

Nurturing Creativity and Enriching Lives

Empowering Creativity and Joy through Art and Arts Education

LUX Center for the Arts Annual Report 2022-23

With unwavering commitment, LUX has continued to expand its reach and impact, providing invaluable arts education and opportunities to our community.

Arts Education: In the past year, LUX has offered nearly 400 classes and workshops, impacting the lives of approximately 3,000 children, young people, and adults. Our signature summer camps served 800 children and youth ages 5 -15, providing an immersive artistic experience.

LUX's commitment to inclusivity is exemplified by the bestowal of up to 70 scholarships annually through the Art Scholars Program, serving all Lincoln Title I schools, and our needs-based scholarship fund. No one is turned away due to lack of funds.

Our Ceramics Program has blossomed, now encompassing wheel throwing, hand building, glaze techniques, slip casting, and an expanded array of intermediate and advanced classes. Additionally, we added a gas-fired kiln for student use: the only publicly available gas fired kiln in Lincoln. To accommodate our growth, a new ceramics facility is in the planning stages on the LUX campus in the "Warehouse," to enable our Ceramics Program to meet demand.

Our commitment to diverse artistic disciplines remains resolute, with offerings including printmaking, painting in oil, acrylic, and watercolor, metalsmithing, and more, adapting to the evolving interests of our community. Furthermore, LUX is proud to introduce printmaking fellowships and partnerships with artists such as Printmaker Karen Kunc, extending the reach of our programs to Constellation Studios.

Outreach: The LUX has retooled our 14-year-old United Way outreach program to four Title 1 after-school programs. Our new approach uses small group trauma-informed mentoring to create community and provide a space where students feel they are safe, that they belong, and that they have agency within their group. Instead of 15 children with one teacher, we now have one teacher for every four students.

Fellowship Opportunities: At LUX, we believe in fostering talent at every level. Our work-exchange fellowships are available for ceramic and printmaking students, creating a nurturing environment for artists to thrive and share knowledge.

Exhibition Programs: Our dedication to highlighting art continues, with up to 30 exhibitions gracing our five galleries. These galleries include two professional artist galleries, a community gallery for local artists, a student gallery, and the LUX Print Collection.

Community Engagement: As part of our commitment to the community, LUX extends our arts education programs to four Title I schools yearly through 32, six-week outreach art classes. We collaborate with community organizations, offering bilingual classes with El Centro de las Americas, art programs with Hope Spoke, LPS' Family Literacy program, Big Brothers and Sisters, and Mourning Hope, while also providing classes to St. Elizabeth's cancer survivors group.

Artists-in-Residence (AIR) Program: Our Artists-in-Residence program continues to flourish with enriched diversity of artists. These talented individuals are provided with studio space, solo exhibitions, housing, material stipends, and teaching opportunities. They also serve as art teachers, reinforcing LUX's commitment to unparalleled instruction.

Community-Wide Arts Activities: LUX remains active in the community by organizing festivals, including the Mural Festival and Winterfest, bringing the joys of art to everyone in our community. Our bank of murals in University Place has grown to ten, featuring both local and international artists. Our murals provide a perfect backdrop for the newly formed and state approved **UNI Place Creative District**, the first creative district in Lincoln. This designation will allow LUX and its partners to bring even more arts activities to University Place – expect more murals, more music, more theatre, and more creative businesses. These efforts will revitalize and strengthen the diverse neighborhood surrounding LUX.

It has been a year of incredible growth and impact. Through educational initiatives, fellowships, exhibitions, community engagement, and a steadfast commitment to nurturing creativity, LUX continues to shine as a beacon of inspiration and artistic expression in our community.

We express our deepest gratitude to our supporters, partners, staff, and volunteers who make this possible. Together, we are creating a brighter, more colorful Lincoln through the power of art.

LUX Statistics

10,678
Total Visitors

2,833
Total Students Served

623
Outreach Students Served

359
Classes Offered

127
Sold Out Classes

25+
Exhibitions

Exhibitions of Note

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by Artie Mack

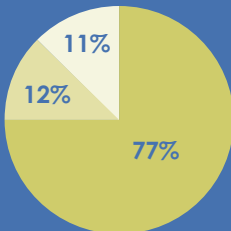
Surface Impressions
print exhibition with guest juror Sean Starwars

Gladys Lux
Retrospective
45th Anniversary show

Lavender Country
featuring Nebraska queer artists

\$935,332
Total Expenses

(Fiscal year 21/22)



Program Services: 77%
Management: 12%
Fundraising: 11%

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