



# Annual Report

Texas Center for Arts + Academics

# 2024



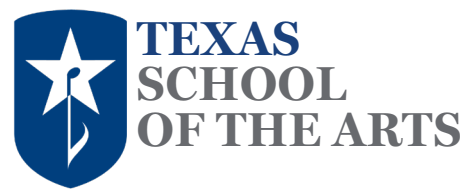
# TEXAS CENTER FOR **ARTS** + ACADEMICS

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, TCA+A supports two nationally ranked charter schools serving almost 1000 students, the Grammy award-winning Texas Boys Choir, the Singing Girls of Texas, and several after-school artistic conservatories.

We believe that fostering artistic expression in children is a worthy endeavor that produces empathic, well rounded adults and creative thinkers.

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## From the CEO

This year, we celebrate a community defined by growth, excellence, and the seamless integration of arts and academics. Our students not only captivated audiences with award-winning performances, compelling visual arts exhibitions, and dynamic productions, but also achieved measurable academic success—demonstrating the power of an education where creativity and scholarship go hand in hand.

In 2024, artistic excellence remained a hallmark of our programs. Students across choir, theater, dance, and visual arts showcased exceptional skill, discipline, and creativity on local, national, and international stages, earning recognition and elevating the reputation of our schools. At the same time, academic achievement continued to be a central focus. Through rigorous coursework, our students thrived in the classroom while consistently balancing the demands of their artistic training with strong scholastic performance.

Our commitment to community engagement also deepened this year. Through expanded after-school programs, summer conservatories, and meaningful partnerships with local organizations, our students and staff shared their talents beyond our campuses while enriching the cultural fabric of the community. These opportunities not only amplified student voice and visibility but also reinforced the importance of service, collaboration, and connection.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the dedication of our exceptional faculty and staff, the passion and perseverance of our students, and the unwavering support of our families and community partners. Together, we continue to advance our mission to inspire, educate, and empower the next generation of artists and scholars.

Sincerely,

Anika Perkins, Ed.D.  
President/CEO and Superintendent  
Texas Center for Arts + Academics



# Congratulations

to the Class of

# 2024

FWAFA 2024 Graduating Class

# MORE THAN

# \$6,910,000

In Scholarships

### College Acceptances

Belmont University  
 California Baptist University  
 Colorado State University  
 Criswell College  
 Kansas City Art Institute  
 Maine College of Art and Design  
 Northern Arizona University  
 Oklahoma City University  
 Oklahoma State University  
 Oklahoma University  
 Point Park University  
 Prairie View Texas A&M University

Pratt Institute  
 Sarah Lawrence College  
 Savannah College of Art and Design  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
 Southwestern Adventist University  
 Stephen F. Austin University  
 Stephens College  
 Tarleton State University  
 Tarrant County College  
 Texas Christian University  
 Texas State University  
 Texas Tech University

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy  
 Tulane College  
 University of Nevada Las Vegas  
 University of North Texas  
 University of Texas Arlington  
 University of Texas at Austin  
 University of Texas at Dallas  
 University of Texas Rio Grande Valley  
 University of the Arts  
 Vanderbilt University  
 Weatherford College  
 Wesleyan University





**4.4514 GPA**

Valedictorian

**4.4486 GPA**

Salutatorian

## A Culture of Community

Those who complete all six years as Texas School of Arts Legacy students are honored with special recognition at their 5th grade graduation—a celebration of dedication, growth, and community.

**173 Students**

in Advanced Placement Classes

**48 Dual Credit**

classes taken in the 2023-2024 School Year

A large majority of our TeSA students continue their journey at FWAFA, where they build on their academic success and deepen their artistic passions. The connection doesn't end at graduation. Many FWAFA students who once walked TeSA's halls return for Kindergarten graduation, reliving their childhood memories while inspiring our youngest learners.



For FWAFA graduation, alumni come home each year to join the ceremony and sing a commemorative song alongside the graduating class. This enduring cycle of return, celebration, and inspiration reflects the true spirit of belonging and growth that defines TCA+A—where the magic doesn't end, it continues to come full circle.





**632 students at FWAFA**

**326 students at TeSA**



## By the Numbers

**A**

### Ranked schools

All TCA+A schools received A rankings on Niche.com

**157**

### Superior Scores and Ratings

Our artists compete in UIL, VASE, and other local, national and international competitions, placing top among their peers

**#2**

### Best Dance Studio

Texas Dance Conservatory voted Silver BEST Dance Studio in 2023 DFW favorites

**7**

### Art Shows

Students at FWAFA and TeSA showcase their artwork on campus

**29**

### Productions

62 total performances including, musicals, plays, dance and choir concerts, and collaborative works

**7**

### Awards

Including Outstanding Choreography and Best Choreography

**19**

### Nominations

Between the Schmidt and Jones, Betty Lynn Buckley, and Broadway Dallas Awards

**10,586**

### Tickets Sold

Several performances sold out, requiring encore shows to be added

**FWAFA**

**B**  
Above Standard Achievement  
FIRST rating by TEA

**TeSA**

**A**  
Superior Rating  
FIRST rating by TEA

August 11



Convocation, educators prepared to create MAGIC in the classroom and onstage.

August 16



FWAFA Theatre Teacher, Hope Wilton won the NTPA Outstanding Middle School Performing Arts Educator Award for 2023!

August 30



FWAFA's Senior Thespians Troupe 6391 was announced as Honor Troupe for the 3rd year in a row.

# 2023

September 27



College Board National Recognition for academic achievements in academics and school assessments.

October



Sister Act's first two shows SOLD OUT!

October 11



FWAFA Visual Arts Sweeps the Botanic Gardens Hispanic Celebramos Competition! High School and Middle School students placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th place!

October 17



Texas Boys Choir international performers appear on NBC5.

October 25



After attending FWAFA's musical "Sister Act," the New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts awarded 15 students scholarships totaling \$96,000.

# Year

November 1



18 of our SGT members participated in the Region 5 Honor Choirs, with 9 advancing to Round 3 TMEA All-State Pre-Area Auditions.

November 17



Congratulations to FWAFA junior Liam Markland for representing Thespians Troupe 6391 at the Texas Thespians State Festival Next Generation Works Musicalworks!

November 17



Congratulations to Choir Director Jackson Hill and the Children's Choir of Texas for placing 3rd in The American Prize for Choral Music Youth Choir Division.

November 29



FWAFA middle school and high school theater students attended the Texas Thespians State Festival in Grapevine.

December 20



FWAFA and TeSA students performed in Annie Kids with Chapelhouse Studios in Godley, Texas!

December 1



GATHER! Academy Dance Company featured modern and classical numbers choreographed by our talented dance faculty, students, and guest artists.

December 23



**Bone Soup: A Kwanzaa Story**

Our students participated in a 12-week program where they had hands-on learning opportunities that culminated with a production.

January 31



17 students attend the Regional High School Dance Festival hosted at Texas A&M.

Every

day

March 27



Texas Center for Arts and Academics announce the appointment of Anika Perkins as its new CEO & President and Superintendent.

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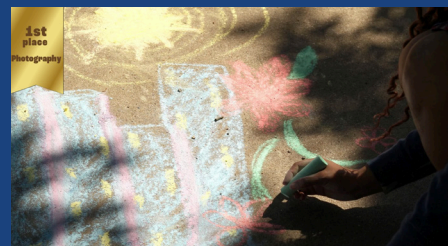
year

February 28



Recipients of this year's Texas Theatre Scholar Award.

April 26



We had great representation from FWAFA in the Fort Worth Sister Cities Contest!

May 15



Our exceptional High School received a prestigious ranking from US News.

January 23



A select group of art students at the Youth Art Workshop - FWSSR, taught by professional artists with the Cowboy Artists of America.

March 1



Councilman Michael Crain made a special appearance at FWAFA to deliver the Theatre in Our School month Proclamation.

April 3



Broadway Nominations, FWAFA production of Sister Act has received 6 well-deserved nominations.

May 1



2024 State VASE Winners! We came back from State with 4 Medalists and a Scholarship!

May 17



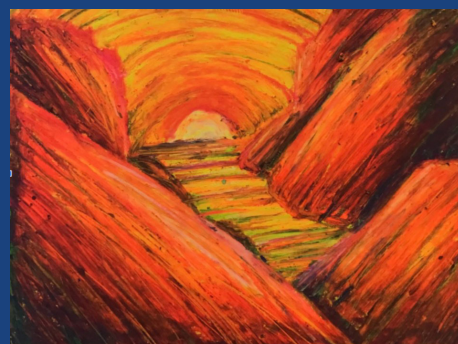
We are truly astounded by each and every performance in the spectacular show of Beauty and the Beast.

June 29



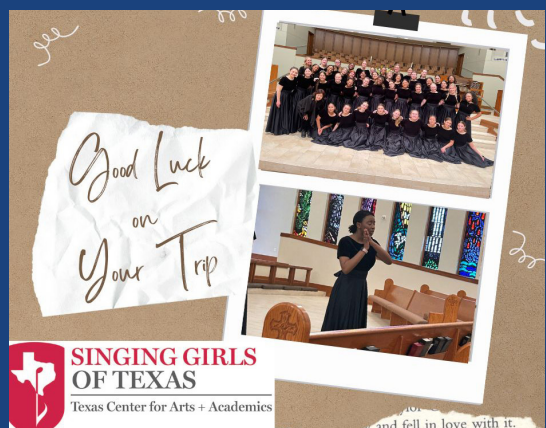
Texas Boys Choir embarking on their summer tour in Greece.

January 31



Madelynn Bellamy chosen to be part of the 2023 Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Exhibition.

March 7



Singing Girls of Texas embarked on their European tour.

April 8



Students at FWFA had the opportunity to witness a total solar eclipse.

May 4



Flock, audiences experience the mesmerizing artistry of the exceptionally talented dancers at FWFA.

May 29



The 2024 Graduation event was truly remarkable!

May 29



Thirteen FWFA elementary students were selected to participate in the Texas Choral Directors Associations All-State Elementary Choir in San Antonio.



Boots & Bow Ties 2024 Gala: \$43,500 in Partnerships (an additional \$25,000 in-kind), \$29,761 table/ticket sales, \$16k silent auction, \$90k total raised. Guests were treated to a performance by Coffey Anderson, and the presentation of the Penny Clay Award to FWAFA PTSO and TeSA PTO.

**\$43.5k**  
sponsorship totals



Host committee: Denashia Lawson, Christy Dull, Councilman Michael D. Crain and Joanna Crain, Adesola Adebayo, Allyson Grand, Patrick and Penny Clay.

**\$29k**  
table and ticket sales

**\$16k**  
silent auction

SGT ladies posing with precious beverage Burros (top left)  
Coffey Anderson serenading our audience at the welcome reception (top right)  
TeSA welcome waggon "smile" volunteers (left)  
Board member recognition (center)  
FWAFA artists painting live (bottom right)

-Mariel and Joey Lifestyle Photography

Support this year's  
TCA+A Gala

[ArtsAcademics.org/gala](https://ArtsAcademics.org/gala)



# FINANCIALS

**How are Charter Schools Funded?** Charter schools receive state funds based on the number of students who attend (same as traditional public schools). However, charter schools receive less funding than traditional public schools as they do not receive any local taxpayer dollars. -txcharterschools.org

Due to the absence of local tax dollars, charters receive **94%** of the funding that traditional ISDs collect.

On average, this equates to **\$700** less per student each year.

## Grants and Awards

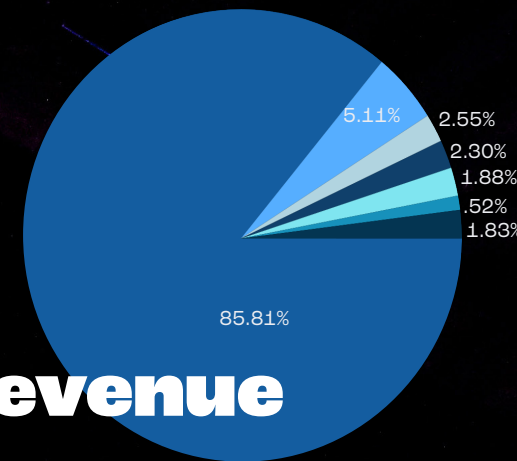
- Ryan Foundation \$25k
- Amon G. Carter \$5k
- Crystelle Waggoner Charitable Trust \$25k
- Web Maddox Trust \$25k
- Sid W. Richardson \$90k

## Grants Awarded

**\$8,906.90**  
2024 North Texas Giving Day

**\$27,128.21**  
Summer Camp Sales

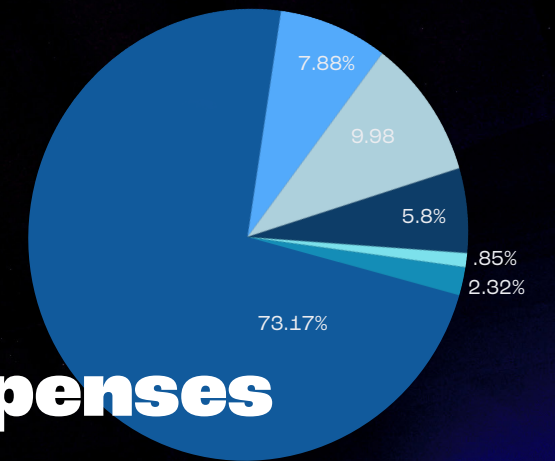
## Revenue



**Total: \$11,716,989**

- State Programs: \$10,054,412
- Program Services: \$598,836
- Federal Programs: \$219,837
- Cocurricular & Enterprising Activities: \$298,320
- Contributions: \$270,022
- Fundraising: \$60,766
- Other: \$214,796

## Expenses



**Total: \$11,649,000**

- Instructional and Leadership Services: \$8,523,040
- Support Services: \$917,644
- Administrative Support: \$1,162,314
- Student Support: \$675,911
- Debt Service: \$99,523
- Fundraising: \$270,568



# Supporters



SID W. RICHARDSON  
 FOUNDATION

**William and Catherine  
 Bryce Memorial Trust**

**Rea Charitable Trust**

AMON G. CARTER  
 FOUNDATION

**JEREMY A. JOHNSON**  
 Certified Public Accountant

**FWAFA PTSO**

**TeSA PTO**

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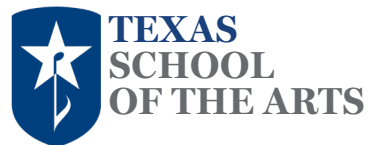
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