

## NAC Teen Theatre Presents “Alice by Heart” - What You Can Expect From This Powerful Show

This June, NAC Teen Theatre will present “Alice by Heart”, a contemporary musical written by Steven Sater with music by Duncan Sheik and a book co-written by Jessie Nelson, is a powerful reimagining inspired by *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* - one that speaks directly to hearts, and the world people are growing up in.

Set amid the chaos of London during WWII, the story follows Alice Spencer, a teenage girl sheltering from bombings with her best friend, Alfred Hallam. As fear & illness close in, Alice retreats into the familiar pages of *Alice in Wonderland*, imagining everyone around her as its eccentric characters. What unfolds is a striking, emotional journey where fantasy and reality intertwine - with themes exploring love, grief, resilience, and the courage it takes to keep hope alive when everything and everyone feels uncertain.



*Alice by Heart* will challenge our talented teen performers to dig deep emotionally, embrace vulnerability, and tell a story that mirrors many of their own experiences: navigating change, facing fear, and learning how to let go while still holding on. These teens are not only creating meaningful theatre - they are learning how to carry those lessons forward, shaping the leaders, collaborators, and changemakers they are becoming. *Alice by Heart* will give teens the opportunity to grow artistically, connect deeply with one another, and discover the power of ensemble storytelling.

For audiences, *Alice by Heart* promises an unforgettable theatrical experience. Viewers are invited to step inside the story as the performance space is transformed into an inclusive environment that places the audience at the heart of the action. *Alice by Heart* asks viewers to consider how love endures through change and grief, and how stories help us make sense of the past while guiding us forward. Audiences will leave inspired, carrying with them a renewed sense of empathy, resilience, and the healing power of storytelling - something we return to in times of uncertainty.

**Auditions will be held April 3 & 4 (sign ups & more information will be found online on our Facebook, Instagram & website), and are open to teens ages 13–19.** The production will be shown June 5-7. Performers of all experience levels are encouraged to audition for this opportunity to be part of a show that values emotional honesty, creativity, and collaboration, which are also values we hold here at Norwalk Arts Center.

In a world that can feel overwhelming, *Alice by Heart* offers a rare gift: a reminder that even underground- in a world that seems overcome by darkness- hope, love, and light can still be found.

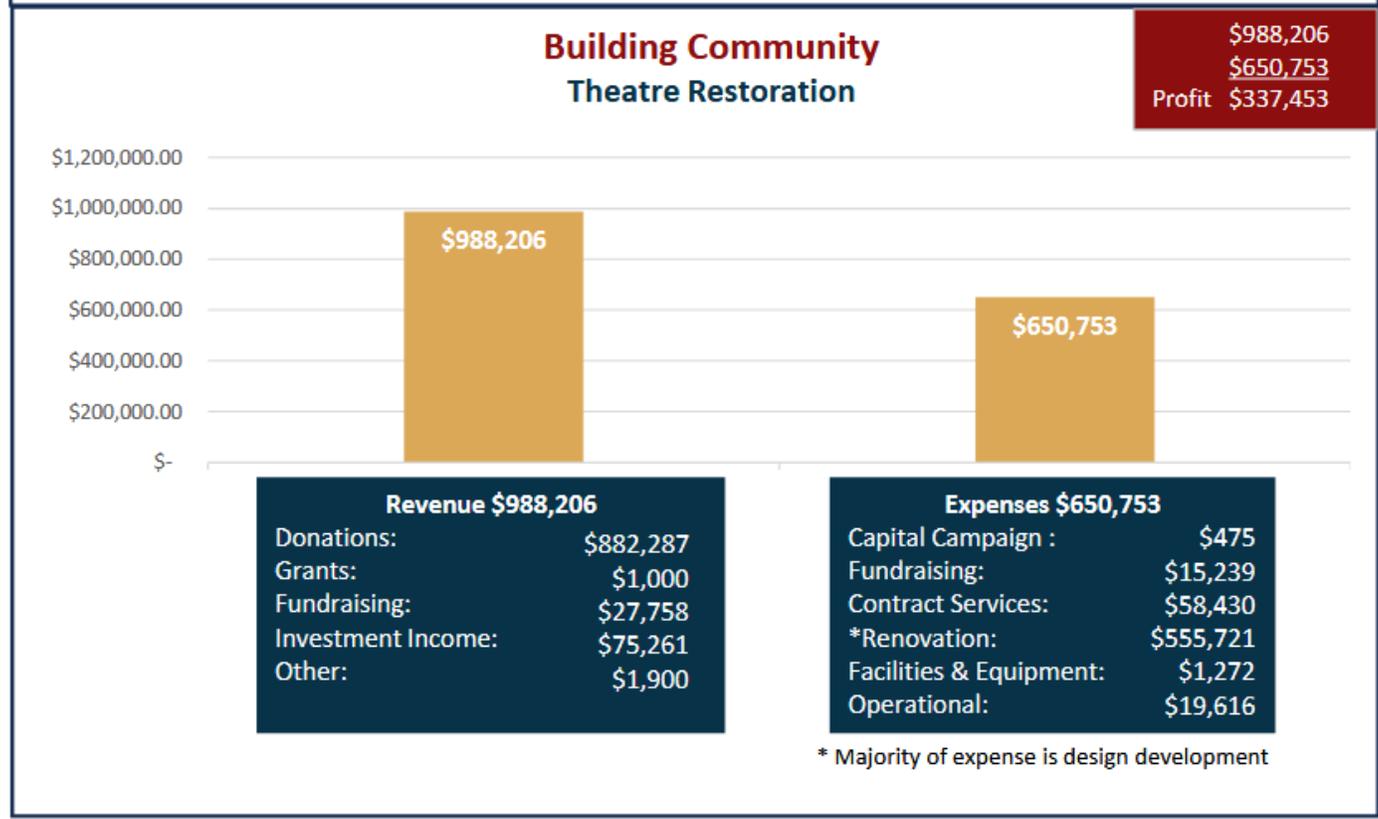
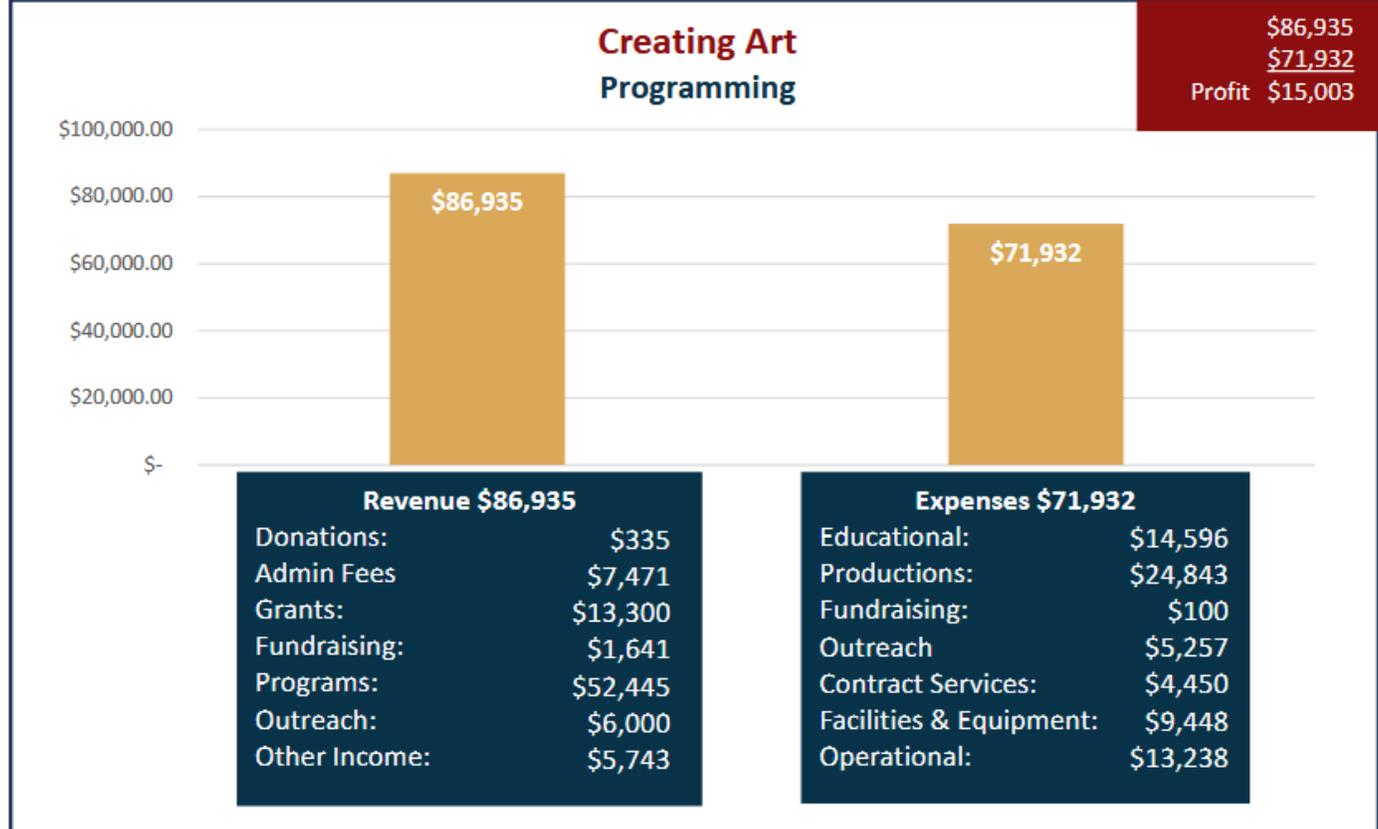
Regards-

Rylie Mullen, Programming Manager

NAC Sponsorship Levels 2026 Productions Available for Sponsorship: <small>Teen Theatre - Alice By Heart Adult Theatre - The Addams Family Junior Theatre - Honk Jr.</small>	LEAD	ORCHESTRA	SET	COSTUME	PROP	AUDIENCE	FRIEND
	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$100	\$50
One month on East Side of the Marquee	★						
Full Page ad in playbill	★	★					
Company logo display in the lobby during sponsored production	★	★	★				
Logo on front cover of playbill of sponsored production (scaled to level of sponsorship)	★	★	★				
Mention in production press releases and posters of sponsored production	★	★	★				
Thank You post on NAC social media accounts	★	★	★	★			
Two tickets to production sponsored	★	★	★				
Half Page ad in playbill			★	★			
Thank you inside the playbill of the production sponsored	★	★	★	★	★	★	★

**Norwalk Arts Center LLC** **2025 Financial Data**  
**January 1 - December 31**

Assets: \$3,444,570.92  
Liabilities: \$0



## **2025 was a defining year for the Norwalk Arts Center programming and the Norwalk Theatre.**

What began as a vision in 2018 continues to gain powerful momentum as participation, partnerships, and community enthusiasm grows at every level. Our Arts Education programs and our Junior, Teen, and Adult Theatre troupes expanded their reach, welcoming more students, artists, and audiences than ever before, and reinforcing the need for the Norwalk Theatre's role as a vibrant cultural hub for Norwalk and the surrounding region.

At the same time, 2025 marked a major milestone in the restoration of the historic Norwalk Theatre. Through strategic planning, expert collaboration, and steadfast community support, the project was successfully awarded more than \$3 million in historic tax credits (which will be granted after completion of the project), bringing us significantly closer to breathing new life into this beloved landmark. These credits represent not only financial progress, but confidence—from preservation partners, investors, and the community—in the Norwalk Theatre's future impact.

Together, the growth of our community arts programming and the tangible progress on restoration tell a powerful story: the Norwalk Theatre is not just being preserved, it is being reimagined. As we move into the next phase, 2025 stands as a year of momentum, credibility, and shared belief that this historic space will soon once again inspire creativity, connection, and economic energy for generations to come.

Here's to a very prosperous 2026!

Dina Lukasko, Executive Director



## **2025 Financial Overview**

In 2025, the Norwalk Arts Center continued to make strong, measurable progress fueled by growing community involvement and expanding programming. Increased participation in performances, classes, and community events generated steady earned revenue, while individual donors, local foundations, and businesses played a vital role in advancing the restoration project.

While the Norwalk Theatre did not receive a major one-time grant comparable to the \$3 million secured in 2024, the year reflected a more sustainable financial picture built on broad-based support. The assets on the chart to the left represent cash, investments, and fixed assets such as the theatre and land. These combined efforts allowed preservation work, planning, and project readiness to move forward with care and momentum.

The 2025 financial results demonstrate that the Norwalk Theatre is progressing well through consistent community investment and responsible stewardship—laying a strong foundation for continued restoration and long-term vitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Sigsworth, Treasurer

## Save the Dates:

**Junior Theatre:** Feb 16 Scholarship applications close for NAC & Missoula Children's Theatre Summer Camp "The Frog Prince"

**AIM (Artist in the Making):** FREE Art pop-ups @ Sheri's Coffee House 3:00-4:15 pm (5th-8th grade): Feb.13 Monogrammed Mug, March 13, April 10 and May 8

**NAC Night at the Races!** Norwalk Eagles Club #711 5:30 pm tickets & more info available online

**Theatre Discovery Series:** March 6- *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* open to grades 5 and 6, May 8 *Stuart Little* open to grades 1 and 2. Registration required for these sessions.

**Arts Explorers:** Feb. 28 Upcycled Art, Apr. 18, 2026 (grades 1-4) Registration required.

**Summer Theatre Camp:** Registration opens for NAC & Missoula Children's Theatre Summer Camp "The Frog Prince"

**Teen Theatre:** *Alice by Heart* Auditions April 3 & 4, more information online, tickets sales May 1- past patrons, May 8- general public

**NACtors Adult Community Theatre:** End of May, *The Addams Family Musical* Auditions (Open to anyone 16+)

Visit our webpage for more information about all of our programs and to register! [NorwalkArtsCenter.org](http://NorwalkArtsCenter.org)



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