ARTS CULTURE CATAWBA

2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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Arts Culture Catawba promotes, nurtures, and funds excellence in individuals and organizations who provide creative experiences that enrich the lives of residents and visitors of Catawba County.

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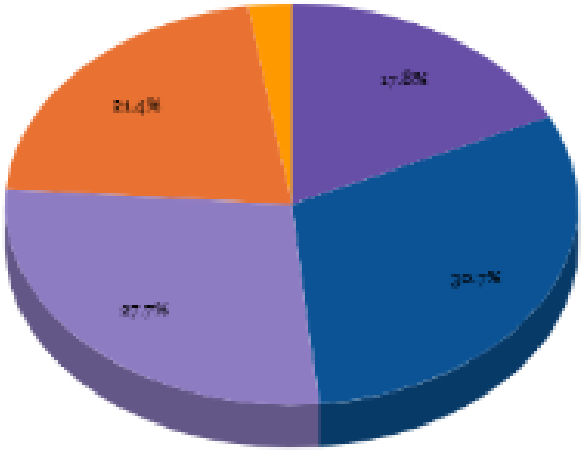
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2025-2026 in Numbers

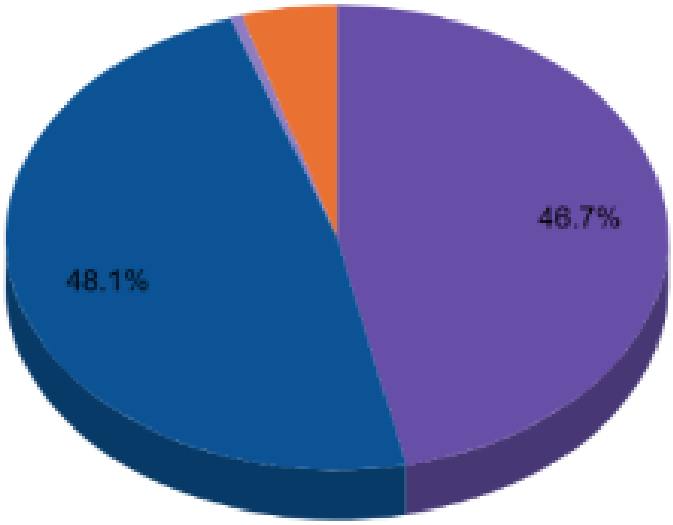
REVENUE



- Grants (17.8%)
- Local Government (30.7%)
- Fundraising (27.7%)
- United Arts Fund Campaign (21.4%)
- Miscellaneous (2.5%)

EXPENSES

- Grants Awarded (Incl Allocations) (46.7%)
- Operations and Programs (48.1%)
- Marketing (.6%)
- Fundraising (4.6%)



CULTURE FORWARD: LAUNCHING CATAWBA 365

CATAWBA 365

POWERED BY ARTS CULTURE CATAWBA

Since October 1st...

75 Organizations

45 Venues

150 Artist profiles

4 ART WALL EXHIBITIONS | 5 FEATURED ARTISTS

- Maria Register
- Kim Bost
- Joyce Vukela-Mayer
- Stacey Pilkington Smith | Audrey Sherrill

2 MAKERS MIXERS

- Local Musician Meet-up
- SALT Block Foundation Friends

ADVOCACY: POSITIVE COMMENTS CAMPAIGN
6 SPEAKERS | 4 MEETINGS



Catawba County Schools



Hickory Public Schools



City of Hickory

The Advocacy Task Force coordinated a Positive Comments Campaign in which community members delivered positive stories about the impact of the arts at local government meetings throughout Catawba County. The campaign placed authentic community voices in front of elected officials across multiple municipalities, building visibility and goodwill for arts and culture at the local government level.

6 speakers spoke at 4 different meetings to elected officials of Catawba County Schools, Hickory Public Schools and the City of Hickory.

FISCAL AGENT SPONSORSHIP

HMONG HERITAGE RUN 5K

Net Funds Raised:

$6,590

Runners

208

Volunteers:

49

TXHAWB HMOOB FOUNDATION

Achieved 501c3 status

2025-2026

Total Volunteer Hours:

823

Value of Volunteer Hours:

$29,743.22



Total Grants Awarded in 2025-2026

$338,015



2025 United Arts Fund Allocations

$189,466



United Arts Fund: Funded Affiliates

- Catawba Science Center - $27,683
- The Green Room Community Theatre - $24,649
- Hickory Choral Society - $23,486
- Hickory Community Theatre - $26,559
- Hickory Landmarks Society - $18,292
- Hickory Museum of Art - $26,540
- Historical Association of Catawba County - $18,706
- Western Piedmont Symphony - $23,551
- **Hickory Music Factory***

***Our newest Pilot Partner!**

CONGRATULATIONS!

HICKORY MUSIC FACTORY
Building Futures Through Music

2026 Edna Bost Barringer
Young Artist Award

Amelia Gscheidmeier

Winner of the 2026

Edna Bost Barringer Young Artist Award

for Performing Arts

2025-2026

ARTIST SUPPORT GRANT RECIPIENTS

Artist Support Grant Region:

Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba,
Iredell and McDowell Counties

Total Awarded:

$16,500

Ade Herbert
Capra Harris
Derick Stephenson
Francis Simeni*
Heather Savage
Lauren Cline
Margaret Jones
Maria Velez Campagna
Sarah Hawk
Suzanne McMahon
Traci Blasko*

***Catawba County Resident**



2025-2026

COMMUNITY CULTURAL FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

$9,500

to fund FREE local events

Carolina Caring

– ***The Art of Caregiving***

Catawba County Council on Aging

– Senior Social and Dance

Downtown Newton Development Association

– Foothills Folk Art Festival

Men and Women Uplifting Communities

– Kwanzaa Legacy

Southwest Community Watch

– Conover Juneteenth Festival

Town of Maiden

– Maiden Juneteenth Festival

Women's Resource Center

– Art in the Park

2025-2026

INNOVATIVE ARTISTS PROJECT GRANT RECIPIENTS

Total Awarded:

$8,550

Bunny Eaton

Sally Fanjoy and James Labrenz

Brandon Pope

2025-2026

PROJECTS POOL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Total Awarded:

$106,328

Appalachian State University

Catawba County Senior Nutrition Services

Catawba Science Center

Catawba County Schools

City of Hickory

Footcandle Film Society

Hart Square Foundation, Inc.

Hickory Ballet & Performing Arts

Hickory Choral Society

Hickory Community Theatre

Hickory Museum of Art

Hickory Music Factory

Lenoir-Rhyne University

The Green Room Community Theatre

Western Piedmont Symphony

2025-2026

ARTS EDUCATION TEACHER GRANT RECIPIENTS

Total Awarded:

$5,500

Alexis Barber

Andy Escamilla

Erin Roper

Joyce Yang

Katie Tharpe

Lori Deal-Flynn

Molly Rice

Robbin Isenhour-Stewart

Samuel McCracken

Sara Echerd

Tina Kuba



2025-2026

STAFF AND BOARD DEVELOPMENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

Total Awarded:

$1,171

Catawba Science Center

Hickory Choral Society

Hickory Landmarks Society

Volunteers of the Year

Anita Doran & Andrew Straw



Past Volunteer(s) of the Year Winners

Thomas L. Cilley
H. D. Althouse
L. C. Gifford
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Robin F. Gatwood
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Margery S. Owsley
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Samuel H. Isenhower
David & Rae Hunsucker

Mildred C. Shuford
Charles M. Snipes
Becky Hart
Catherine Norris
Sandra & George Clay
Phyllis Whyland
Loudella Francis
Don Coleman
Marie Alix Geisler
Dr. & Mrs. Allen Huffman
Eileen Leach
Kenneth & Suzanne Millholland
Anne & Hugh Boyer
Brenda Cline
Martha Salwen
Nancy & David Zagaroli

Barbara Dugan
Mary Elizabeth Geitner
Al Bandy, Jr.
Betty Lohr
Steve Austin & Jeff Mingus
Don Norwood
Hani Nassar
Landon Lane
Janet Matthews
Molly Bass
Sally Fanjoy & James Labrenz
David Millholland
Annarria Moose & Katharyn Portwood
Bonita & Vince Ferretti
Kathleen & Hamp Shuford