

2023-2024
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

"Our success depends on the generosity of our donors."

- Greg Holland President and CEO









#### Dear Friends,

Perhaps the brightest highlight of last season, *The Choir of Man* struck a chord with Straz audiences. As part of our "only at Straz Center" producing pillar, *The Choir of Man* could only be seen in two locations last year: on London's West End and in Tampa at Jaeb Theater in fall 2023. This Straz Produces staging kept crowds streaming into Jaeb Theater, so much so that the UK import's original two-month run was extended into December.

Choir is set in a British pub with actors portraying the regulars. It's a rousing, 90-minute celebration of beer, camaraderie and earworm Top 40 hits. It's also a celebration of community.

The Tampa Bay area community is a vital part of what Straz is about. After all, it's where most of the half million guests we greeted in 2023-2024 come from. Our commitment to the arts goes hand in hand with our commitment to our community.

That commitment is reflected in our Arts and Health programming and our outreach to active-duty military, veterans and families. It's seen in our educational programs which make the arts accessible to 80,000 participants through programs on our stages, in our Patel classrooms, via a U.S. Department of Education grant for field trips and in our work with more than 40 community partners.

Our Arts Legacy: REMIX presentations incorporate dance, music and storytelling as we explore our area's diverse cultural roots. Our virtual town hall meetings, Voices of the Community, provide a safe space to discuss stories and experiences, while our BIPOC play reading series highlights the dramatic works of authors who are black, indigenous or persons of color.

In 2023-2024, Straz offered 1,394 performances and events and we welcomed more than 500,000 on-campus guests attending those performances and events.

And what performances they were: Beetlejuice set a record for most tickets sold for a single-week run. That's a fine way to kick off a Broadway season, which also featured inspired revivals of Funny Girl and Company, the

sensory spectacle of Moulin Rouge! The Musical, the all-time classic Peter Pan, and more.

All told, Straz generated a \$131 million economic impact in our area, as well as more than \$4 million in local and state tax revenues.

We know our success depends on the generosity of our donors. Thanks to your gifts, we can bring the arts to schools and communities that would go without otherwise; active-duty military, veterans and their families have resources to aid their return to civilian life. More students will be exposed to the arts; and so much more.

This annual report helps quantify our efforts at bringing the arts and education to our community. Thank you so very much for helping to make it all possible.

> Greg Holland President and CEO

# In a word, FXTRAORDINARY the 2023-24 Season was

We aim to make every season extraordinary here at Straz. Some seasons, though, go even beyond to become extraordinarily special. Last season was extra-extraordinary for us, because in addition to presenting, we were also part of the behind-the-scenes production on shows, including The Choir of Man and Stranger Sings! The Parody Musical.

We had a feeling Straz audiences would take to *The Choir of Man* in a big way. The feel-good musical lit up London's West End before making its way to the states. Word-of-mouth – and whatever you call word-of-mouth on the internet – was great: lots of "best thing I've ever seen" and the like.

Plus, if you showed up a little early, you could have a beer – on the house! – and chat with cast members before the show.

Still, we committed Jaeb Theater to portraying The Jungle – the locale for the *Choir* mates – for two months. Sure, we hedged our bet a bit with free beer, but what if Tampa heard the *Choir* and just shrugged?

Happily, Tampa didn't shrug. Audiences left the show as converts, proclaiming their love of the *Choir* to friends, family and possibly random strangers. Demand was so great that the show's run was extended into December.

The show's success was particularly sweet for us. Straz was intimately involved in this production, from turning Jaeb into a British pub to partnering with local brewery Coppertail Brewing Co. to provide the beer to be served by The Jungle. (The brew was the decidedly Floridian Sun Runner, a tropical wheat ale flavored with pineapple and passion fruit.)

Straz is committed to not only bringing our community the finest theatrical entertainment. We want to create unique experiences for our audiences. We are focused on producing and presenting works here that, we hope, will resonate with our audiences specifically, including shows aiming for Broadway.

This season also brought us Stranger Sings, a hilarious musical parody of the television series Stranger Things. Stranger Sings was locally produced and included familiar names among the credits, such as lighting designer to Averill-Snell

Of course, we'll continue to bring the best of Broadway to town, as we did in 2023-2024: the surreal splendor of *Moulin Rouge! The Musical*, the crowd-pleasing high jinks of *Beetlejuice*, the revelatory revival of *Company* and more.

Jobsite will continue to offer thought-provoking, innovative and intimate productions in Shimberg, and occasionally more ambitious productions in Jaeb. The season's schedule ranged from the outrageousness of *The Rocky Horror Show* to the stark portrayals of *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*.

And Opera Tampa will continue to present original productions of both familiar and less celebrated but deserving works. Opera Tampa has been leading the way on local productions, with most of their presentations being assembled from the ground up.

All of us at Straz Center will continue to strive to bring the arts to all of our community. We believe in the power of the arts to inspire and connect people. We promote the power of the arts through our commitment to (extra) extraordinary artistic innovation and bold storytelling.

We are proud to bring you creative works nurtured and produced at Straz Center. From Opera Tampa's ambitious 30th anniversary season, the BIPOC reading series of original works and Straz-produced theater, next year our spotlight will continue to shine on works that are extraordinarily entertaining.







# \$131 MILLON

Annual economic impact to Tampa area according to the Arts & Economics Prosperity Calculator from Americans for the Arts.





People in attendance at Straz performances, events and education programs













Patel Conservatory is the core of Straz Center's commitment to arts education as well as the future of the performing arts. Our scholarship programs make it possible for deserving students from lowerincome households to pursue education in the performing arts. In fiscal year 2023-2024, 453 scholarships worth \$332,880 were awarded to students. In total, we logged 168,825 instruction hours to keep the arts thriving and available to all.

# WHERE OUR STUDENTS CAME FROM

# **SCHOOL YEAR**

6 Florida Counties23 States10 Outside of the Country

We provided outreach programs to 43 community partners and agencies.



# \$CHOLARSHIPS \$332,880

453 merit and need-based scholarships awarded





# 18,500 Complimentary Tickets

donated to individuals, schools and organizations



# **FINANCIALS**

Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Inc. DBA David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts

### Statement of Financial Position (Straz Center only) As of Sept. 30, 2024

As of Sept. 30, 2024 (dollar amounts in thousands)



<sup>\*</sup>Does not include approximately \$76 MM of long-term assets held in trust by the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center Foundation Inc. and approximately \$8.9 MM of endowment funds held and controlled by the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Inc., as of Sept. 30, 2024. Straz Center is the beneficiary of the related funds at the Community Foundation and is entitled to allocated distributions of net earnings.

#### **ASSETS**

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Current Assets:				
Cash			\$	16,099
Receivables:				
Accounts receivable, net		460		
Pledge receivable, net		106		
Due to the Straz Center from	TBPAC Foundation Inc.	872		
Grants receivable		1,789		
				3,227
Inventory				115
Prepaid expenses				1,484
	Total current assets		\$	20,925
Noncurrent assets:				
Endowment investments		2,760		
Investments		8,103		
Other long-term investments	0	1,782		
Beneficial interest in assets held by	Community Foundation	39		
Furniture, equipment and leasehold	d improvements, net	24,481		
Operating lease right-of-use assets		484		
Fine art collection		377		
Other assets		52		
	Total non-current assets		\$	38,078
	Total assets		\$	59,003
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LIABILITIES AND NET AS	SETS			
Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued exp Operating lease liabilities, current	penses		\$	2,554 124
Deferred revenue:				
Ticket sales		12,976		
Other		2,542		
				15,518
	Total current liabilities		Ś	18,196
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Noncurrent liabilities: Operating lease liabilities, less cur	rent portion	360		
	Total liabilities		\$	18,556
NET ASSETS				-
Without donor restrictions:			ф	11 505
Operations	ahald improvements		\$	11,505
Furniture, equipment and leas	enoia improvements			24,481
Board designated	Total without donor restrictions		Ś	764 <b>36,750</b>
With donor restrictions	iolal willion dollor restrictions		٠	36,730
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	Total net assets		\$	40,447
	Total liabilities and net assets		\$	59,003*
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# **FINANCIALS**

Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Inc.
DBA David A. Straz, Jr.
Center for the Performing Arts
Statement of Activities
(Straz Center only)
For the year ended Sept. 30, 2024
(dollar amounts in thousands)

#### **REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT**

Ticket sales Rent Box office fees Concessions	\$ 24,360 648 5,625
Box office fees	
Concessions	4,954
Service fee and other income	738
Education program tuition and fees	3,105
Investment return	2,808
Change in beneficial interest	2,000
Community support	5,903
Fine art donation	20
Government funding and grants:	20
Annual operating and program support	1,650
Capital and construction support	2,425
TBPAC Foundation Inc.:	_,
Endowment support distributions to the Straz Center	1,905
Master Plan expenditure reimbursements	1,966
Total revenue and other support	\$ 56,113

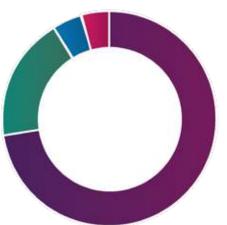
Program and essential services:		
Production costs		21,877
Education		4,613
Operating costs		12,956
Marketing and public information		 3,408
	Total program and essential services	\$ 42,854
Support services:		
General and administrative		4,091
Fundraising		 1,597
	Total support services	\$ 5,688
	Total operating expenses	\$ 48,542
	Net activity before depreciation	\$ 7,571
Depreciation		2,032
Loss on asset impairment		 169
	Change in net assets	\$ 5,370
Net assets at beginning of year		\$ 35,077
Net assets at end of year		\$ 40,447

**FINANCIALS** 

Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Inc. DBA David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts

Revenue and Expenses (Straz Center only)

for the year ended Sept. 30, 2024 (dollar amounts in thousands)



# **REVENUE AND SUPPORT**

65% Event Programmin
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5% Education

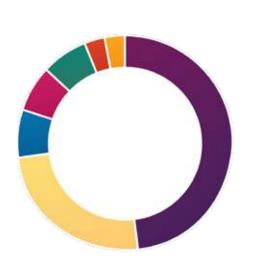
5% Investments

Contributions, Grants, and Endowment Support

REVENUE	
Event Programming	\$36,325
Education	3,105
Investments	2,814
Contributions, Grants and Endowment Support	13,869*
Total Revenue and Support	\$56,113

\*Tooludes TEPAC Foundation Inc. distributed endowment support for Seaz Center of \$1,9 MM for endowment support and \$2 MM for Mozer Plan expensions reinbursements.

# **EXPENSES**



43% Event Programmi
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Operations ....

7% Marketing and Public Information

9% Education

8% General and Administrative

3% Fundraising

4% Depreciation

EXPENSES -	
Event Programming	\$21,877
Operations	12,956
Marketing & Public Information	3,408
Education	4,613
General & Administrative	4,091
Fundraising	1,597
Operating Expenses	\$48,542
Depreciation	2,032
Loss on asset impairment	169
Total Expenses	\$50,743

# THANK YOU, DONORS

We prefer to avoid cliches, so we won't tell you we couldn't do it without you.

But we couldn't.

Your support keeps Straz
Center running. It trains
our next generation of
performers. It takes the arts
to communities that often
are overlooked. It lets us
reach out to our military
and their families. It allows
us to seek new ways to
use the power of the arts
to inspire and to create
connections.

You're with us rain or shine. Yes, that's a cliché, but "rain or shine" really means something in Florida. We salute you and encourage you to take pride in what your generosity brings to Straz Center and the community.

Cliché or not, our donors are the best. Thank you for your support.





# **ENDOWMENT GIFTS**

Straz Center's Endowment Fund provides stability in uncertain times and helps maintain high standards of excellence and creativity. We are especially grateful to the following donors whose endowment gifts of \$10,000 or more ensure that many more will enjoy Straz Center performances and programs in the future.

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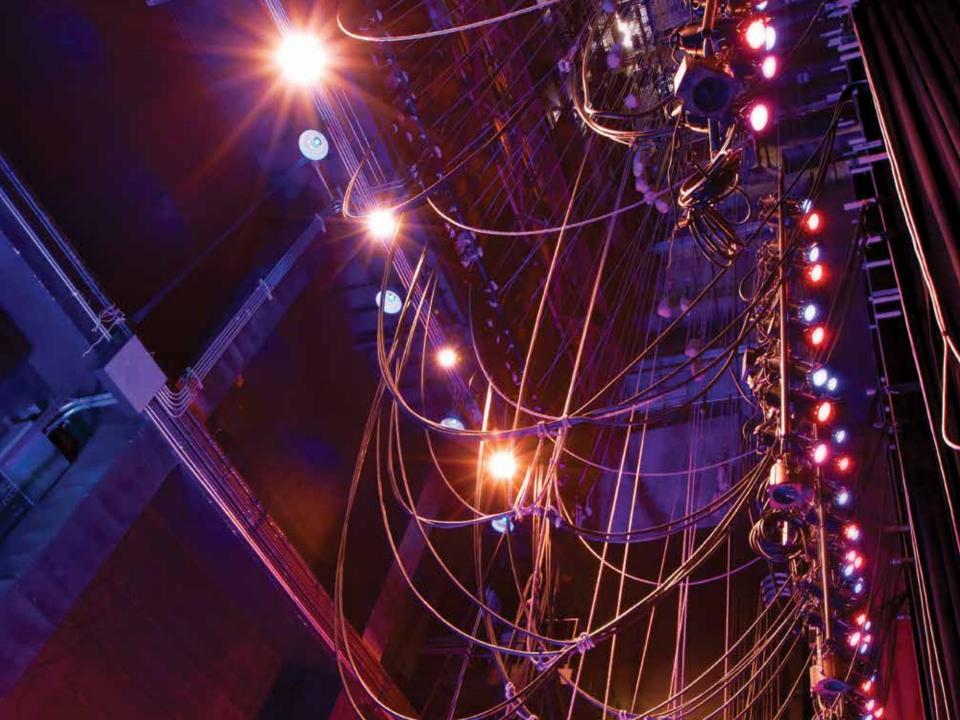








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