safe manner amidst a pandemic, including new outdoor and online classes.

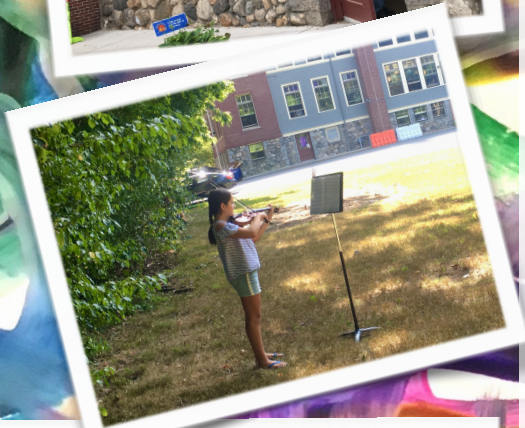
### OPERATING REVENUE

\$216,324 - Rents/Fees  
 \$226,548 - Programming  
 \$286,419 - Grants/Donations

### OPERATING EXPENSES

\$155,529 - Administrative  
 \$201,824 - Programming  
 \$436,736 - Building, Grounds

This year was not like any other due to the effects of COVID-19. Our spring classes and rents decreased dramatically and the summer programming returned to only 45% of previous year's activity. We look forward to programming continuing in the coming year, but anticipate that our capacity will remain 50% below normal. Operation costs have risen due to the needs surrounding COVID programming. Overall, our operating income ran at a deficit of \$65K this past year. Barring a strong improvement around COVID, we expect to run another deficit in FY21. A bright counterpoint to the COVID shock has been three key sources of donations and grants. The Lambertus family provided a generous donation at the end of 2019 earmarked to renovate and expand the building. We are encouraged by the vision provided by the Lambertus family that encourages a bright future for the Munroe Center for the Arts. In addition, the building received town and state funds to fund the massive windows restoration project that was completed in April 2020. The outpouring of support and donations from the community following the COVID crisis, and the application and receipt of Paycheck Protection Program monies has helped keep the Munroe Center for the Arts afloat.





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## SCHOOLS

**ArtSpan** is a program of the Munroe Center for the Arts that provides classes and workshops in the visual arts, including painting, drawing, ceramics, theater, and creativity. It also offers 11 weeks of vacation camp throughout the year.

**Dance Inn** is led by Thelma Goldberg, and has been serving the community since 1983, with classes in jazz, hip-hop, and ballet for all ages, beginner through professional.

**Lexington Music School** is led by Epp Sonin, and has been in existence since 1984 with classes in voice, string instruments, piano and more.

**Lexington School of Ballet** has been led by Mary Peterson since 1984 with classes and summer intensive programs in ballet, pointe, jazz and modern dance for students four through pre-professional level and adults.

## GALLERY & MUNROE SATURDAY NIGHTS

The Munroe Center for the Arts strives to provide Lexington residents and neighbors with opportunities to both enjoy the arts, and to provide a place to display and perform their art.

### Performances

- *Blues Dogs* - music and dance
  - *Poets & Painters* - collaborations
  - *Cherokee Word for Water* - film
  - *Fretless* - A Cappella
  - *An Evening of Storytelling*
  - *Jenny & George* - piano and violin
- \* additional shows cancelled, or postponed due to the pandemic

### Gallery Shows

- ArtSpan Adult Students
  - Munroe Center for the Arts' Studio Artists
  - Brendan Lehman, painter
- \* additional shows cancelled due to the pandemic



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