

Young Audiences Arts for Learning









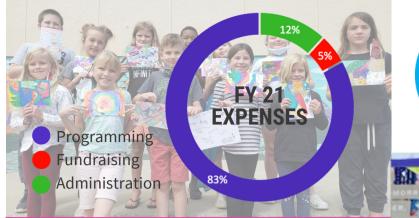
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## Over 11,200 individuals served

- Over 8,000 youth served
- Over 500 teachers supported
- 1,400 older adults served through Creative Aging programs
  - Over 900 virtual participants of **Teaching Artist TV**
- Nearly 200 unique workshops, longterm residencies, and performances
- Majority of programs serving communities in need



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POWER

don't ask for change, I engineer it.

MAXIMIZE, DON'T MINIMIZE ME. (Change

OWN YOUR VOICE

I am Erica Joy Baker. Your World





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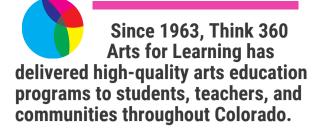
Current and former Board Members who made a gift to help us emerge strong from the pandemic and to support programs for our communities in the coming year:

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#### **CREATIVE AGING**

Think 360 Arts' Creative Aging program connects professional teaching artists with partner organizations that serve older adults to provide quality arts programming and encourage participants to engage creatively and age healthily. Through partnerships with organizations such as public libraries, Denver Housing Authority, The Center on Colfax. The Senior Hub. and other older adult-focused organizations that serve historically under-resourced communities, Think 360 Arts served roughly 1,400 older adults this year. Participants interviewed about the Creative Aging program spoke of being inspired or making plans for future creative endeavors, described positive feelings experienced during the workshop, and drew connections between the workshop experience and their personal lives during the COVID-19 pandemic. These programs have been made possible by NextFifty Initiative, Caring for Denver, and SCFD.





In the last year, arts education has provided a crucial connection for communities, helping individuals cope with isolation. Think 360 Arts has adapted to the evolving needs of the community, creating both accessible, digital content and in person programs for the people we serve.

During the 2020-2021 fiscal year, Think 360 Arts collaborated with schools and communities across the state of Colorado, working with our professional artists to create custom programs including:

- Live, virtual Workshops, Residencies, & Performances
  Artist-made videos through Teaching Artist TV
- Live Parking Lot Performances
   Specialized art kits for at-home creativity
   Virtual Teacher Professional Development
   Training and coaching for Think 360 Teaching Artists

We strive to maintain quality experiences and create vital social connections through the arts that are accessible to the diverse communities we serve, regardless of how we deliver programs. Learn more about our 2020-2021 endeavors here!

### Learn more at think360arts.org

### GREATER DENVER WOLF TRAP

In Spring 2020, Think 360 Arts launched Greater Denver Wolf Trap, and became an affiliate of Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts. Wolf Trap Institute, a program of Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, partners with early childhood educators to use the performing arts as a teaching strategy to engage children in active learning across curricula. Pilot residencies of Greater Denver Wolf Trap in Spring 2021 very successfully brought together local teaching artists, classroom teachers, and preschool students to provide high-quality professional development in arts integration and joyful schoolbased arts experiences to 14 classrooms and approximately 191 children. The students grew their understanding of language and explored selfmanagement through the residencies, and at the same time 91% of Teachers identified new arts strategies to continue in their classrooms postresidency. This new affiliation is made possible by the generous support of the PNC Foundation through its \$500 million bilingual early childhood education initiative with free resources for parents, caregivers and teachers: PNC Grow Up Great, and individual donor support through Constellation Philanthropies.

Think 360 is an excellent organization that makes a huge difference in providing art education. Your impact is great as it allows us to go beyond our walls of our school to introduce students to professionals that they would not have the opportunity to meet otherwise.

#### SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

Think 360 Arts and the Colorado Department of Education Standards and Instructional Support Team joined together to develop the Social Emotional Learning through the Arts Virtual Symposium. The symposium involved theoretical and practical approaches to incorporating the arts in meeting students' social and emotional needs during the pandemic. It was designed to share ideas about developing an understanding of SEL, identifying ways educators are currently using SEL, and how educators can make SEL an embedded part of their teaching practice in the arts. This program served 65 teachers in fall 2020, and an additional 40 in spring 2021, and offered exciting presentations by an array of amazing teaching artists and a variety of engaging approaches to arts and SEL. Artists included: Jennifer Johnson-Lowe, Kristina Maldonado Bad Hand, Eileen Roscina, Lainie Hodges, and Queenz of Hip-Hop. This symposium was available free of charge to educators through generous funding by Colorado Creative Industries (CCI).

