



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:

Centrum's mission is to foster creative arts experiences that change lives. Through inter-generational immersive workshops, we bring together aspiring and master artists to ignite creativity, find and provide mentorship, and build community.

Date of Award: 2023 Q4
Level: \$500 to \$2,500

For more information, please read the attached report from Centrum Foundation.

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Report to Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions

October 2024

Centrum is grateful for Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions’ support towards our 2024 Gala and fundraiser. Tulalip Tribes’ support of the Gala has been integral to the event’s success and helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for participant scholarships over the last ten years.

Centrum 2024 Benefit Concert and Gala

Centrum’s 2024 Benefit Concert and Gala took place on August 12, 2024 at Fort Worden State Park. The evening featured a 1,200-person audience attending the concert at McCurdy Pavilion by Pulitzer Prize winner and MacArthur Genius awardee Rhiannon Giddens, followed by a fundraising dinner for 240 VIP guests.

Giddens has been on faculty at Centrum three times, in both Fiddle Tunes and Voice Works, most recently in 2017. One of her band members had also been on the Fiddle Tunes Faculty. Giddens co-founded the Black string band Carolina Chocolate Drops, formed the band Our Native Daughters with three other Black female banjo players to create music from stories of historic Black womanhood and survival, and has been nominated for eight additional GRAMMYS for her work as a soloist and collaborator. Giddens’ album, *They’re Calling Me Home*, her second collaboration with multi-instrumentalist Francesco Turrisi, won the 2020 Grammy for best folk album. Concert tickets ranged in price from \$50-\$150, and sold out.



Dinner guests paid \$300 for VIP concert seats and a gala dinner, which took place a short walk from the concert venue, at the Park Commons. After drinks and appetizers, guests were seated at 8-person tables and heard remarks from Centrum Board President Renee Klein and Kitsap Bank CEO Steve Politakis. Following dinner, Seattle-based auctioneer Matt Lorch presided over a dessert auction and paddle raise. Centrum Executive Director Rob Birman spoke, as did

several young scholarship recipients. Together, we raised \$488,577 between the concert and dinner. Income sources included \$116,492 for concert tickets, \$17,000 in sponsorship, and \$307,576 in individual contributions. Expenses – including artist fees, production, catering, rentals, program services, and printing – totaled \$146,300. Centrum netted \$342,277 after expenses.

Centrum Programs in 2024

Since January 2024, Centrum has offered more than three dozen public performances for 7,300 people; seven youth programs; and nine immersive multigeneration art and music workshops for 1,479 participants; and has been a retreat for 106 resident artists. Over 200 faculty artists came to share deep context and knowledge of their cultural and music traditions and perform at concerts and events. For the first time in five years, our workshop registrant and audience numbers have returned to pre-pandemic levels.



The primary beneficiary of our annual gala is the Centrum Scholarship Fund. We are proud to offer scholarships for all of Centrum’s programs, which range from youth arts education to immersive workshops in music, writing, and artist residencies. So far this year, Centrum has offered \$133,000 in scholarships to 269 workshop attendees, almost all of whom are low income. Thanks to our scholarship program, we can make our immersive arts education programs available to people from all economic backgrounds, enriching their lives – and our community. Additional funds raised at our annual Benefit Concert and Gala support Centrum’s general operating fund, ensuring we can continue to offer high-quality programming performances and events in music, visual arts, dance, and literature by award-winning artists from around the world to our vibrant community.

Thank you for supporting creativity in community and keeping arts alive and thriving for people of all ages and backgrounds!