

WA&HC

Workers Arts and Heritage Centre

Serving to preserve, honour and promote the culture and history of all working people.

The Workers Arts and Heritage Centre acknowledges that we are guests on the traditional territories of the HuronWendat and Neutrals, and later the Haudenosaunee and Anishnaabe and governed by the Dish With One Spoon treaty.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2018



**WORKERS
ARTS AND
HERITAGE
CENTRE**



2018: A year of change

2018 has been marked by many changes at WAHC. First and foremost, we welcomed new staff in almost all positions. Daniel Hill, our new Facilities Coordinator took over for Matthew Tegel; Jordyn Perreault-Laird, in the newly created position of Outreach and Partnerships Coordinator took over for Carissa Taylor; and Tara Bursey, Program Coordinator, went on leave for a year, and Hitoko Okada is currently filling in for Tara until mid-September 2019. Orienting and onboarding a new staff team has taken considerable organizational resources, but is also an exciting time for renewal of staffing roles and new ideas.

Along with this organizational staffing change, we also continue to push towards a revitalization of our historic exhibits, which are in dire need of it! A committee to redesign our historic exhibits has been working hard and consistently through a process that takes into consideration visitor engagement and critical ideas around work, labour, colonialism and history. Look for the fruits of our labour towards the end of 2019! As an organization, WAHC has also been contending with our role in indigenous reconciliation, awareness and education, within the scope of our mandate. Many more questions have been raised than answered, but we continue our commitment to prioritizing these issues and putting them on the front burner.

And alongside all of this, we continued to deliver high quality programs: Main Gallery exhibitions featuring professional artists dealing with issues of labour, Community Gallery exhibitions that highlighted community arts work, children's programs and the Youth Council, and everything in between!

To do all of this, we are grateful to receive phenomenal support from the labour community and public funders. We extend a heartfelt thanks to all our supporters, funding agencies, friends and allies, because without you, WAHC would be a much lesser version of itself.

In solidarity,
 Florencia Berinstein
 Executive Director

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Florencia Berinstein, *Executive Director*
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Highlights of 2018



Children's Programs

This year, we coordinated a full roster of children's programs that included March Break and PA Day camps, as well as drop-in weekend family programming.

Through the Helen Kirkpatrick Fund administered by the Hamilton Community Foundation we were able to offer school visits programs to 5 neighbourhood schools free of charge! Not only do students learn about social issues related to work and labour history but they also get to work with an artist on a group activity.

Main Gallery Exhibitions

Our Main Gallery exhibitions this year dealt with a myriad of experiences and issues faced by workers. *BALIKBAYAN* by Kwentong Bayan Collective told about the history of the Live-In Caregiver Program; *Daily Bread* by Teresa Ascencao looked at the contributions of Portuguese-Canadian immigrant workers in Hamilton and Toronto; and *Punching the Clock: Working to Wrestle in Hamilton* curated by Tara Bursey featuring the work of Dave Kuruc explored Hamilton's working class history of wrestling in.



Black History Month, IWD, May Day, Pride, Labour Day!

As we do every year, in 2018 we celebrated important calendar dates, and organized programming events to mark them. For example, for IWD we coordinated *Women at Work*, a night of storytelling featuring the women of the Hamilton Seven Storytellers; for May Day we screened a movie and heard some spoken word poetry by Mohammed Ali. We are honoured to coordinate all these programs in partnership with the Hamilton and District Labour Council.

3600

TOTAL VISITORS

22 SCHOOL VISITS

& CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES

ATTENDED BY **416** KIDS

17

AUXILIARY PROGRAMMES

ATTENDED BY 512 PEOPLE

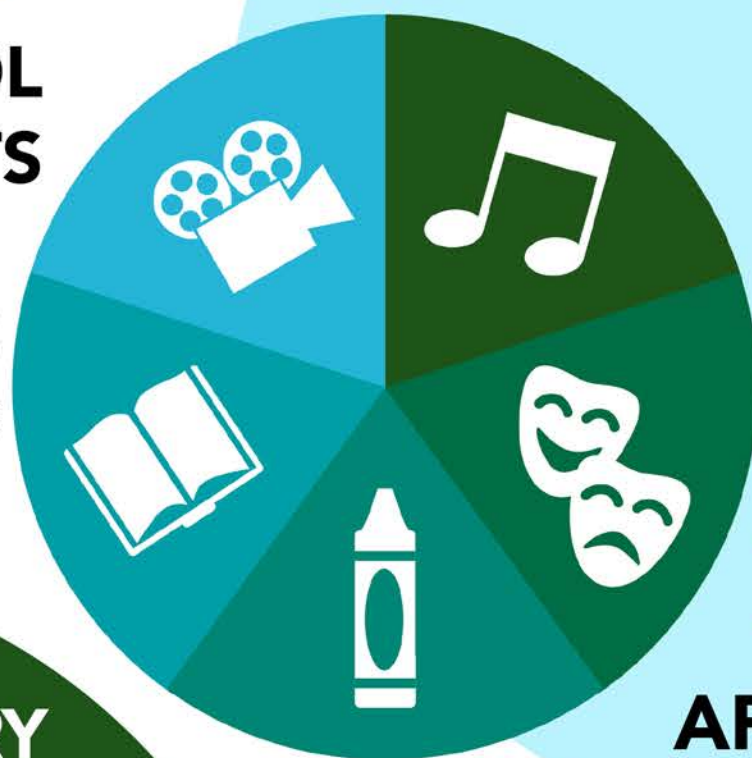
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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

ATTENDED BY **306** KIDS

2018

BY THE NUMBERS



34 ARTISTS IN

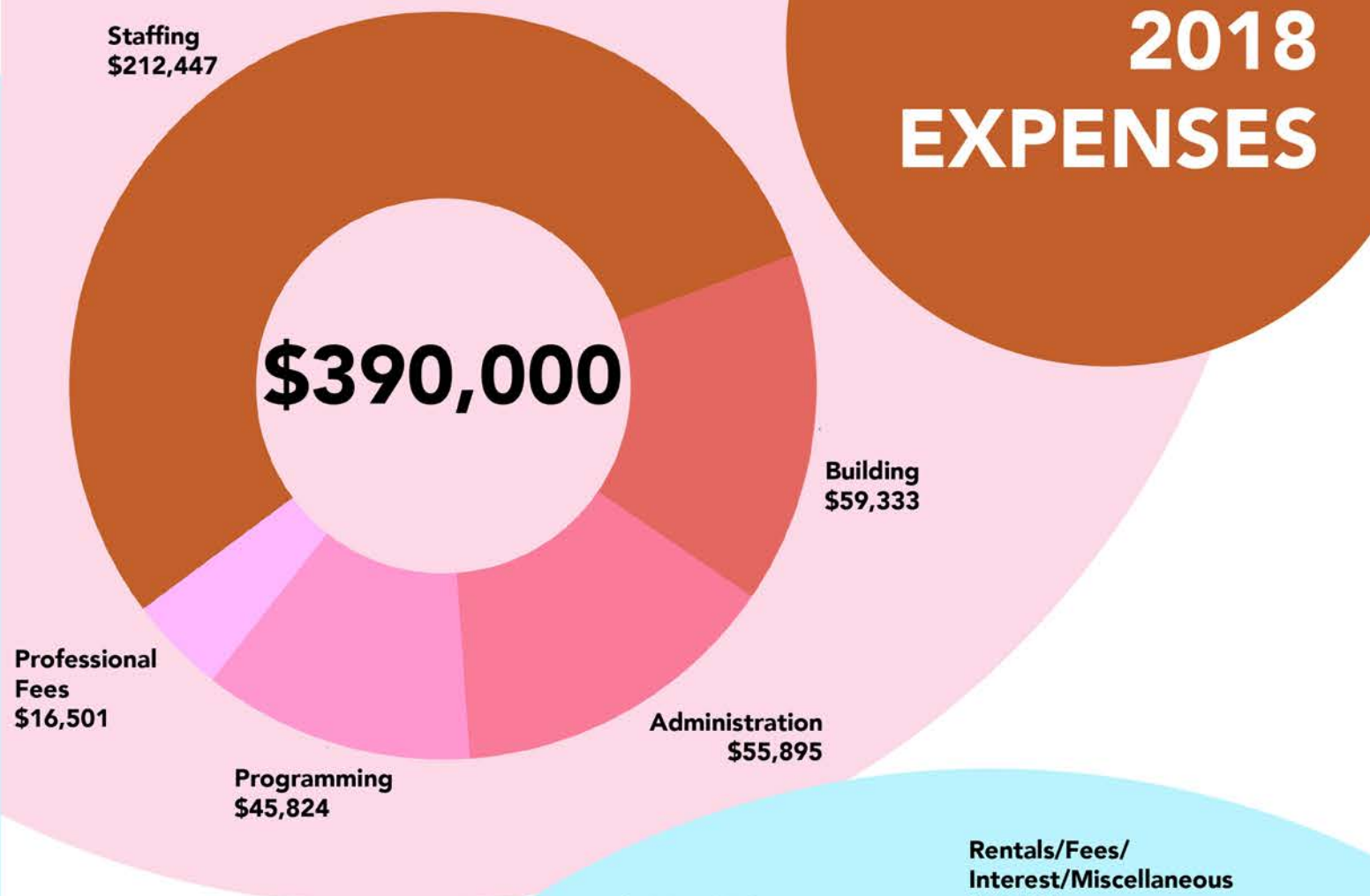
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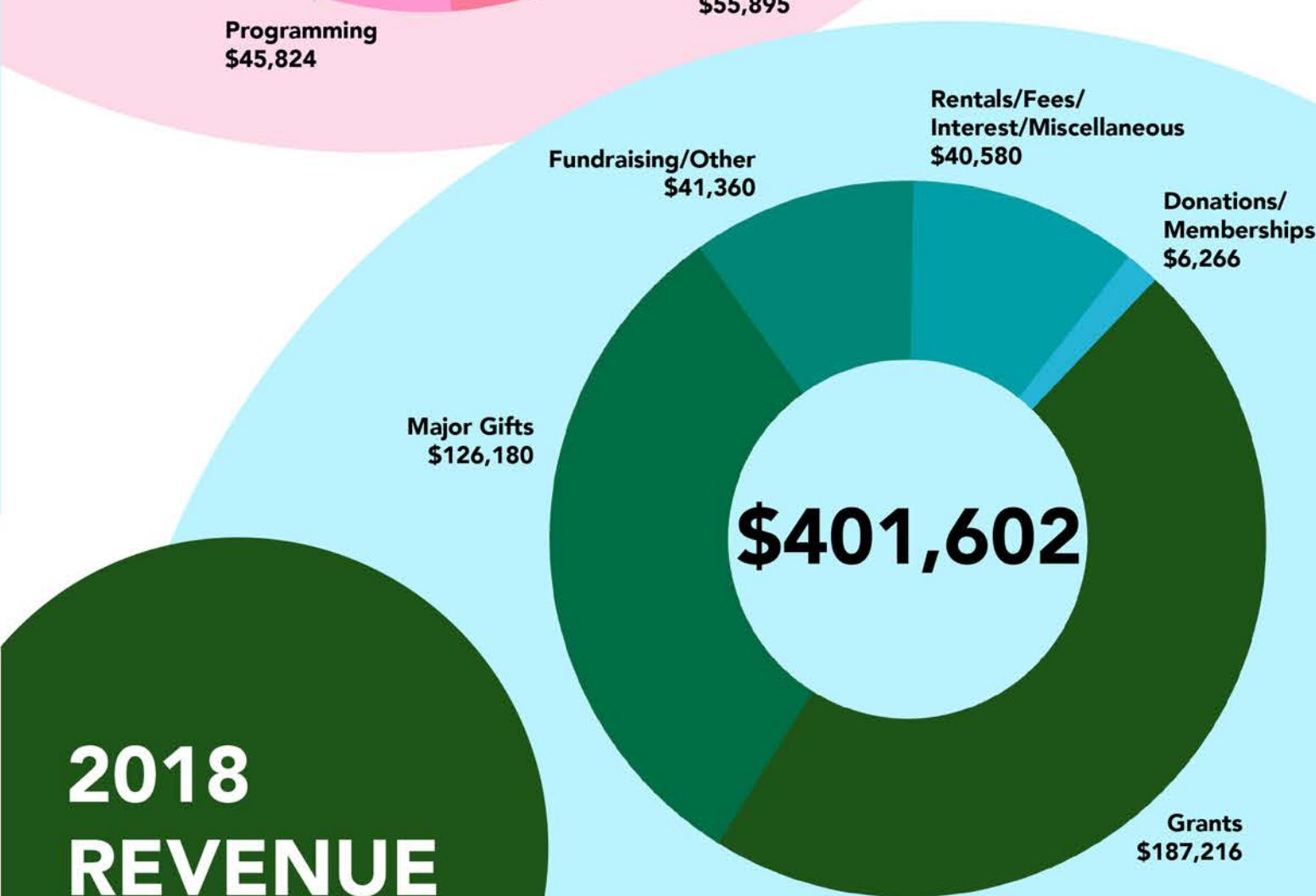
ART EXHIBITIONS

ATTENDED BY **161** PEOPLE

2018 EXPENSES



2018 REVENUE



Please note these are unaudited numbers.