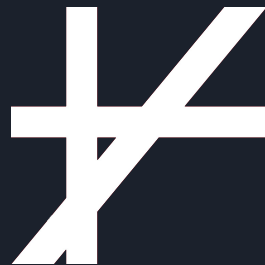




2023

SIDE STREET STUDIO ARTS, NFP

ANNUAL REPORT



MISSION & ACTIVITIES

Side Street Studio Arts advances engagement in the arts by providing inclusive access to exhibition, performance, education, and advocacy resources, because art is important.

To our community:

At the end of the 10th year of Side Street Studio Arts, we remain in awe. From pride in the numbers listed in this report to facing the magnitude of developing our new facility at 62 S. Grove, we are grateful for our excellent staff, volunteers, artists, and community. Artistic EXHIBITION, EDUCATION, PERFORMANCE, and ADVOCACY remain our focus, and will be front and center with our year of exhibitions, beginning with *MONOCHROME: PURPLE* in February to our 11-year anniversary celebration in March to the 11th annual Elgin Fringe Festival in September to a full year of Free Arts Education for Young People and so much more.

We can't thank you enough for your continued support. Individual donations, artistic participation, art purchases, and event attendance... just some of the ways you choose to show up, all increased in 2023, and we are so grateful.


We cannot do this without you.

Sincerely,
Tanner Melvin & Erin Rehberg
Founders & Executive Directors

In 2023 alone, Side Street hosted or produced:

- 108 free or low-cost off-site arts education events – reaching over 4000 young artists
- 502 free or low-cost, on-site arts education events – reaching over 1000 artists
- 25 visual art exhibitions – featuring over 300 artists
- 55 on and off-site professional development opportunities for SSSA staff and area artists
- 140 performance events – reaching over 4000 audience members
- 400+ hours of donated and discounted space for creative events for area organizations, artists, and individuals
- Paid out over \$46,000 to area visual and performing artists through the Gallery, MADE, and numerous additional professional opportunities
- 1 Artist-in-Residence; 3 Artist/Arts Administration Internships
- 15 Farmers Market Appearances
- Hosted our 2nd year of the Nightmare On Chicago Street Costume Contest
- 10th annual Elgin Fringe Festival in collaboration with the Elgin Cultural Arts Commission
- Continued CONNECTED, our podcast series featuring conversations with creatives
- Acted as the umbrella organization for ELGbtq+, which won an Elgin Image Award for *Game Changing Project* for Elgin's first-ever Pride Parade and Festival in June
- **And reached a huge milestone of having paid out over \$1 million to artists since our opening in 2013.**





\$1,000,000

Paid to artists since 2013

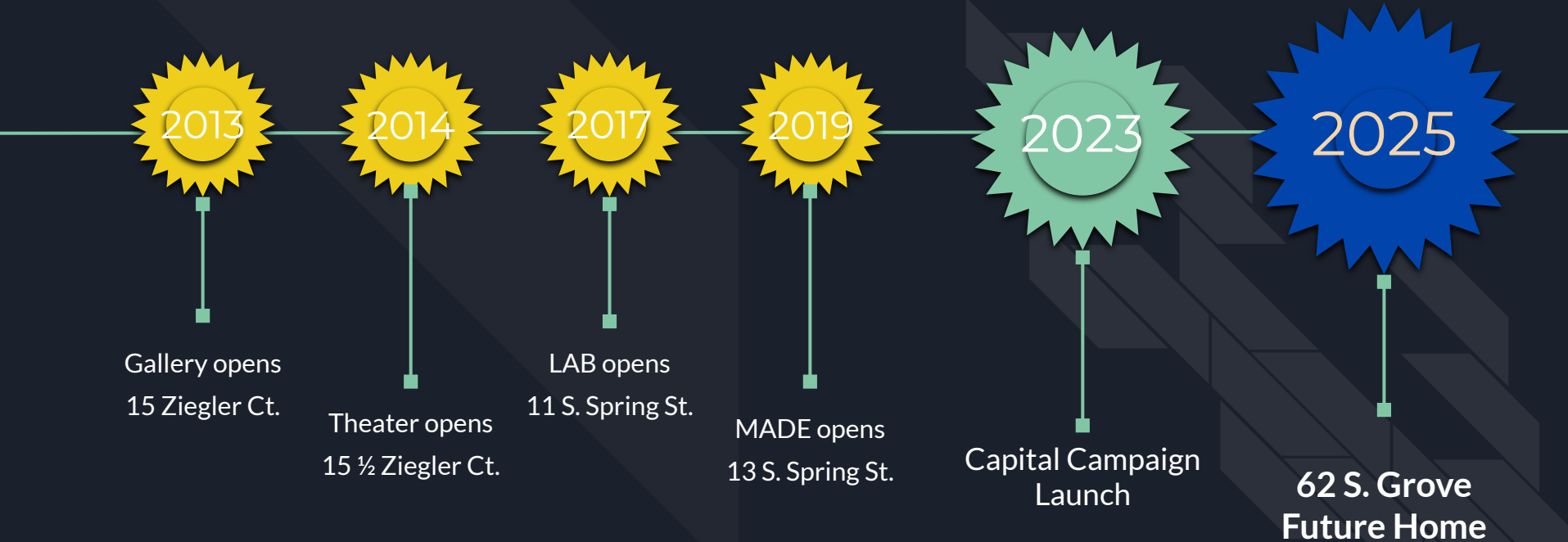


13,000+

Guests through our doors in 2023



OUR EVOLUTION



WHAT SETS US APART?



ARTS ED

Side Street Studio Arts fosters arts education opportunities in a variety of mediums led by professional artist-educators. Our free and low-cost programs uplift creative voices through accessible and innovative programming and provide a safe space for students of all ages and experience levels to work and play.



EXHIBITION

Exhibitions programming at Side Street creates an open and safe space for both visual artists and the public alike to see and be seen. Equitable calls, creative partnerships, and curated experiences uplift individual voices and allow for the exchange of diverse ideas.



PERFORMANCE

We are a proud supporter and collaborator of independent performing artists. Through curated and open calls, co-productions, rentals, and door splits, we provide production support, adaptability, and creative partnerships for artists, all while offering an array of intimate programming for all audiences.



ADVOCACY

Access to the arts is critical to societal wellbeing. Working to address the roots of oppression and inequality in our community, Side Street produces and promotes equitable arts opportunities, creating inclusive spaces for diverse artists and audiences alike. Raising awareness of each other's stories is crucial in advancing collective empowerment.

EXPENSES



- \$535,846.00
Total expenses
- \$292,579.00
People Expense
- \$66,423.00
Occupancy
- \$47,355.00
Professional Services
- \$65,000
Marketing, workshop supplies,
office expenses, etc.

OUR TEAM



Tanner Melvin
Founder and Executive Director



Jess Rocha
Director of Operations



Chris Arrecis
Exhibitions Coordinator



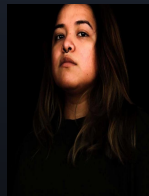
Erin Rehberg
Founder and Executive Director



Nick Mataragas
Director of Programming



Andrew Vo
Exhibitions Coordinator



Ivette De Santiago
Arts Education Coordinator



Hallie Morrison
Advocacy Coordinator



John E. French
Community Moves Coordinator



Yesenia Arroyo
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Mary Sweeney
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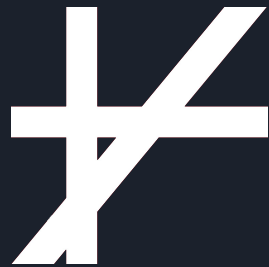
Joe Vassallo





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you what's in store for
2024!

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