



# ANNUAL REPORT 2018–19





## RICHMOND ART CENTER HISTORY

The Richmond Art Center originated in 1936 when local artist Hazel Salmi, who worked for the federal Works Progress Administration (WPA), walked the streets of Richmond with a suitcase of art supplies, eager to teach art to anyone interested. WPA employed millions of people to help the economy recover from the great depression. Federal Project Number One employed musicians, artists, writers, actors, and directors in large art, drama, media, and literacy projects.

From 1942–1951 Richmond Art Center occupied the upper floor of a two-story building on Ninth Street and MacDonald. A small, flat-façade Victorian, the building was well-equipped with standing looms, ceramic studio with kilns, mosaic construction, metal and woodworking equipment.

In 1944 the Richmond Art Center was incorporated into the city of Richmond's plans for the Civic Center Plaza. Opened in 1951, the new city complex provided the art center with expanded space for studios and exhibitions. Berkeley City Planning expert Mel Scott described Richmond Art Center as "probably the Bay Area's most famous example of an alliance between a recreation department and a non-profit corporation."

Over the past decade, RAC entered an era of curating notable and emerging artists with in-depth exhibitions of artwork by Joan Brown, Squeak Carnwath, Lia Cook, Stephen De Staebler, Richard Diebenkorn, Mildred Howard, Hung Liu, Deborah Oropallo, David Park, Johanna Poethig, Jos Sances, Richard Shaw, William T. Wiley, and Wanxin Zhang, to mention a few.

In 2013 RAC launched its new outreach program into the Richmond community via our Art in the Community program, taking the arts to public schools and community organizations and reaching approximately 1,800 youth in 2018–19.

## STUDIO ART PROGRAM

The Studio Art Program offered 60 classes and workshops in ceramics, drawing and painting, fiber arts, printmaking, metal smiting, mixed media, and digital arts, to over 550 youth and 650 adults each quarter in 2018–19. This year class attendance increased 15%. We expanded our studio offerings to include glass and lapidary arts, and repurposed one of rooms into work and prep space for teachers and an optional studio space.

For the second year in a row our award-winning summer camp program surpassed previous year's attendance with 510 youth participating in eight, one-week camp sessions.



Richmond Art Center provided 135 youth and adults with full scholarships to attend classes and workshops.

The caliber and reputation of our 60 teaching artists and the quality of the hands-on learning experiences, all contribute to a vibrant art community with students and members of all ages engaged in making art.

## EXHIBITION PROGRAM

The 2018–19 Exhibition Program saw a significant increase in attendance and regional visibility through word of mouth advertising. The featured exhibitions *Califas: Art of U.S./ Mexico Borderland* (fall 2018), *23rd Annual Art of Living Black* (winter 2019), *Here is the Sea*, (spring 2019) all drew very large audiences for the duration of each exhibition. The *53rd Annual WCCUSD Student Art Show* and the Annual Members Show, solo exhibitions of Lia Cook and Louise Stanley, all complimented the three Main Gallery exhibitions and drew new viewers who also attended artist talks and exhibit walkthroughs. Attendance at art exhibition programs increased 15% attracting nearly 20,000 visitors from throughout the Bay Area and California. Admission to the exhibits and public programs is free for all.



This year the Exhibition Program partnered with RYSE, Latina Center, the Sewing Academy of Social Justice, Richmond Senior Center, Art of the Living Black, Contra Costa County Arts Commission, NIAD, Richmond Rotary Club, and WCCUSD. Guest curators included Michael Dear, Ron Rael, and Inez Brooks-Myers.

## ART IN THE COMMUNITY

The AIC program brings art education to ten public schools and nine community organizations in Richmond. In collaboration with West Contra Costa County School District, we conducted after school programs in two high schools, one middle school, and seven elementary schools. We provide visual arts experiences to underserved communities at schools with little or no art programming. Additionally, AIC offers classes and workshops at community sites including Richmond Library, Latina Center, Rosie's Girls, Atchison Village, and Nevin, Shields Reid, and Booker T. Anderson Community Centers. Last year the AIC program served nearly 1,800 students. This year, eight high school students from the AIC program became the first team of high school interns to assist in the summer camp program. In addition, AIC provided professional development workshops to 40 elementary teachers to integrate art into their lesson plans.



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## NURTURING YOUNG ARTISTS IN THE COMMUNITY

10  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SITES

750  
STUDENTS SERVED

9  
COMMUNITY SITES

980  
STUDENTS SERVED

8  
YOUTH INTERNSHIPS

51  
SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS

510  
SUMMER CAMP STUDENTS

420  
YOUTH IN ART EXHIBITIONS



## SUPPORTING ADULT ARTISTS IN THE COMMUNITY

2110  
STUDENTS TAKING CLASSES/WORKSHOPS

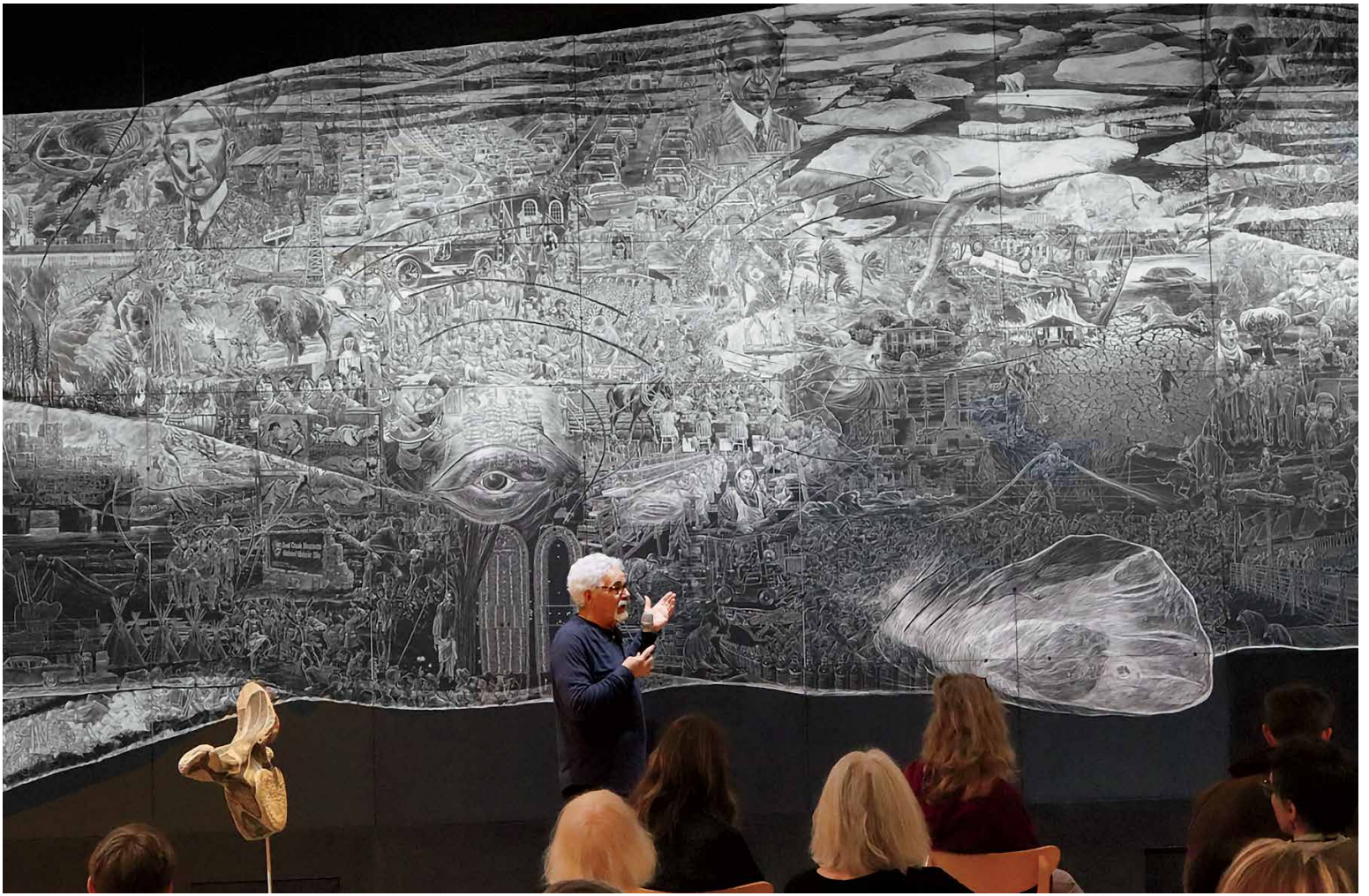
235  
CLASSES/WORKSHOPS OFFERED

295  
ARTISTS EXHIBITING

12  
EXHIBITS

19,500  
GALLERY ATTENDANCE AND RELATED PROGRAMS





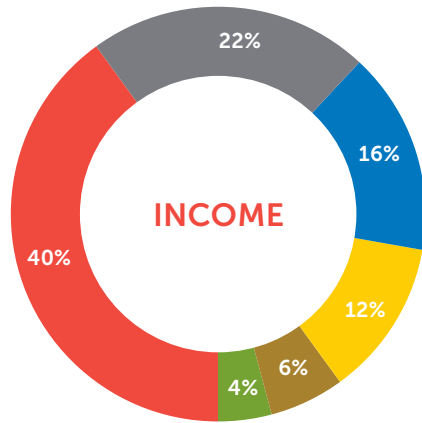
# FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2018-19

The 2018-19 fiscal year was remarkable for the Art Center thanks to generous support from the City of Richmond along with increases in foundation support and class revenue.

**TOTAL INCOME:**  
\$1,465,544

**TOTAL EXPENSE:**  
\$1,451,243

**NET INCOME:**  
\$14,301

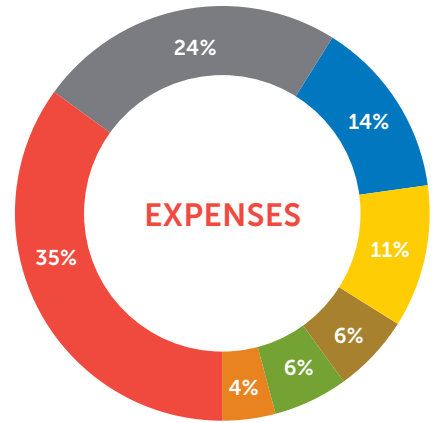


### CONTRIBUTED INCOME:

- City of Richmond **22%**
- Foundations **16%**
- Individual/Corporate Support **12%**
- Fundraising Events **6%**

### EARNED INCOME:

- Program Fees **40%**
- Membership **4%**



### EXPENSES:

- Studio Art **35%**
- Art in the Community **24%**
- Administration **14%**
- Exhibition **11%**
- Fundraising **6%**
- Facility **6%**
- Marketing **4%**