55 MILWAUKEE AREA K-12 SCHOOLS (13% increase over FY17)

12,820 STUDENTS served through arts-rich experiential learning

1,016 ARTISTS & TEACHERS participated in 68 professional development sessions (22% increase over FY17)

128 ARTIST EDUCATORS* contracted for a total of 201 residencies (35% increase over FY17)
*more than 50% people of color

Nearly $750,000 paid in contracted services, directly boosting Milwaukee’s vibrant arts economy

49% Artist Fees
6% Art, Music, Multi-media Supplies and Field Trips
18% Professional Development
12% Community Programming
15% Administrative Support

$1.5M BUDGET

NON PROFIT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

2017 Milwaukee Business Journal Women of Influence Award - Teri Sullivan, Founder & CEO
2018 YNPN Milwaukee Emerging Leader Award - Sean Kiebzak, Chief Operating Officer
Dear Friends,

Arts @ Large measures success by making the dreams of the students, teachers, artists, and families we serve come alive through dynamic, meaningful arts experiences. The arts are a vehicle for telling powerful stories that inspire – moving our students, teachers, and artists to reach their goals.

In our 18 years of service, we’ve learned that if we first believe it, we will see it. Our long-term dream has been to create a gathering place where the arts inspire innovation and collaboration; a place where creativity serves as a catalyst for positive change in our community. We believed it, now we are seeing it! Our new community center will open in 2019 and catapult us into an exciting journey of life-long learning. Now that’s a dream we dared to dream!

~ Rudy Gutierrez, Board President

“The Future Belongs to Those Who Believe in the Beauty of Their Dreams.”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt
Sometimes, learning in and through the arts happens in ways that seem outside the box. That’s precisely how Arts @ Large’s Senior Foremen program works. This year, our senior foremen students pursued their aspiration of careers in construction and architecture as they worked side by side with The Kubala Washatko Architects and Catalyst Construction on the design and renovation of our new community center in the Walker’s Point neighborhood of Milwaukee.

Students like Rebeccea (pictured left), from Lynde and Harry Bradley Technology and Trade School, were hired as interns by Arts @ Large to learn the complicated process of bringing a renovation to life. The opportunities to interface with city government, finance professionals, architects, engineers and contractors have been endless and resulted in Catalyst Construction hiring Rebeccea for an additional internship.

“My dream is to become a construction manager. I really want to make the most out of everything that I have been taught.” ~ Rebeccea Schanen
Arts @ Large programs challenge students to see themselves as an integral part of our great community and be active participants in making Milwaukee the best place to play, learn, work and live. How do we do this? We encourage teachers, artists and students to focus on meaningful topics that transcend traditional education. This spring, one such topic was Milwaukee’s 50th anniversary of the fair housing movement.

“Through this project, history came alive for my third graders. We learned the story of Milwaukee’s fair housing movement, and prepared artwork for A@L’s Gallery Night and Day exhibit. We attended community events and my students were able to shake hands with former NAACP commandos and hug Ms. Margaret Rozga, civil rights activist. It was amazing to experience this history with them. I am forever grateful.”

“This has been the single most meaningful project I have taught in 21 years.”

~ Edith Dennison (pictured left with students from Anna F. Doerfler School)
“My A@L residencies served as a spring board for future projects and gave me the experience I needed to transition into the teaching field. I am now an art teacher at St. Thomas More High School. THANK YOU ARTS @ LARGE!”
~ Ryan Laessig

“In 2015, I opened my first curated gallery exhibition with the help of Arts @ Large. Who knew that after this experience I would pursue my Masters in Museum and Exhibition Studies, with a concentration in Social Justice!”
~ Pam Nanet

“Not only do works of art inspire, but the experience of creating together is equally important to share, and especially formative for youth.”
~ Francis Annan Affotey

Artists dare to dream big, and at Arts @ Large we make it possible for them to reach for the stars! Milwaukee’s arts community is diverse, innovative, and cares deeply about using the arts as a tool for positive social change. We are proud to say that Arts @ Large is the training ground for many artist educators, and we support our artist community by providing meaningful work that enables them to collaborate with classroom teachers and inspire students to achieve academic excellence.

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**MISSION**

Arts @ Large activates Milwaukee’s education communities to build environments that support arts-rich, life-long learning.

**VISION**

All K-12 Milwaukee students have equal access to an education that includes the arts.

**THEORY OF CHANGE**

More Milwaukee teachers and artist educators are competent and confident to teach in and through the arts, promoting equal access for all students to an education that includes the arts, resulting in an increased educational culture of arts-rich, life-long learning.

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