2014 –2015 Annual Report

Idaho Falls Arts Council

July 2014 - June 2015

Colonial Theater / Willard Arts Center / ARTitorium on Broadway

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Idaho Falls Arts Council
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Thank you to our Outgoing Board Members in 2014-15
Glenda Hernandez, Natalie Packer, Todd Williams, and Virginia Willard

Emeritus Board Members:
Steve Carr, Rick Dale, Jeanie Frazell, Mary Lynn Hartwell, Amy Lientz, Jerry Shively, Laurel Sayer, and Virginia Willard

IFAC Mission:
In coordination with other arts organizations, to educate the community and enrich its quality of life by promoting, advocating, and presenting a broad spectrum of visual and performing arts
August 2014

August saw the last of the Snake River Concerts and Planet Arts Classes, as well as a Monstrously Fun Roaring Youth Jam along the Greenbelt. Youth Jam included performances by the Voetberg Family Band and a Battle of the Bands for teens.

With a VIP night the evening before, giving instrumental supporters of ARTitorium a private first peek at the newly completed facility, ARTitorium on Broadway’s Grand Opening was the biggest event of the year and saw over 1,200 patrons in the two days of the public grand opening on August 14 & 15.

September 2014

September kicked off the new season with An Evening with Alex Boyé. Over 800 audience members danced and partied alongside the animated performer.

We also celebrated the opening of the annual Idaho Watercolor Society Exhibition in our Carr Gallery and the first annual Wonderful WAC Exhibition, which displays recent works by our resident artists.
October 2014

In October, **The Hot Sardines** took the Colonial Theater stage for the best jazz show our theater has ever seen, including tap dancing, washboards, and a conga line through the audience and back on to the stage.

We kept the fun going with **The Colin and Brad Show** featuring Colin Mochrie and Brad Sherwood from *Whose Line is it Anyway?* We also held our first Carr Gallery performance of the season called **The Best of Vegas**.

November 2014

We started November with the Aquila Theatre's beautiful performance of **Wuthering Heights** and then brought the audience to their feet with **Gaelic Storm**'s irresistibly fun concert.

The Carr Gallery hosted an opening of **Belinda Chlouber's** beautiful exhibition with the artist.

December 2014

Over 7,000 patrons came through the Colonial Theater in this month alone, and that doesn't include the over 1,000 who attended **Cirque Dreams' Holidaze** at the Civic Auditorium.

December also saw the return of old traditions, like **Playmill Theatre's White Christmas**, and the beginning of some new ones, with **Within the Silence**, the first IFAC performance in the new MC Theater at ARTitorium.
January 2015

January was another busy month for IFAC as we chased away the winter blues with Paula Poundstone, went on a musical journey with Marc Cohn, and fell in love with Seven Brides for Seven Brothers all over again. Through the Eyes of a Friend taught over 1,000 students about the Holocaust and the experiences of Anne Frank, as the second performance in the Living Voices series.

The exhibition Haunting Views by artists Eric Demattos and Ariel LaFontaine opened on January 25th, featuring unique multi-media pieces by artists who had previously participated in our Juried Exhibition.

February 2015

In February we brought art to students with three school productions of La Causa, from the Living Voices series and a student matinee with The 5 Browns - along with public performances for both shows. Both presentations encouraged students to ask questions and pursue their talents no matter what.

March 2015

We called March "Tribute Month" at the Colonial Theater. Both Hotel California: The Original Eagles Tribute and ABBAmania sold out!

In March we also had our second Carr Gallery performance, the Literature to Life presentation of The Kite Runner. That afternoon we took the show to Emerson Alternative High School. Afterwards, forty of the students had a workshop with the Teaching Artist, where he taught them to create and understand different characters.

March also saw the opening of our most popular gallery exhibition, the 7th Annual Juried Exhibition. Our judges, Bridget Callahan and Katie Crooks, of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, selected the exhibition from 212 works submitted from across the country.

The March Art Classes at ARTitorium sold out so quickly that we added three additional sessions.
April 2015
We then continued our tribute streak with *The Masters of Soul*, who expertly covered the biggest hits from The Temptations, The Supremes, and many more.

Our season ended with the percussion group *TorQ*, who in addition to their evening performance, also stunned students at a matinee and worked with some of IF High School’s band students in a Master Class.

Spring Break at ARTitorium saw huge numbers of patrons come through, over 450 in one day!

May 2015
We also kicked off our *Chairmen’s Challenge Membership Match* and raised over $10,000 in new and increased memberships, which was matched by our generous donors.

In May, ARTitorium saw all District 91 1st and 4th graders come through on Field Trips in two incredibly busy weeks.

**IFAC by the Numbers**

*The Idaho Falls Arts Council took part in over 485 events between July 2014 and June 2015, here’s how those break down.*

- 79+ Idaho Falls Arts Council Events
- 90+ Field Trips & Educational Trips
- 76+ Art Classes
- 63+ Ticketed Theater Events
- 22+ Rehearsals
- 155+ Meetings/Parties/Free Events in the Willard Arts Center and ARTitorium

**Arts Council Presentations**

**Events in Coordination with Other Organizations**

Idaho Falls Arts Council
Operating Financial Statistics
July 2014 - June 2015

**Income**

Facilities & Utilities: 14%
Merchandise & Concessions: 3%
Operational Payroll: 15%
Administrative Payroll: 26%
Fundraising: 6%
Private Donations: 40%
Grants & Endowment: 7%
Government: 4%
Facility Rental: 10%

**Expenses**

Programs - Presenting: 28%
Programs - Visual Arts: 6%
Administration: 5%
Fundraising: 3%
Operational Payroll: 15%
Administrative Payroll: 26%
Merchandise & Concessions: 3%
Facilities & Utilities: 14%

**Membership**

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Membership
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Total Members: 404
New Members: 190
Rejoining Members: 45
(after 1+ year(s) as a non-member)

The most membership activity took place in January, with May, June, and December also seeing strong numbers.

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Our Mission

is to educate our community and enrich its quality of life by promoting, advocating, and presenting a broad spectrum of visual and performing arts in eastern Idaho.

The Idaho Falls Arts Council is a private nonprofit organization which owns and operates:

The Colonial Theater
The Willard Arts Center
ARTitorium on Broadway