

KENTUCKY OPERA



2023 **ANNUAL
REPORT**

VISION

Kentucky Opera is a vital component of the cultural health of our region, contributing to a compassionate, open-minded, and vibrant community.



MISSION

We spark discovery, joy, and connection among the communities of the Commonwealth with the shared experience of opera.



YOU KEEP THE VISION ALIVE

For over 70 years, Kentucky Opera has become a community pillar, offering world class opera that delights, uplifts, and inspires. Today, people from across the Commonwealth enjoy dynamic productions and learn from our unique, thought-provoking programming. Thanks to your support, nationally recognized programs have a home right here in Kentucky.

Together, we are a leading regional opera company that feeds our Kentucky spirit.

Your Impact



40 Households utilized pay-what-you-can tickets



248 Artists & creatives



355 Donors



444 Hours of rehearsal



6,333 Tickets issued



772 Kids served in schools & libraries



65 Local jobs



5 World premieres

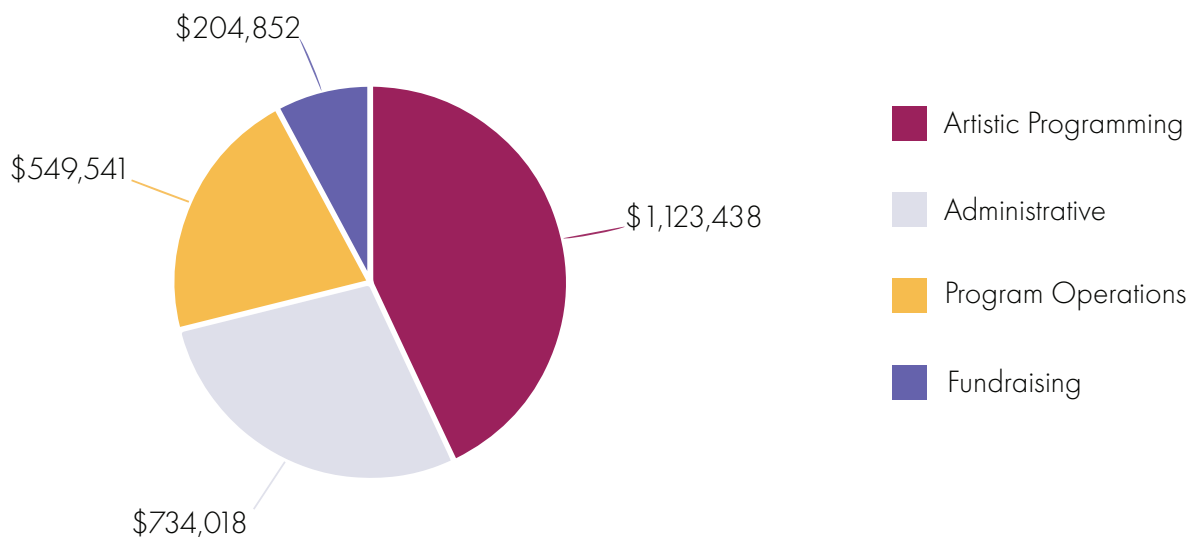


20 Public performances

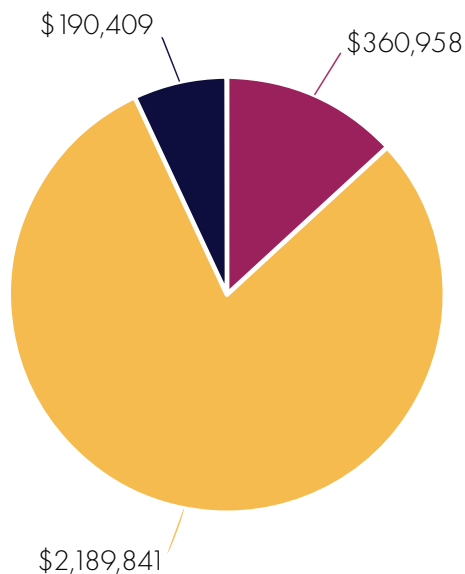
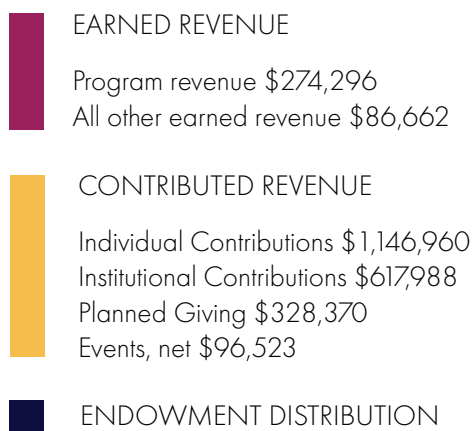
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FY23 Operating Expenses

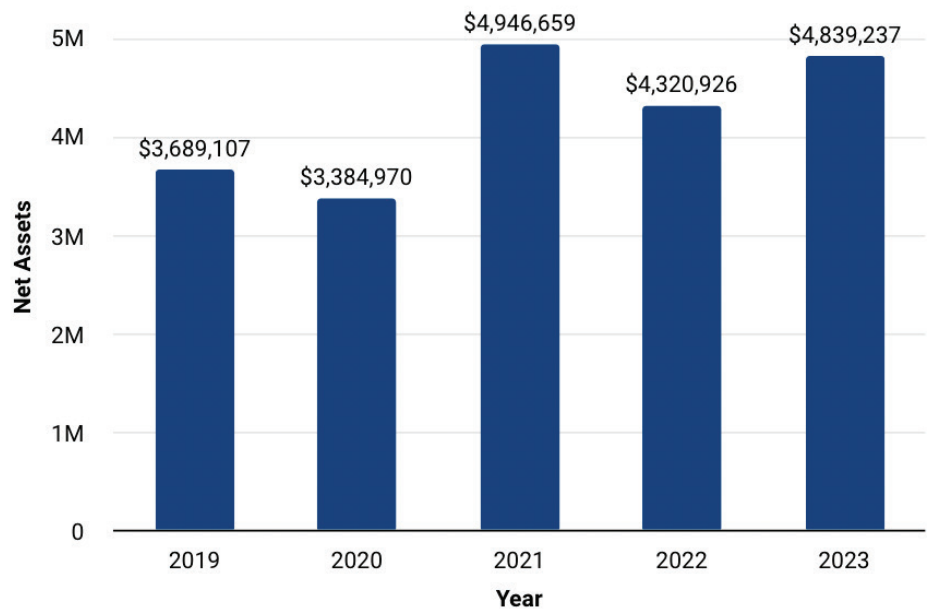


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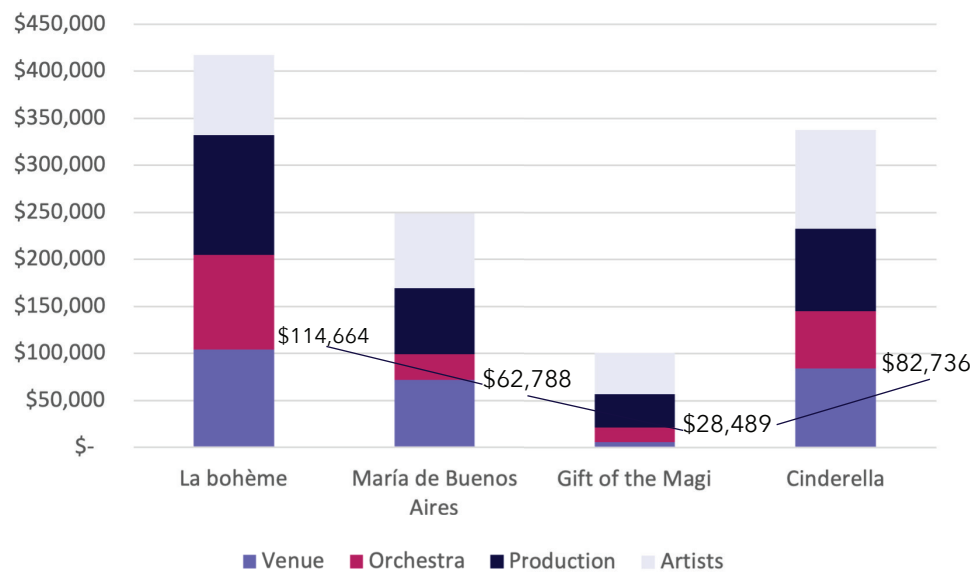


FINANCIAL POSITION

Historic Net Assets



Composition of a Show



Costs Covered by Ticket Sales

La bohème: \$114,664
María de Buenos Aires: \$62,788
Gift of the Magi: \$28,489
Cinderella: \$82,736

WHAT AUDIENCES ARE SAYING

La bohème



María de Buenos Aires



Gift of the Magi



Cinderella



Bravo Time



Amplify Songs of Justice



BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Strategic Pillars | 2023-2028

Values

**INTEGRITY
PASSION**

**COURAGE
BELONGING**

CONNECTION

We will offer productions programs, and pathways that connect with the people we seek to reach and build meaningful relationships around opera.

EXCELLENCE

We will ensure all our programs, processes, and people are as excellent and innovative as our art, while remaining connected to our values.

GROWTH

We will invest in capacity building to support the other strategic pillars with healthy business practices focused on long term, managed growth.

EXPANSION

We will broaden our reach to a wider array of communities – races, ages, ethnicities, and geographically – throughout the Commonwealth.

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