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2011 Annual Report: Another incredible season for the arts in Lemhi County

Thank you to all our members, sponsors, major donors and dedicated volunteers for making 2011 a great year for the Salmon Arts Council. Through your generous support, the Salmon Arts Council continues to provide unmatched experiences in the arts and humanities in Lemhi County.

Please take a moment to review the highlights of last year's achievements. These successes were made possible through the support from each and every one of our volunteers, members, sponsors and grantors. Thank you!

Mary Cerise



COMMUNITY ARTS PROGRAMS

- Annual Student Art Show
- (3) Art in the Parks
- Annual Quilt Show
- 24th Annual Salmon Valley Art Show
- Lemhi Valley Artist Studio Tour!
- Annual Salmon Valley Photography Show

EVENTS

- Leslie Anderson Art Show
- Spencer Myer, concert pianist
- Night Calver's Ball featuring Little Jane and the Pistol Whips
- Polynesian Dance Group
- Red Chamber
- 6th Annual Sponsor's Sneak Preview Gala
- Opera! Raquela Sheeran & Efi Hackmey
- iVolunteer Appreciation Concert
- Salmon River Days Concert
- 7th Annual Blues, Brews, and BBQ
- Heritage Days Concert
- Montana Shakespeare in the Park - Much Ado About Nothing
- Petronel Malan
- Missoula Children's Theatre - King Arthur's Quest
- Art Auction and Wine Tasting 2011
- The Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre

ARTS ACADEMY

- Adobe Lightroom Workshop with David Marx
- Red Chamber – Student outreach program
- Polynesian Dancers – Student outreach program
- Silk Dye Workshop with Textile Artist, Deb Gelet
- Art Day in the Schools, an all-day, hands-on program
- Wreath Making Class with Karen Gallogly
- Petronel Malan in the Schools – master classes and outreach
- Dance Classes for the Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre
- Shakespeareance - Shakespeare for a New Generation
- Douglas Taylor's Successful Artists Workshop

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- Salmon Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Salmon Select Sale
- The Mahoney House
- River Discovery
- Salmon Hockey Association
- Nancy M. Cumming Research, Extension and Education Center

By the numbers: *The Salmon Arts Council's impact on Arts Education in the lives of our local youth*

Art in the Park (3 times this summer!): Over **200** children/youth participated in this fun and creative FREE summer event!

Missoula Children's Theatre: 30 children/youth participated in the final performance - 25 in school outreach participation, for a total of **55** students in this great event that has been coming to Salmon for over 30 years.

Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre: **25** young dancers participated in master classes offered by the internationally renowned instructors, not to mention the scores of young dancers from Backstage Dance that really showed their stuff at the performance.

Student Art Show: Approximately **400** students grades k-12 showed off their talent at the City Center this Spring

School Art Day: Over **450** students participated in this all-day, hands-on workshop with local artists teaching fun and unique art techniques and projects!

Shakespeareance: **200** students from the middle and high school attended the performance and another **50** students participated in the workshop following the show. This program, funded entirely by the Salmon Arts Council, has been helping kids become familiar with Shakespeare for many years now.

Petronel Malan: With her riveting stage presence and masterful artistry, Malan astounded over **250** students at the Salmon High School as well as the Upper Carmen Charter school with master classes, discussion and a performance.

Polynesian Dancers: Not only did the dancers, drummers and singers perform to over **800** students in grades K-12 for an hour but they really got the kids REVVED up! It was such a fun show and then people from the performance group went into classrooms and visited with students, many sat down and ate lunch together following the show and we had a sold-out performance that night, too! It was culturally and artistically saturating.

Red Chamber: This group of fine ladies, direct from China awed the over **800** students in grades K-12 that watched as the four women played ancient Chinese instruments with such fierce perfection and precision, alternating between traditional Chinese Ballads to American Bluegrass. Red Chamber shared history, stories and a great appreciation for this incredible culture and music, engaging the students on many levels.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



It's happened again! One year finished, and a new one beginning.

This past season has been incredible for so many reasons. Our programming has been better than ever, with the Rocky Mountain Ballet Theatre, Red

Chamber, Petronel Malan, Grady Champion and many other talented and wonderful artists. These groups have brought culture, music and the arts to Salmon youth and adults alike.

Looking back the numbers are astounding. In one year we served over 3,000 students and youth in our Arts Academy and outreach programs. The sheer volume of programming is hard to believe, although my board members, amazing volunteers (and my husband) could surely vouch for how busy we've been in 2011.

We're looking forward to some exciting changes in 2012. Our new office administrator will be taking over the Arts Academy program. Teresa Shipley hopes to institute new and creatively designed classes that will pull in more community members than ever, including fly tying, cooking and literary programs.

But perhaps the biggest change that's coming up is that I've decided to resign from the Arts Council as Executive Director. I believe it's time to hand the reins to someone with fresh ideas and allow myself time to focus on my two biggest passions: my family and the ranch.

The reason I've announced my departure so early (really, I am not leaving until June 2012) is so that we can be as successful as possible with our transition to a new director. I still plan to volunteer and be the Arts Council's biggest cheerleader.

When I look back at where the Salmon Arts Council was several years ago, I am amazed and proud at how we managed to work through the myriad transitions, climb over roadblocks and eventually sail into a new vision and mission that has brought such world-class events, art and opportunities to the Lemhi Valley.

All that forward movement would not have been possible without the constant support of our members, volunteers, sponsors and of course our wonderful board members that are currently serving and those who have left their mark on the SAC board. You all have made working here such a joy...

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Ignite

your inner rhythms with H'Sao on Tuesday, January 24



Get in touch with ancient rhythms with H'Sao at the Salmon Elks Hall at 7:00 pm on January 24.

The band's foot tapping, hip swaying music is drawn from gospel, traditional

African songs and their own Chadian roots. H'Sao displays clear soul, pop, and R&B influences.

All the members of this Montreal afro-pop group are singer-songwriters,

and elements of their various influences are smoothly blended with African rhythms to create fresh songs in a unique style. Masterful a cappella singing sets them apart on the vast soundscape of world music.

H'sao's journey began in their native Chad. Initially, the group was made up of the Rintobaye brothers and sister: Caleb, Mossbass, Taroum, and Israel. Their father dubbed them Hirondele ('swallow') in honor of the birds that are always searching for higher ground. In fact, the siblings first sang in the church where their father was the pastor.

The quartet's first performance outside of church was in 1994, when they took part in the "Fête de la Musique", a presentation of the Centre Culturel Français (French cultural center) in N'Djamena. This was the beginning of a long string of shows and the beginning of a loyal fan base.

In 1995, Charles and Service Ledjebgue joined the band and with their arrival, the group took on a new name: H'sao—H for hirondele and Sao in honor of their Chadian ancestors.

The band has been nominated several times for a Band of the Year SOBA (Sound of Blackness Award). In the past year alone, the band has performed in South America, Australia, Europe, Canada and America. This group will also be performing a cultural and musical program for local K-12 school youth, reaching about 900 students. Tickets are \$12 for members and \$15 for the general public.

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Upcoming Events

January 24:
H'Sao
Salmon Elks Lodge,
7:00 pm

February 8:
The Good Lovelies
Salmon Elks Lodge,
7:00 pm

April 19:
Los Pinguos
Salmon Elks Lodge,
7:00 pm

Los Pinguos: Internationally- acclaimed South American musicians to play April 19

Los Pinguos is sure to warm up a cool Salmon evening when they arrive this spring, April 19, at the Salmon Elks Hall at 7:00 pm.

The group mixes Latin rhythms performed with Spanish guitars, a Cuban tres, Peruvian box drum, bass and harmonizing vocals. Vivacious and infectious, the sound of Los Pinguos has claimed fans worldwide.

The story began in 1999 when Adrián Buono, José Agote, Juan Manzur and Juan Manuel Leguizamón (later joined by bassist Santiago Lee) formed the band to play throughout Buenos Aires, Argentina. Their exciting, passionate live shows garnered a devoted fan base, inspiring the talented ensemble to pursue global attention.

So they packed their bags and headed north to the Californian shores. While performing, they were spotted by a talent scout who urged them to audition for a new television show, "The Next Big Star", hosted and produced by Ed McMahon of "Star Search" fame. In spite of fierce competition from more seasoned groups, and being the only Latin band to perform, Los Pinguos won the audience vote and rightly claimed the



Grand Prize.

Since then, they have recorded five new albums. They also appeared at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival with female songstress Suzanne Vega. The band also participated in the award-winning documentary on street musicians entitled "Playing For Change."

Tickets for this event are \$10 for members and \$12 for the general public. Los Pinguos will also be performing a cultural and musical program for local K-12 school youth, reaching about 900 students.

The Salmon Arts Council's Arts Academy is proud to host Latin dance classes the week prior to the Los Pinguos show so everyone can enjoy the full benefit of this amazing group. Please stay tuned for further information.

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A sweet, sassy trio to light up your February

Funny and upbeat, with a pinch of sass, this trio of ladies display everything that is good and lovely about folk music. Join them on February 8 at the Salmon Elks Hall at 7:00 pm.

Their three-part harmonies, constant instrument swapping and witty on-stage banter have enlivened the folk music scene since 2006. Lighthearted songwriting and irresistibly buoyant dispositions have made them the darlings of the summer festival circuit, including spots at the storied Mariposa and Hillside festivals and the Montreal Jazz Festival.

It's a mystery how the Good Lovelies (Caroline Brooks, Kerri Ough and Sue Passmore) got together... Whatever the story may be, the ladies immediately realized they had something special, so they hit the road on a mission to charm Canadian audiences coast to coast.

This group will be performing Master Classes at the Salmon high school as well as other outreach in addition to the public concert. Tickets for the concert are \$10 for members and \$15 for the general public.

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UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AT THE:

PURPLE EASEL GALLERY

January 21:
Watercolor Workshop
with Mary O'Brien,
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Date TBD:
Sculpture Workshop
with Norma Tapscott,
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

February 11:
Make Your Own Paint
with Kathleen Brown,
10:00 am - 4:00 pm

March 26-30:
Tony Couch Watercolor Workshop:
Internationally Acclaimed Instructor/
Artist

For more info, contact the gallery at
208-756-8839

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT: Salmon's Book Club

Let's Talk About It (LTAI), developed by the American Library Association Program, is different than a traditional book discussion program because it brings together humanities scholars and adult readers in public libraries to read and discuss fine literature exploring American values, history and culture.

LTAI programs are held mainly in rural communities where program participants can expand their reading interests, meet new people and explore important cultural issues in the context of their own lives and the lives of others. Program speakers are educators or experts in various humanities fields who enjoy meeting avid readers and gain experience and perspective on literature that enriches their teaching and research.

Participating libraries host a series of five programs, each featuring a book related to the series theme and that participants have read prior to the program. At each program, a guest speaker presents information on the book and author as it relates to the theme. Following the presentation, participants engage in discussion.

Salmon LTAI Reading & Discussion Series 2012 Schedule:

- Theme: Other Americas
- Jan. 12 - Bless Me Ultima, by Rudolfo Anaya, with Speaker Glenn Selander
 - Jan. 26 - Woman Hollering Creek, by Sandra Cisneros, with Speaker Dan Hunt
 - Feb. 23 - Invisible Man, by Ralph Ellison with Speaker Laura Zuckerman
 - Mar. 15 - Love Medicine, by Louise Erdrich, with Speaker Jennifer Davidson
 - Mar. 29 - Ceremony, by Leslie Marmon Silko, with Speaker Ron McFarland

Thank you so much to the generous sponsors who make this program possible:
Idaho Humanities Council, with generous support from US Bankcorp.



Latin Dance Classes!

Keep your eyes open for our upcoming Latin Dance Classes through our Arts Academy prior to the Los Pinguos concert!

Lights, Camera, Action!

Special thanks to Dale Ford (lighting technician extraordinaire!) for always keeping our shows the "bright spot" in town. And to Todd Nelson...Where would we be without you? From computers to sound checks we are still going strong thanks to all of your expertise!

Thank you Meri...

Congratulations to Meri Galvan! We sure appreciated having your expertise at the Salmon Arts Council but are thrilled to see what you are doing with students as the new middle and high school art teacher!

Happy New Year!

Wishing all of our members a prosperous and happy new year. We appreciate your support and look forward to a fabulous 2012.

Close up: People's Choice Winners Announced in Annual Photo Show

The Salmon Arts Council collected more than 200 votes for 52 submissions. The subjects ranged from close studies of nature to sweeping panoramas of nearby mountains and intimate portraits of locals. Several photographers submitted works shot internationally, lending an exotic feel to the show. A variety of printing and framing techniques highlighted the outstanding talent of Salmon's resident photographers.

The winners are in the Professional Category:
1st Place: "First Snow" by Royce Danner
2nd Place: "Howdy Ma'am" by Howard Carroll
3rd Place: "Redundancy" by Richard Overcast

The winners in the Amateur Category:
1st Place: "Fall on Agency Creek" by Joey Foote
2nd Place: "Wintering on Kid's Creek" by Helen Carpenter
3rd Place: "Geese at Sunset" by Joey Foote

We're gearing up for next year's competition to be bigger and better than ever. We expect to have several student submissions thanks to upcoming Arts Academy programming that will focus on teaching photography to youth. Be sure to stay tuned!

The Salmon Arts Council welcomes two new board members

The Arts Council is very excited to welcome two exceptionally talented individuals to its Board of Directors: Howard Carroll and Lynn Federspiel-Young. Both work at least part time as artists in addition to possessing many other wonderful talents.

You might call **Howard Carroll** a "jack of all trades." At first blush, this semi-retiree's career path appears disconnected, but in truth it illuminates harmonious blending of Howard's multi-talented and diverse skill set.

Howard got his bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management, but that didn't stop him from first trying

to make his living riding bareback horses and bulls. Eventually, Howard says he decided to become more responsible, and began working for

Idaho Fish and Game for nearly a quarter century. This experience groomed him to work with the public, especially when it came to helping the community embrace new and positive ideas.

Just before Howard retired in 1989, he earned his Master's degree in counseling. He continues to work part-time as both a therapist and a forensics expert for



the court system.

Howard is increasingly becoming known for his beautiful photography, a pursuit he calls his "third career." One of his pieces, titled "Howdy Ma'am," recently won 2nd Place in the People's Choice Awards at the annual Salmon Valley Photography Show.

When asked why he wanted to join the Arts Council, Howard quoted a Dec. 20th article in the Huffington Post by Mary Boone, titled "Why Art Matters:"

"Looking at art, we reconnect with our inner spirit, a spirit that is rich in thoughts, feelings and dreams, a spirit that can't be bankrupt, no matter what is happening in the financial markets."

Howard says he hopes the Arts Council can branch out to include more literary discussions, including perhaps printing its own anthology of poetry and short stories. Welcome, Howard!

Lynn Federspiel-Young brings a wealth of artistic talent to the Arts Council. She's lived in Salmon off and on for almost a decade and now lives here full time.

Before moving to Salmon full time two years ago, Lynn and her husband also resided in Utah, where they ran a construction business. She was heavily involved as a volunteer in the 2002 Utah Olympics, where she got to put her

love of skiing to good use. She was also the first voting female board member of her town's water board (which was established in 1939).

Lynn describes Salmon as a "little gold mine," full of creative people with wonderful talents to offer. She says that's one reason why promoting

the arts is so important and why she joined the Arts Council. Lynn says she believes everyone in the community deserves to experience all the arts have to offer.

She says she saw the Arts Council as a neat place to devote some energy and start getting more involved in the Salmon community, partly because it's a devoted group full of talented individuals. Lynn says she'd like to see the Arts Council participate in even more community partnerships, such as the one that took place this January with the Salmon Valley Stewardship to bring the Wild and Scenic Film Festival to town.

In her own life, Lynn is a watercolor painter and mixed media artist. You can see some of her work on display at the Purple Easel Gallery. Lynn also volunteers at Rags & Wags. Welcome, Lynn!



New office administrator brings her talents to the Arts Council

We're thrilled to welcome Teresa Shipley as our newest Office Administrator. Teresa began working for the Arts Council in November 2011, and has jumped in with both feet - whipping the office in to shape, helping with bookkeeping, and coordinating several holiday events. Teresa will also be leading the Art Council's popular Arts Academy program. If you've got ideas for fun community classes, she'd love to hear them!

Originally from Missouri, Teresa came out West in 2005 and eventually settled in Boise, where she worked as an office administrator for a conservation-based non-profit and freelanced for a variety of publications. She returned to graduate school in Missouri in 2009 to

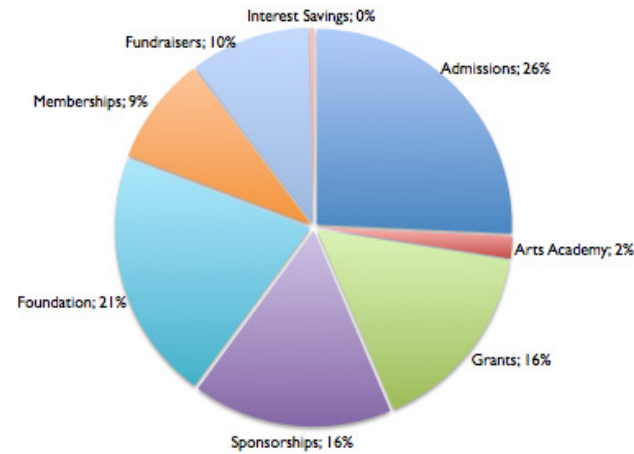
brush up on her journalism skills, eventually landing a job at Wisconsin Public Radio in Madison. She says she's still trying to figure out how to be a radio reporter in Salmon.

Teresa is also a singer, painter and accomplished maker of handmade cards. "There's nothing like the arts to inspire individuality while simultaneously blending different personalities and styles together to paint a cohesive and beautiful picture," she says. "I'm thrilled to be working with the Arts Council in such a tight-knit and caring community, and can't wait to see how we can grow."

You can contact Teresa (a.k.a. "Tess") at: 756-2987, or salmonartscouncil@gmail.com

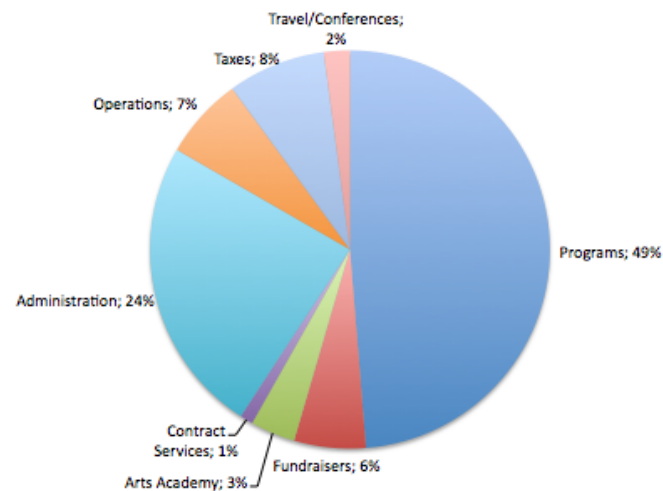
INCOME 2011

Admissions	\$26,379.00
Arts Academy	\$1,845.00
Grants	\$16,446.56
Sponsorships	\$16,945.00
Foundation	\$21,200.00
Memberships	\$9,200.00
Fundraisers	\$10,149.31
Interest Savings	\$368.59
Gross Income	\$102,533.46
Total Income	\$102,533.46



EXPENSE 2011

Programs	\$47,862.45
Fundraisers	\$5,685.43
Arts Academy	\$3,563.49
Contract Services	\$1,039.99
Administration	\$23,716.22
Operations	\$6,513.27
Taxes	\$7,780.07
Travel/Conferences	\$2,062.22
Total Expense	\$98,083.62
Net Income	\$3,174.04



Grants Received in 2011

- Idaho Commission on the Arts
- Idaho Community Foundation
- Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF)
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- **Events Card** - A convenient listing of our current season events is mailed to all new and renewing members and provided to local Chamber of Commerce visitors. Look for our newly designed card this winter featuring an exciting line-up of events!
- **SAC Brochure** - Our brochure has become a signature outreach tool for the community and new residents moving into the Salmon area.
- **Database** - Our membership database is highly effective and a great tool to manage our most valuable assets - our membership and volunteer files.
- **Arts Academy** - In 2010, SAC successfully held many classes and programs through the Arts Academy, serving our community through hands-on experiences in the arts! Look forward to many more exciting workshops go participate in the future.

“ The Salmon Arts Council fosters the growth, awareness and appreciation of the arts and humanities in Lemhi County. ”