



INTEGRATING ARTS

INTO THE COMMUNITY

Annual Report

2024

There's always something
happening with Catamount Arts

It's good to be back in our Eastern Avenue Arts Center, even as we're busy programming live entertainment in the new Caledonia Food Co-op Space, making plans for our newly expanding Creative Campus, and collaborating on the development of 560 Railroad Street! Thanks to support from community members like you, Catamount Arts is everywhere, and we wouldn't have it any other way!

In 2024, we presented bluegrass at St. Andrew's Church, storytelling at York Street Meeting House, modern dance at Lyndon Institute, pop music at Fenton Chester Arena, and a brass band on Dog Mountain. KCP Presents, First Night North, and the Levitt AMP St. Johnsbury Music Series brought hundreds of performers to Fuller Hall, St. Johnsbury School, and downtown Railroad Street, but did you know our production teams were also in Lake Morey, Newport, Island Pond, and Colebrook and Littleton, NH? Our shows reached 70,000 patrons last year, supporting over 135 jobs, and creating over \$5M in economic impact to the region.

When catastrophic flooding hit our community not once but twice, we partnered with the Towns of St. Johnsbury and Lyndon to ensure that not a single show was cancelled, giving our friends, family, and first responders opportunities to come together, check in with neighbors, and find moments of collective joy. Touring performers were so inspired by what they saw this summer in the Northeast Kingdom, they turned their own concerts into fundraisers for flood relief, going so far as to make donations from their own pockets and merch tables.

But that's last year's news! Coming up in the New Year, we've got some very exciting developments in the works thanks to innovative community partnerships, and we're looking forward to a bigger and better EPIC Music Program, new opportunities in the Octagon Building, and of course another year of films, classes, concerts, dance shows, theater, gallery exhibitions, and more!

Thanks for being part of the Catamount Arts community! We can't wait to see you soon—at the Co-op, Dog Mountain, York Street, Fuller Hall, L.I., Eastern Avenue, or all of the above! See you soon at Catamount Arts!

With gratitude,



Jody Fried
Executive Director,
Catamount Arts



OUR TEAM

Alli Sousa, Internship Coordinator / Bookkeeping Assistant

Andrea Otto, Community Liaison, On-Screen Curator

Anne Campbell, Education Director

Ashley Van Zandt, Director of Development and Communications

Ashli Roberts, Production Manager - Gallery Technician

Autumn Chamberlain, EPIC Music Program Coordinator

Campbell Jillette, Open Stage Assistant/Box Office/Production

Chris Finn, Box Office/Production

Christine Nockels, Youth Program Assistant/Box Office

Derek Campbell, Assistant Production Manager

Dianne Gingue, Bookkeeper

Erin Narey, Communications Coordinator

Jody Fried, Executive Director

Martin Bryan, Membership, Room Rental and Volunteer Coordinator

Molly Stone, Artistic Director

Owen Davie, Graphic Designer/Asst. Director of Marketing & Communications

Patrick Black, Ticketing/Regional Box Office Manager & Head Projectionist

Rose Nunn, Building Caretaker

Sarah Amos, Director of Operations

Tim Mikovitz, Technical Director

This year, Catamount Arts collaborated with the communities of Montpelier, Lake Morey, Island Pond, King Pines, Lyndon, Johnson, Newport, Colebrook, Franconia, Coventry, St. Johnsbury, Littleton, Burke, and Bradford, as well as local organizations including Umbrella NEK and Vermont Humanities, to support the creative economy through initiatives such as outdoor movies, street festivals, gazebo shows, and concerts on our mobile stage. By integrating the arts into the fabric of daily life through live performances, screenings, classes, workshops, exhibitions, and more, Catamount Arts boosts the local economy, playing a vital role in the long-term vibrancy and sustainability of the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, and North Country of New Hampshire. We can't wait to see you all, the Catamount Arts community, in 2025!



ActivatingCommunitySpaces

Integrating arts into daily life means programming wherever daily life takes place! Whether it's Bluegrass Night at VTSU-Lyndon, EPIC Music at York Street Meeting House, Make Music Day in downtown St. Johnsbury or Dr. Francois Clemmons at South Hall, Catamount Arts is wherever you are! We've been transforming dormant community spaces at the Green Mountain Mall, the Caplan's building, the New Caledonia Food Co-op, and others.

We're going places! In addition to live shows in St. Johnsbury and Lyndonville, did you know our mobile stages and production teams supported 70+ shows throughout Vermont and New Hampshire last year for an estimated economic impact of over \$5M and 135 jobs?



LevittAMP

ST. JOHNSBURYMUSICSERIES



8 TOTAL CONCERTS
AT DOG MOUNTAIN

OVER
10,000
ATTENDEES



3 FINAL FRIDAY
EVENTS
IN DOWNTOWN
ST. JOHNSBURY



Community Support

Production Team: Delivered technical services to support over 70 community events across Vermont and New Hampshire, enhancing local gatherings with professional expertise.

Economic Development: Partnered with 14 local communities, including those at Newport, Lake Morey, Littleton, Island Pond, and others to strengthen their creative economies through engaging events, including 46 concerts on a mobile stage.

Impact Highlights: Attracted over 70,000 attendees to these events, generating an impressive economic impact exceeding \$5 million.



"THE ARTS ARE A CRITICAL AND ESSENTIAL PART OF A VIBRANT AND RICH COMMUNITY AND ECONOMY. CATAMOUNT ARTS IS OUR REGIONAL VEHICLE FOR ENRICHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARTS. WE PROUDLY SUPPORT THEIR WORK."

-Whirligig Brewing, Geoffrey Sewake, CEO



Arts Education



123 POEMTOWN
ST. JOHNSBURY
SUBMISSIONS

285 OPEN STAGE
ATTENDEES

12 POETRY
POTLUCKS

28 CLASSES
WORKSHOPS
CAMPS

362 PARTICIPANTS IN
CLASSES/
WORKSHOPS/
CAMPS

6 PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT
WORKSHOPS FOR
EDUCATORS

“LOVE CATAMOUNT ARTS. FILMS, EVENTS AND THEY DO A TON OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE LOCAL CHILDREN.”

- GARTH L.

EPIC Music

65
EPIC MUSIC
STUDENTS



236
HOURS OF EPIC
MUSIC STRINGS
INSTRUCTION



Catamount Arts Galleries & Public Art



In addition to the Fried Family Gallery and Rankin Family Gallery, featuring both internationally recognized and talented local artists, Catamount has facilitated an impressive public arts program, making art more accessible than ever to our community. In 2025, a new arts residency and mural program will launch at 560 Railroad Street in partnership with the Northern Forest Center.



Movie Theaters

51 FILMS SCREENED

1000+ FILM ATTENDEES

4 FREE COMMUNITY FILMS
EACH MONTH

15 OPERAS SCREENED

315 OPERA ATTENDEES



**"AS A NEWCOMER TO
THE NEK, CATAMOUNT ARTS
MAKES ME FEEL LIKE I'M HOME."
-BRIAN W.**



**FIRST NIGHT
NORTH**



150+ PERFORMERS

15 VENUES



2000+ ATTENDEES

**THE WORLD'S
BIGGEST BALL**



**"...TO ME CATAMOUNT IS [A]
WONDERFUL GIFT TO THE
COMMUNITY! AND YOU MAKE IT ALL
HAPPEN. THANK YOU."**

- COMMUNITY MEMBER, ST. JOHNSBURY



5000+ ATTENDEES
10 PERFORMANCES



**"...I'M SO HAPPY AND APPRECIATIVE
OF ALL THE WORLD CLASS ARTS
PROGRAMMING WE HAVE IN THIS
RURAL AREA."**

- VICKI S.



**WORLD CLASS SHOWS FEATURING GRAMMY AWARD-
WINNING ARTISTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**



An aerial architectural rendering of a campus. The central courtyard is paved and features several colorful murals: a blue and white striped figure, a green spiral, and a red figure. The buildings are primarily red with red roofs, and some have white accents. The surrounding area is lush with green trees and foliage. The style is a combination of realistic photography and hand-drawn architectural sketches.

CREATIVE CAMPUS PROJECT

105-107 EASTERN AVE

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COMMUNITY
HUB FOR
CREATIVE
ENTERPRISES

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OCTAGON 2.0