



THE
MUSEUM OF
RUSSIAN ART
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

2022: YEAR IN REVIEW

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At The Museum of Russian Art, 2022 was a year of progress, despite the tragedy of the war in Ukraine, which has impacted all of us.

Immediately upon the commencement of the war, the Museum expressed its solidarity with the people of Ukraine and published a statement calling for Russia to cease hostilities and withdraw. An exterior banner at the front of the Museum was painted with the colors of the flag of Ukraine, to externally express TMORA's support for Ukraine, and photographs of the building with the banner circled the globe. Like so many other organizations, TMORA sponsored a number of fundraising activities with the proceeds going to several agencies helping Ukrainian refugees.

The exhibition *Say No to War*, a rotating collection of new anti-war cartoons drawn by Russian and Ukrainian artists, opened on April 30, providing poignant perspectives on the Russian invasion. This exhibition will continue until the war ends.

TMORA's major new endeavor in 2022 was the implementation of an Institute of Museum and Library Services American Rescue Plan grant to help children attain grade-level reading proficiency by the end of third grade. Children who achieve this reading proficiency have a significantly improved chance to graduate from high school and go on to post-secondary education. This is a national challenge and TMORA has adopted it as its way to serve the community. With the addition of the Museum's first Education Coordinator, this program reached almost 700 children through programs in the Minneapolis and Saint Paul public schools, the Washburn Library, and at the Museum. Books featured in the programs related to the art and culture of countries included in the Museum's mission, and every child received the book from their program to keep as their own. This grant program will continue through April of 2023 and will serve close to 1,000 children by the time it ends.

The year saw the Museum take a major step in its goal to achieve accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). The granting of accreditation indicates that a museum is operating with "best practices" in the field, which includes its responsibility to its community as a public trust. Before being able to officially enter the accreditation process, a museum must have its Mission Statement, Code of Ethics, Collections Policy, Strategic Plan, and Disaster Plan, approved by the AAM. The requirements for approval of these "Core Documents" are quite stringent, and I am happy to report that approval for the Museum's documents arrived in September. With that approval in-hand, TMORA will enter the accreditation self-study process, to be followed by an accreditation site visit in 2024.

Finally, as the year ended TMORA purchased a nearby gallery building to house the Museum's growing collection. In addition to collection storage, the new building, going by the transitional name of TMORA-West, will provide additional space for education exhibitions for school groups and allow for flexible space for special events. As the Museum had no options for expansion at its residential location, the availability of a suitable building in the neighborhood was the best option for a "satellite" facility.

As always, my thanks go out to the staff, Trustees, volunteers, and members who make everything we accomplish at TMORA possible.

Mark J. Meister
Executive Director & President

2022 KEY METRICS

On-site attendance - 19,073

On-site event attendance - 3,017 (39 programs)

Virtual event attendance - 248 (6 programs)

Outreach event attendance - 2,079 (58 programs)

Year-end Memberships - 1,468



2022 EXHIBITIONS

Andréa Stanislav: Cosmist Reconstructions - Memories of Earth

October 30, 2021 - February 22, 2022

The Yolka: Russia's New Year Tree

November 13, 2021 - January 16, 2022

Sergei and Aleksei Tkachev: Masters of Russian Realist Art

November 21, 2021 - March 20, 2022

The Portrait Tells a Story: Lloyd Patterson in Soviet Russia

January 29 - March 20, 2022

ID ART/TECH: Selections from the Kolodzei Art Foundation and Frants Family Collections

March 12 - August 14, 2022

The Art of Still Life: Alek Buzhaker

March 12 - August 14, 2022

An American in Siberia

March 21 - August 21, 2022

Say No to War: Political Cartoons by Ukrainian and Russian Artists

April 20, 2022 - end of war

TMORA: 20 Years

August 27, 2022 - February 20, 2023

Capturing the Pristine: Minnesota Artist Peter Ustimchuk

August 27, 2022 - January 16, 2023

Ephemeral and Eternal: Holiday Paper Ornaments from the Soviet Union

November 12, 2022 - January 16, 2023



Peter Ustimchuk

"Imagine... I", 2018

Acrylic on canvas

Collection of the Artist



Dasha Skorubsky-Kandinsky

Piece of Materia 2, 2015

Oil on canvas

Kolodzei Collection of Russian and Eastern European Art



Alek Buzhaker

Ghel Motif, 2020

Oil on canvas

Collection of the Artist



Sergey Sychenko

Born 1958, Kharkiv, Ukraine

2022 EVENTS

*Denotes Virtual Program

January 9

Anthony Ross and Denis Evstuhin in Concert

February 10

The Cold War Adventures of Journalist Marvin Kalb*

February 12

Musalliance: Musical Journey Around the World

February 16

Virtual Tour with the Curator: Sergei and Aleksei Tkachev*

February 23

*The Portrait Tells a Story: Lloyd Patterson in Soviet Russia**

March 10

Ukraine, Genocide, Repression, and War*

March 12

Member Preview Night

March 17

Global Conversations DIGITAL: Russia's Goals in Europe with Jill

Dougherty*

March 19

Story Time in the Gallery

March 25 - April 3

Skylark Opera Theater & TMORA present *Eugene Onegin*

April 11

Art Auction for the Benefit of Ukraine*

April 9

The Art of Pysanky with Kathleen Eich

April 16

Story Time in the Gallery

April 23

Opening: *Say No to War: Ukrainian and Russian Artists*

April 27

Virtual Opening with the Curator: *An American in Siberia*

April 30

Worldwide Readings Project for Ukraine

May 17

Humanitarian Crisis of Ukrainian War Evacuees*

May 21

Story Time in the Gallery

June 4

Schubert and Mussorgsky: Songs of Love and Death

June 11 -

Exploring a Minnesota Family Archive: *An American in Siberia 1931-1932*

June 18

Story Time in the Gallery

July 16

Story Time in the Gallery

July 16

The Artaria Quartet Performs the Razumovsky Quartets

July 23

Cantus in Concert | Ramas y Raíces: Songs from Latin America

August 27

TMORA 20 Years: Anniversary Exhibition Opening Reception

September 10

TMORA 20th Anniversary Legacy Dinner

September 14

How Putin's War on Ukraine is Reshaping Russia's Relationship with the West*

September 17

Smithsonian Museum Day

September 17

Story Time in the Gallery

September 17

Pianist with the Hair: Julian Gargiulo in Concert

September 22

Wine Tasting at TMORA: The Influencer, Dr. Konstantin Frank

October 5

The Future of Diplomacy*

October 20

Wine Tasting at TMORA: The Legend, André Tchelistcheff

October 26

Diaghilev's Empire: Interview with Author Rupert Christiansen

November 11

Free Thursday Night

November 12

Opening Reception: TMORA's Annual Holiday Exhibition

November 17

Wine Tasting at TMORA: The Origin, The Wines of Georgia

November 17

Global Costs of the War in Ukraine*

November 18

Celebrating Dostoevsky at 200: A Presentation by Anna Barker, Ph.D.

November 19

Story Time in the Gallery

November 19

The Art of Pysanky with Kathleen Eich

November 19

TMORA 20th Anniversary Concert

November 29

Harmony Night: A Celebration of Folk Music

December 1

Free Thursday Night

December 7

Get in the Spirit! Vodka Tasting with Tattersall's Taylor Stein

December 8

Journalists at Risk Globally, in Ukraine, and Locally*

December 17 - 18

Anthony Ross and Denis Evstuhin in Concert

December 17

Story Time in the Gallery

December 17

Virtual Tour with the Curator: *Holiday Paper Ornaments from the Soviet Union**

December 29

Wine Tasting at TMORA: The Grandeur, Champagne & Caviar

2022 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



Musalliance: Musical Journey Around the World - 2.12.22



TMORA Curator Dr. Masha Zavialova and political cartoonist Andrey Feldshteyn introduce *Say No to War: Political Cartoons by Ukrainian and Russian Artists* - 4.23.22



Worldwide Readings Project for Ukraine - 4.30.22



Skylark Opera Theater & TMORA present *Eugene Onegin* - 3.25 - 4.3.22



TMORA 20 Years: Anniversary Exhibition Opening Reception - 8.27.22



Champagne & Caviar Tasting presented in partnership with France 44 Wine and Spirits - 12.20.22



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2022 Net Profit – \$133,586



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RACS Exclusive Preview - Tour with the Curator



A field trip engages with one of the exhibits.

Continued

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TMORA: 20 Years



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Say No to War: Political Cartoons by Ukrainian and Russian Artists



TMORA exhibition at Orchestra Hall - a partnership with Minnesota Orchestra



Story Time in the Gallery

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The Art of Still Life: Alek Buzhaker



TMORA's 20th Anniversary Legacy Dinner

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*Soviet Porcelain
TMORA: 20 Years*



*Holiday Exhibition at Orchestra Hall
Partnership with Minnesota Orchestra*

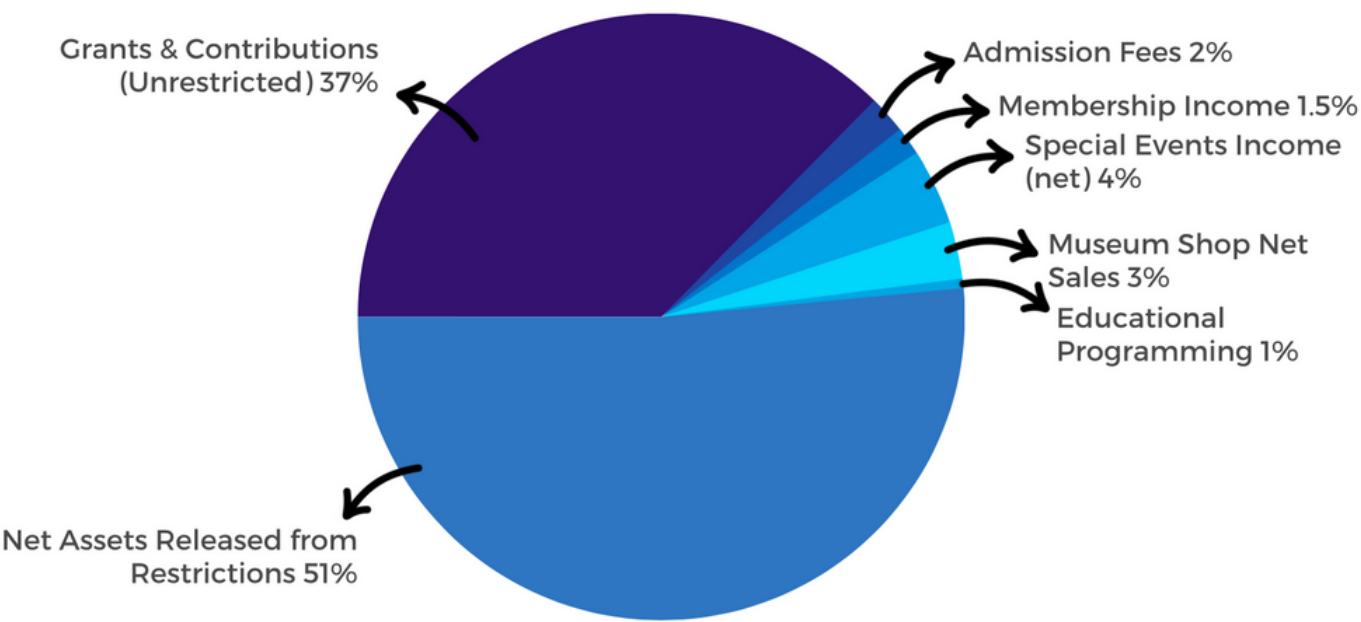
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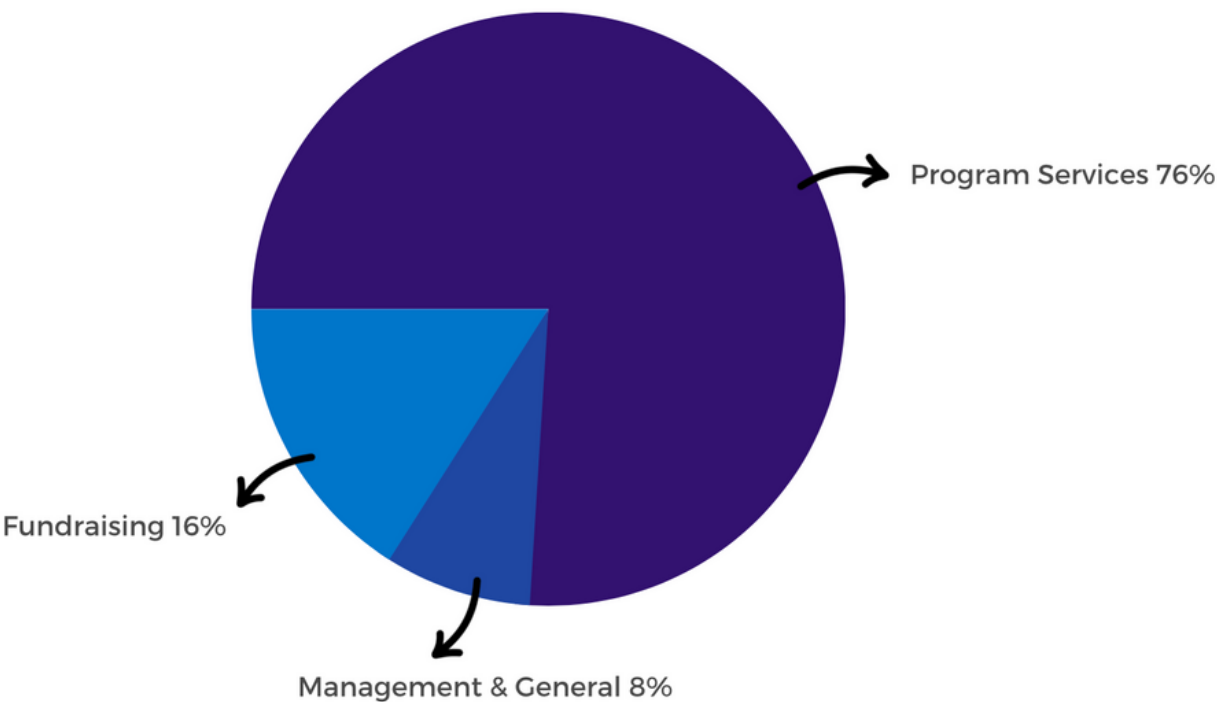


2022 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2022 REVENUE



2022 EXPENSE



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2022 Revenue (Unrestricted).

Grants and Contributions (unrestricted): 37%	\$1,859,609
Admission Fees: 2%	\$115,905
Membership Income: 1.5%	\$93,495
Educational Programming: 1%	\$38,418
Special Events Income (net): 4%	\$187,767
Museum Shop Net Sales: 3%	\$133,586
Miscellaneous Income: 0.5%	\$26,303
Net Assets Released from Restrictions: 51%	\$2,544,995
 Total Support and Revenue	 \$5,000,073

2021 Expense

Program Services: 76%	\$924,264
Management and General: 8%	\$97,238
Fundraising: 16%	<u>\$193,279</u>
 Total Expense Before Depreciation	 \$1,214,781
 Depreciation	 <u>\$217,532</u>
 Total Expense	 \$1,432,313
 Change in Net Assets	 \$3,567,760
 Net Assets - Beginning of Year	 <u>\$4,494,050</u>
Net Assets - End of Year	<u>\$8,061,810</u>

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