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Friends of the
Strand Theatre

2018-2019

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MISSION STATEMENT

The historic Strand Theatre presents an innovative year-round program of films, live performances, and educational events that contribute to the growth of a strong artistic and cultural community in Maine. Our mission is to serve as a gathering place for enrichment in the Midcoast area and as an anchor for Rockland's vibrant downtown.



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7/7 STRAND ON THE AIR
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Dear Friends,

The Strand is becoming a regional force in the state's lively arts scene and we're excited about our expanding role. This year we welcomed over 40,000 people to the Strand. These folks attended 180 events and came from every single county in Maine. Our student engagement program is growing as are our audiences, and our member and donor rolls. And the theater's iconic marquee continues to vibrantly preside over downtown Rockland, a city that has been dubbed the Art Capital of Maine.

Many people tell me that they can't imagine life here without the Strand. One of those people was Wick Skinner. Wick was involved in the transition that the Strand made from being a family owned and for-profit business to a not-for-profit institution. He

recruited me as board chair and helped build the beginnings of the Friends of the Strand Theatre Board. He strongly believed that a community theater was essential to the beating heart of a vital downtown. Wick became one of the Strand's first major donors and continued to support the theater as his years advanced and his energy dwindled. Sadly, Wick is no longer with us. But his spirit is very much alive at the Strand. He believed in making things better and by example has inspired us to make the Strand Theatre stronger and more relevant to 21st century audiences.

So, in the spirit of this wonderful Strand supporter, I invite you to follow his example and be an ambassador for the Strand. Bring your friends, ask them to become members, ask them to bring their friends. Donate to our annual


fund. The state of the Strand is good — we've come a long way in six years. But challenges lie ahead: an aging building, high tech projection and sound systems in constant need of upgrading and the dreams we have to bring more innovative programming to you by taking some of it outside the walls of the building. Meeting those challenges will allow us to continue to provide you with the magical experience that is the core of the Strand Theatre.

It's an exciting time at the Strand but we can't do it without your support. So please be there for us and we'll be there for you!

Hope to see you at the movies!



Jo Dondis, Chair,
Friends of the Strand Theatre



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Dear Friends,

Someone recently pointed out to me that written backward, the first four letters of “Strand” spell “Arts”. Then they commented, “How appropriate!”

I’ve carried that brief conversation, and the subsequent word-play, around with me for a few weeks, considering what is meant by the term “Art,” what it means that Rockland has been referred to as the Art Capital of Maine, and the role the Strand plays in our community as a provider of the Arts.

Art seems to be a subjective and debatable term—in essence, like many things, Art is in the eye of the beholder. In my eye

“I think it’s safe to say... the Strand puts the “S” in “Arts” here in Rockland.”

I see and appreciate art in its expanded form, taken down off the wall and opened up to include movement and music, breath and a heartbeat. Within this definition the Strand has slid the art out from behind glass and into the hands of the community, to see and hear and feel for the last 96 years. Visual and Performing Arts have the power to move us and expand our perspective as individuals—as good art should—but there is also this extra special Strand piece, wherein the shared experience of it connects and bonds us to one another. Through art we are building community, and through our community—that is all of you!—we continue the work of building the Strand.

Today that work takes the form of making sure the Strand is accessible to all through our expanding education program (see pg. 14), our extensive variety

of programs and events, our growing Family Series with Pay-What-You-Can admission pricing, and our ongoing commitment to collaborations with local organizations.

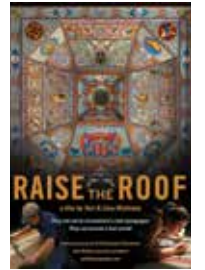
At the end of the day it doesn’t matter how you rearrange the letters, what it spells forward or backward, or how you define it; the Strand is honored to sit shoulder to shoulder with the incredible artists and art institutions that contribute to making the mid-coast such a creatively rich and colorful landscape. And, I think it’s safe to say that with its vibrant, dynamic, and wide-ranging programming, the Strand puts the “S” in “Arts” here in Rockland.

In gratitude,

Jessie Davis,
Executive Director

► It has been said by some that we are currently in the Golden Age of Documentaries. Of the 97 titles the Strand screened this year,

1/3 of them were documentaries—including our most popular film of the year, **“WON’T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR.”**

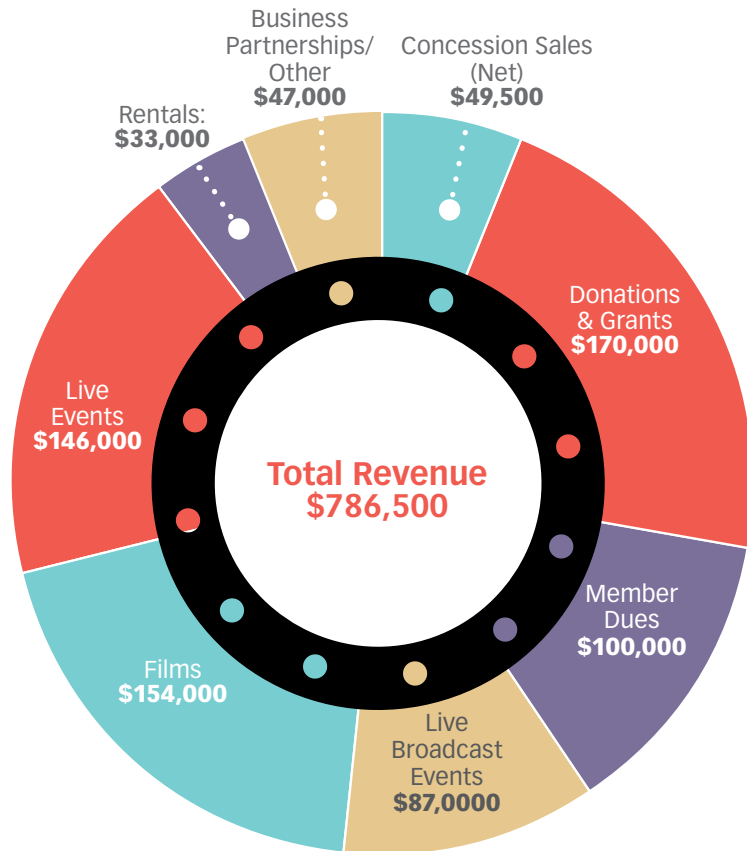


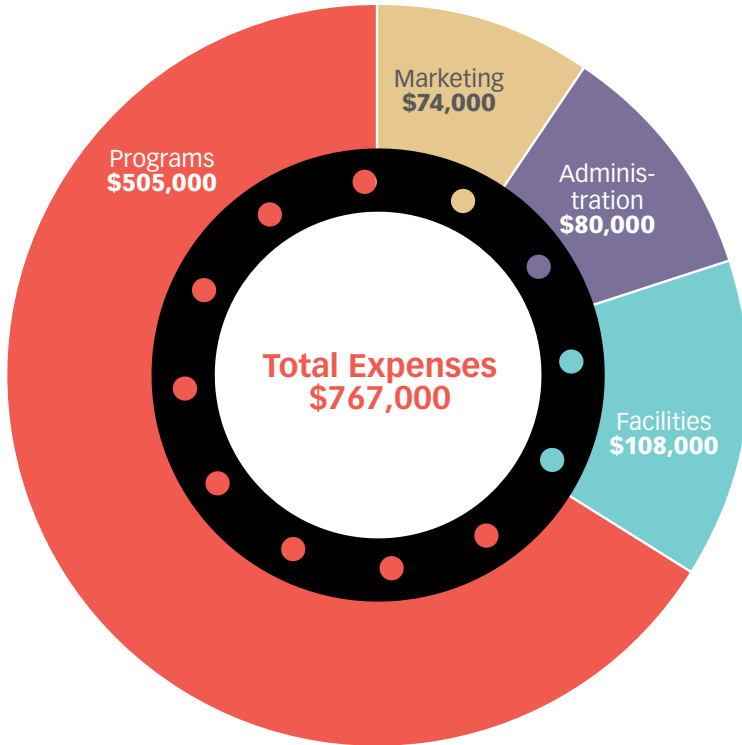


Friends of the
Strand Theatre

Annual Financial Report

Fiscal year 2019
(7/1/18–6/30/19)





Friends of the Strand Theatre's (FOST)
Total Net Income was **\$19,500**, \$15K+ ahead of
Operating Budget

Total Revenue grew **5.5%** over last year
which is primarily attributed to FOST Development
Revenue (Member Dues, Donations & Grants)
growth of **25%** over FY '18

This was the second year in a row FOST finished
in the black, ahead of their break-even budget

Fiscal Year End June 30, 2019 Balance Sheet:
Total Assets of **\$565,985** comprised of **\$214,876**
in Current Assets and **\$351,109** in Fixed Assets
(Building and Major Equipment)

FOST Capital Expenses, which are currently funded through the organization's limited Current Asset reserves, totaled \$26,153 on the year and included refinishing of the auditorium and balcony floors, new satellite antenna and receivers for MET, Bolshoi, and NT Live broadcasts, and a power supply replacement for the live event sound mixing board. While there was a surplus of \$19,500 in the Operating Budget it was not enough to cover our Capital Improvements on the year. In order to grow into a truly sustainable organization, FOST will need to build reserves to cover these planned and unplanned building and equipment capital expenditures.



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A STANDING OVATION FOR OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

July 1, 2018 –
June 30, 2019

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► **\$10,000+**
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Support the Strand Marquee PLANNED GIVING SOCIETY

The Strand Marquee recognizes the loyal and committed supporters of the Strand Theatre who have made an important commitment to its future through generous gift planning by bequest or charitable trust.

We understand that providing for your family and loved ones is often your primary concern. Once that is complete, we hope that you will consider including **The Strand** in your estate and philanthropic plans. We would love the opportunity to speak informally with you to help explore what gift planning options might best fit your situation and meet your needs.

If you have already included The Strand in your plans, please tell us by requesting and completing the simple Strand Marquee Legacy Form.

THE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE STRAND:

Become a Member
Donate to the
Strand's Annual Fund
Monthly Giving

Donation of Stock
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And, of course,
attend a show!

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The STRAND's Education Program: ENGAGED

There's nothing quite like a theater packed full of 330 students and teachers at 9am on a weekday morning. The energy in the air is electric, the room buzzing with excitement and wonder. The kids are fully engaged in the show — quick to respond with cheers and laughter and dance moves that burst forth in unstoppable waves. Whether I'm on stage performing or watching from the audience, each time I am struck by the thought that this is exactly what an audience should be — alive, engaged, and rooting for more!

As I reflect back on my first year as the Strand Education Coordinator, I'm so proud of the 16 programs and performances we offered at no charge to students and families. We took young

people on a musical journey through Africa and the Middle East, defied gravity by “Toying with Science,” and explored how to bring books to life through film. Between student matinees at the theater, in-classroom workshops, our Pay-What-You-Can Strand Family Series, film screenings and HD broadcasts, we served over 2,000 local students and community members.

I look forward to expanding our offerings to new regions with diverse and engaging programs over the next few years, and I hope to see you soon at one of our events. No matter your age, you are welcome at the Strand!

Brittany Parker,
Education Coordinator



“You're the best people in the world.”

- ELLA, *Camden-Rockport Elementary School student*

“What an amazing experience you offered to mid-coast Maine. Not only was Kattam an excellent performance and show... it was an incredible opportunity for the children to get an intimate, accessible, and high quality introduction to the sounds and sights of a very different region. He and you gave us an essential opportunity to expand and gave them a much broader world view. Thank you!”

- BECKY CLAPP,
Riley School Director

“Everything about the show was just right, the students were engaged and loved participating in the show. It was great to see how many hadn’t been there before and I’m sure it built some memories for all.”

- AMANDA PINGREE,
Union Elementary School teacher

“It made me feel amazing!”

- RHAPSODY,
South School student



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**PROGRAM
SUMMARY:
2018-2019**

16 different
programs offered

1586
students engaged

489 attendees for
our Strand Family Series
(Pay-What-You-Can: \$0-20)

16 schools
and youth
groups served



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