
ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW ORLEANS
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2003

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors
Arts Council of New Orleans

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Arts Council of New Orleans (ACNO - a Louisiana nonprofit corporation), as of December 31, 2003, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of ACNO's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

ACNO presents its separate financial statements and does not consolidate with a financially interrelated not-for-profit organization which it controls through majority voting interest and in which it has an economic interest. In our opinion, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require consolidation.

In our opinion, except for not presenting consolidated financial statements, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Arts Council of New Orleans, as of December 31, 2003, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report on our consideration of ACNO's compliance and internal control over financial reporting dated April 30, 2004. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of support and expenses for state and passed through grants is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Postlethwaite + Netterville

Metairie, Louisiana
April 30, 2004



**ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW ORLEANS
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2003**

WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2002

ASSETS

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2003 Total	2002 Total
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 161,116	\$ 551,745	\$ -	\$ 712,861	\$ 507,688
Investments	19,499	-	391,177	410,676	357,293
Prepaid expenses	831	-	-	831	1,662
Grants and pledges receivable	27,161	134,127	-	161,288	284,385
Total current assets	<u>208,607</u>	<u>685,872</u>	<u>391,177</u>	<u>1,285,656</u>	<u>1,151,028</u>
DUE FROM LOUISIANA ARTISTS GUILD	589,777	-	-	589,777	655,292
ART COLLECTION	25,452	-	-	25,452	25,452
EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND FIXTURES, net of accumulated depreciation of \$177,454 in 2003					
	<u>50,034</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,034</u>	<u>58,423</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 873,870</u>	<u>\$ 685,872</u>	<u>\$ 391,177</u>	<u>\$ 1,950,919</u>	<u>\$ 1,890,195</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Refundable advances	\$ -	\$ 442,259	\$ -	\$ 442,259	\$ 394,170
Grants payable	-	209,058	-	209,058	284,173
Accrued expenses	55,630	-	-	55,630	45,694
Total current liabilities	<u>55,630</u>	<u>651,317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>706,947</u>	<u>724,037</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>818,240</u>	<u>34,555</u>	<u>391,177</u>	<u>1,243,972</u>	<u>1,166,158</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>\$ 873,870</u>	<u>\$ 685,872</u>	<u>\$ 391,177</u>	<u>\$ 1,950,919</u>	<u>\$ 1,890,195</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

WITH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>2003 Total</u>	<u>2002 Total</u>
<u>REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT</u>					
Contracts	\$ 50,000	\$ 516,245	\$ -	\$ 566,245	\$ 533,142
Grants	103,571	794,985	-	898,556	768,736
Contributions	312,020	5,665	-	317,685	339,742
Investment and interest income(loss)	20,732	3,418	49,883	74,033	(26,654)
Other income	62,740	-	-	62,740	65,044
Total revenue, gains and other support	<u>549,063</u>	<u>1,320,313</u>	<u>49,883</u>	<u>1,919,259</u>	<u>1,680,010</u>
<u>NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS</u>					
	<u>1,319,364</u>	<u>(1,319,364)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
Grant programs	905,848	-	-	905,848	891,927
Public art programs	198,725	-	-	198,725	228,417
Arts Business Center	187,900	-	-	187,900	201,302
Louisiana Artists Guild	173,863	-	-	173,863	26,337
Advocacy	48,325	-	-	48,325	47,710
Development/fundraising	301,962	-	-	301,962	310,733
Other	24,822	-	-	24,822	47,125
Total expenses	<u>1,841,445</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,841,445</u>	<u>1,753,551</u>
<u>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</u>	26,982	949	49,883	77,814	(73,541)
<u>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	791,258	33,606	341,294	1,166,158	1,239,699
<u>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 818,240</u>	<u>\$ 34,555</u>	<u>\$ 391,177</u>	<u>\$1,243,972</u>	<u>\$1,166,158</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Change in net assets	\$ 77,814
Depreciation and amortization	25,095
Unrealized gain on investments	(67,126)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	
Prepaid expenses	831
Grants and pledges receivable	123,097
Refundable advances	48,089
Grants payable	(75,115)
Accrued expenses	9,936
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>142,621</u>

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Repayments from Louisiana Artists Guild	65,515
Acquisition of equipment, furniture and fixtures	(16,706)
Sale of investments	13,743
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>62,552</u>

INCREASE IN CASH

205,173

CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

507,688

CASH AT END OF YEAR

\$ 712,861

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW ORLEANS
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Organization and Operations

The Arts Council of New Orleans (ACNO), a nonprofit organization, is the city's officially designated arts agency. ACNO was formed in 1981 as a result of a merger of the Arts Council of Greater New Orleans and the Mayor's Committee for Arts and Cultural Development. ACNO's efforts are directed toward enhancing the cultural and artistic environment in the New Orleans metropolitan area.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Method of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Use of Estimates

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Description of Net Assets Classification

Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement No. 117 entitled "Financial Statements of Not-For-Profit Organizations" requires that net assets and changes in net assets be reported for three classifications – permanently restricted, temporarily restricted and unrestricted – based on the existence or absence of donor imposed restrictions. ACNO reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor imposed restrictions or requirements that limit the use of the donation. A donor restriction ends when a time restriction is met or a purpose restriction is accomplished. As restrictions are met, assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported as net assets released from restrictions in the statement of activities. ACNO records contributions with donor-imposed conditions as refundable advances.

Gifts, Grants, and Bequests

Gifts, grants, and bequests are recorded as revenues in the period received and as assets, decreases in liabilities or expenses depending on the form of benefits received. Non-cash gifts, grants, and bequests are recorded as revenue at the fair market value at the date contributed, if an objective valuation is determinable.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Allowance for uncollectible accounts

There is no allowance for uncollectible receivables because management believes all amounts recorded are collectible.

Donated Services

Volunteers have given extensive amounts of time and services to ACNO. The value of this contributed time is not reflected in the accompanying financial statements since the volunteers' time does not meet the criteria necessary for recognition. In-kind contributions received by ACNO were not material in 2003.

Allocation of Overhead

Professional and technical fees, supplies, office rent, utilities, telephone, and other administrative expenditures are allocated to projects based upon staff hours of the project.

Investments

Investments are carried at fair value based on quoted market value.

Interest Income

Interest income is allocated to restricted programs to fund certain costs when specifically required by applicable contracts or grants.

Depreciation of Equipment, Furniture and Fixtures

ACNO's equipment, furniture and fixtures consist of office equipment and furnishings which are being depreciated utilizing the straight-line method over their useful lives of three to five years. Depreciable assets are valued at their cost if purchased or the estimated fair value at the time of donation if contributed.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially expose ACNO to concentrations of credit and market risk consist primarily of cash equivalents and investments. Cash equivalents are maintained at high-quality financial institutions and credit exposure is limited at any one institution.

ACNO had cash deposits in excess of federally insured limits at a local institution totaling \$674,176 at December 31, 2003.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Income Taxes

ACNO is exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and, accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

Contributed Artwork

ACNO has paintings and sculptures on display in its offices. This artwork is recorded at its appraised value at the time of donation.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of reporting cash flows, ACNO considers all investments with an original maturity of ninety days or less to be cash equivalents.

3. Investments

Investments consist of the following at December 31, 2003:

Mutual funds	<u>\$ 410,676</u>
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Investment income consists of the following for the year ended December 31, 2003

Interest income	\$ 634
Investment income reinvested	8,093
Unrealized gain on securities	67,126
Investment fees	<u>(1,820)</u>
	<u>\$ 74,033</u>

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4. Restrictions on Net Assets

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at December 31, 2003:

Stern Fund for an artist to work in schools and recreation and elderly centers	\$ 29,855
Welch funds for the use of services and resources by and for artists for the community in future years	4,700
	<u>\$ 34,555</u>

Permanently restricted net assets consist of endowment fund assets held indefinitely by the Greater New Orleans Foundation. The Greater New Orleans Foundation uses the total return basis and quarterly ACNO receives 5% of the investment's average fair value for the prior twelve quarters. The income from these funds is expendable as stipulated by the donor.

5. Lease Obligations

ACNO leases its office space under an operating lease which expires March 31, 2004. Minimum lease payments of \$27,500 are due in 2004. Rent expense for 2003 was \$110,000.

6. Commitments

Since 1986, ACNO has entered into annual agreements with the City of New Orleans (the City) relating to the establishment of the Percent For Art Program under which one percent of the cost of most City capital projects is to be used to fund certain works of art. ACNO's ongoing tasks include developing an Annual Art Plan to carry out the implementation of selected art projects, and short-term and long-term coordination and planning for the program. ACNO incurred expenditures of approximately \$115,000 in 2003 for administrative duties performed to accomplish the agreed upon tasks. Included in refundable deposits is approximately \$411,000 for the Percent for Art Program.

7. Related Parties

Louisiana Artists Guild

Statement of Position 94-4 requires consolidation of interrelated not-for-profit organizations when they meet certain criteria. When an entity has control through a majority voting interest in the board of the other entity and has an economic interest, consolidation is required. The *Audit and Accounting*

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7. Related Parties (continued)

Guide for Not-for-Profit Organizations indicates that if the reporting entity upon dissolution of the other entity is entitled to the net assets of the other entity then there is an economic interest. The Articles of Incorporation of the Louisiana Artists Guild (the Guild) specify that all members and the Board of Directors are selected by and serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of the Council. The Articles also provide that, in the event of dissolution, all of the Guild's property goes to the Council. U. S. generally accepted accounting principles require consolidation; however, the Council has decided not to consolidate but to present separate financial statements and disclose related party transactions.

The Guild was incorporated in June 1995 as a nonprofit organization to provide management and administrative services and studio and retail space to visual artists and craftsmen. The Guild is not yet operational, but has begun a capital campaign to raise \$20 million to cover the estimated cost of construction, development and startup costs for an arts complex located in New Orleans, Louisiana. Construction on the complex is in progress.

The Guild shares office space with ACNO. Certain employees of ACNO also serve as employees of the Guild. Salary expense, supplies, utilities, insurance and certain other administrative expenses are allocated to the Guild based on the percentage of time the employee dedicates to the Guild. As of December 31, 2003, ACNO has advanced the Guild approximately \$590,000. No interest is earned on the advances to the Guild.

Summarized financial information for the Guild as of December 31, 2003 is as follows:

Total assets	\$ 23,463,232
Total liabilities	<u>11,182,300</u>
Net assets	<u>\$ 12,280,932</u>
Revenues	\$ 1,940,537
Expenses	<u>923,254</u>
Change in net assets	<u>\$ 1,017,283</u>

Other

In the normal course of its operations, ACNO conducts business with certain members of its Board of Directors.



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Board of Directors
Arts Council of New Orleans

We have audited the financial statements of the Arts Council of New Orleans (ACNO) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2004. Our report was qualified because consolidated financial statements with an interrelated not-for-profit organization were not presented. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether ACNO's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered ACNO's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is defined as a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the Board of Directors, management and State of Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Postlethwaite & Tetterville

Metairie, Louisiana
April 30, 2004



ACCOMPANYING INFORMATION

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**SCHEDULE OF SUPPORT AND EXPENSES FOR STATE AND PASSED THROUGH GRANTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003**

	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Passed Through the City of New Orleans	Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant # CM-00-03-0021-03	Louisiana Division of the Arts Grant # FY04-345	Grant # FY03-407
SUPPORT:				
Grants received or receivable	\$ 79,802	\$ 173,863	\$ 621,122	\$ -
EXPENSES:				
Salaries and salary related expenses	\$ 74,240	\$ -	\$ 30,007	\$ 23,159
Regrants	-	173,863	545,814	-
Operating expenses - general	5,562	-	8,830	12,251
Total expenses	\$ 79,802	\$ 173,863	\$ 584,651	\$ 35,410