WHEN it became apparent in the spring of 2020 that the Arts Council would not be able to host our annual free outdoor concert series, we were challenged to come up with a creative way to present Music in the Mountains to our audiences. Like many presenting organizations, we adapted to broadcast the concerts online, live from the stage at the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center. This was new territory for us, and it took a collaboration between many entities to pull it off successfully. The WMPAC team had the technology and we relied on a high-school intern to run the digital editing software; Jereco Studios had the right audio-visual equipment to ensure a high-quality, professional production; and the artists were incredibly supportive and excited to play—even without an in-person audience. We produced five incredible livestream events that have been seen by close to 20,000 viewers. The power of the Arts came alive!

This was just one of the many ways the Arts Council had to change course in 2020—one of the hardest years in our nation’s history. As you look through this year’s Impact Report, see how we adapted and—in many ways—thrived, due to the dedication of our board, staff, constituents and community. Thanks from all of us at the Arts Council of Big Sky.

Sincerely,

Brian Hurlbut
Executive Director, Arts Council of Big Sky
The COVID-19 Pandemic caused us to adapt our programming this year in new and inspiring ways. We are committed to moving forward with determination, perseverance, and, most of all, gratitude for the community we live in. Here is a synopsis of what we accomplished in 2020:

- Served more than 375 youth through virtual and in-person arts programming
- In the spring, 180 art activity packets were distributed with free lunches through the Big Sky School District
- Our internship program helped 11 high school and college students gain valuable real life experience
- More than 90 adults participated in virtual and in-person art workshops over the summer
- Our programs helped support 40 working artists in the Big Sky and Bozeman community
- More than 200 people attended Big Sky’s first-ever drive-in movie, as part of our annual Mountainfilm event
- More than 19,000 viewers watched - live or later- livestream concerts via our Facebook and YouTube pages
- Hosted Native American hip-hop artist and educator Supaman for a two-day artist-in-residence in our local schools
- Broadcasted Supaman’s presentation virtually, which has been watched by more than 1,500 people
- Brought the MBC Moves program to local schools in collaboration with Montana Ballet Company
- Wrapped 2 utility boxes with student artwork, selected from submissions throughout Montana
- Successfully produced 5 live, virtual concerts broadcasted from the Warren Miller Performing Arts Center stage
- Launched a new public art campaign for a major installation—Pedro de Movellán’s Gibbous—in the Town Center
- Worked with a private donor on a new memorial sculpture, Lightning, by Linda Fleming, for the new BASE center
- Received a three-year, $115,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust to hire a new staff member
- Acquired a 1948 Baldwin D concert-grand piano, which now resides in the lobby of the Wilson Hotel
- Purchased the Waldazo bison public art sculpture, which was on loan from the artist, for our permanent collection

...and we thank you for that!
INCOME
$753,362 *
- Individual Donors 45%
- Grants 18%
- Sponsorships 3%
- Program Income 26%
- Resort Tax 5%
- Other 3%

EXPENSES
$511,710
- Admin/Fundraising 18%
- Events 61%
- Education/Outreach 11%
- Public Art 10%

* Includes $242,863 of donation income restricted for public art capital purchases
Wrap design contest draws entries from students across Montana

In 2020, the Arts Council of Big Sky finished two public art projects that feature artwork from Montana students. After a statewide contest, compositions from four students were chosen.

A small utility box in the new Town Center plaza features art from Gavin Wanders of Belgrade and Lily Hoeksema of Big Sky. The trash receptacle at the new Beehive Basin trailhead features art submitted by Brendan McConville of Bozeman and James Carlton of Cut Bank. The artwork chosen for the wraps was created by elementary students who won the Environmental Sustainability Drawing Challenge this past spring. The drawing challenge was managed by Arts Council intern and Lone Peak High School senior Madie Strauss as part of her Creativity Action Service (CAS) Project focusing on Environmental Sustainability and Public Art. There were 15 total submissions from students all over the state.

“We’re excited to showcase this fun artwork around Big Sky,” said Brian Hurlbut, the Arts Council’s Executive Director. “This project is a result of great collaboration between everyone involved. It’s especially meaningful because the project was created for younger students and managed by a high school student.”

The Arts Council’s public art is supported in part by a grant from the Yellowstone Club Community Foundation. The Environmental Sustainability Drawing Challenge was a partnership between the ACBS, the Big Sky Community Organization and the Lone Peak High School. The winners were offered free admission to the BSCO’s Explorers ARTventure Camp earlier in the summer. Please check out these great new additions to Big Sky’s public art!

ACBS intern Madie Strauss works on a screen printing project at the Zootown Arts Community Center during the Missoula ARTventure trip.
Final art wraps in the Town Center (above) and the Beehive Basin trailhead (right).
BASE entryway with ACBS offices on the right back toward the hallway.

Arts hallway with classroom on left, multipurpose room on the right.

The BASE center is adjacent to the re-imagined Len Hill Park, home of the ACBS Music in the Mountains concert series.
A NEW HOME

Arts Council readies for upcoming move into BASE community center

If you’ve recently driven by the Town Center park where our Music in the Mountains outdoor concert series is held, you may have noticed the giant mounds of dirt and vertical concrete walls, not to mention the fence that encircles the massive construction project. The entire site is being transformed by the Big Sky Community Organization (BSCO) into a community hub called the BASE—which stands for Big Adventures, Safe Environment—and it will be the new home to the Arts Council! The LEED-certified building will have a dedicated arts component, including:

- Arts Council administrative offices
- 800 square-foot classroom dedicated to arts programming
- 1,600 square-foot multipurpose room for a variety of classes and events
- Wall space to feature rotating artwork
- Vinyl library and listening stations
- Permanent installation of Linda Fleming’s *Lightning* sculpture on the building’s west lawn
- Re-imagined outdoor concert area with more of an amphitheater, bowl-like feel
- New, sustainable, durable and cost-effective crushed granite surface in front of stage to replace grass
- Concrete, permanent ice rink area that becomes a vendor area/gathering space in the summer
- Additional space for outdoor public art installations
- Pottery kiln room installed in art classroom for ceramics classes and workshops
- Additional street parking spaces on Aspen Leaf Drive for park events
- Renamed greenspace as Len Hill Park, with purposeful landscaping and a better, more inviting aesthetic

The outdoor concert area is slated to be ready for the 2021 summer season, and we’ll be moving into the building by the end of the year. *We’re excited to partner with the BSCO and can’t wait to share our new home with you!*
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