A letter from the Executive Director

Dear Masterpiece Society Members,

This past year, we have had much to be grateful for. The Huntsville Museum and many other cultural resources that Huntsville has to offer, are thriving. From fine arts to live musical performances, Huntsville has become a cultural destination.

I am grateful to the City Council and Mayor Tommy Battle for recognizing the crucial role the arts play in creating a solid economic base for our community. Research and statistics show that a healthy, vibrant cultural scene enhances the lives of its residents and is an economic engine for the city. With the loyal and dedicated support of our Masterpiece Society Members, the Museum continues to rise to new heights in the art world.

On Thursday, February 9, 2023, the Museum presented a sold-out *Voices of Our Times* event with renowned Chef Alex Hitz. The event honored longtime Museum member and a dear friend, Chef Narvell Patton. Mayor Tommy Battle presented Narvell with a City Proclamation honoring her many years of sharing her culinary talents with so many in Huntsville. People are willing to wait in line for an hour just to enjoy a meal by Narvell and her team.

The cover of this year’s Masterpiece Society booklet, features the newest addition to the Museum’s sculpture garden. *Hare-O-Space, Final Leap* by Josh Coté is the second commissioned work by this artist. The Board of Trustees extend their gratitude to Lee and David Nast for sponsoring Josh’s space-themed creation, a theme very appropriate for Huntsville!

Masterpiece Society’s members’ cumulative giving significantly adds to the success of GALA, exhibitions, *Voices*, Guild events, and Skating in the Park. To all of our outstanding members highlighted in this booklet, the staff and I extend our heartfelt thanks for creating the opportunity for us to present the Best of the Best!

With appreciation,
Christopher J. Madkour

On the cover: Josh Coté, *Hare-o-space*. Commissioned by Board Chair David Nast and his wife Lee.
Dear Masterpiece Society Members,

In the year 2024, Huntsville has more to offer than ever. Our downtown area has become one of the most talked about places in our beautiful city. Huntsville is operating at its full potential, as we continue to grow, this city provides visitors, newcomers, and long-term residents with a multitude of amazing attractions.

The Huntsville Museum of Art is one of the most popular attractions by far. Huntsville Museum of Art operates as the center of artistic excellence for the benefit and cultural enrichment of youth and adults here in Huntsville. Its recent expansion gives space for over 14 galleries and a variety of traveling exhibitions for all ages and cultures to enjoy. Huntsville Museum of Art has been an inspiration for many years and will continue to inspire for years to come.

Huntsville Museum of Art aims to provide each person with a positive experience in the visual arts, encourage them to appreciate the arts, and to develop their creative talents. When companies are considering a community to move to, they do so with an eye on how appealing the community will be to their workforce. Our museum checks that box each time.

As a frequent visitor to the Huntsville Museum of Art, I appreciate the generous patrons of the Masterpiece Society who provide critical support for outstanding exhibitions, lectures, and cultural activities. Please join me in commending the Masterpiece Society for its important role in helping our city flourish by supporting the Huntsville Museum of Art. Together, we are creating a signature institution for generations to enjoy.

Thank you for making a difference in our community.

All the best,
Tommy Battle
Masterpiece Society 2023

A society of Members who support the Museum through either one-time or cumulative giving throughout the year of $5,000 or more.

This listing recognizes gifts made January 1 - December 31, 2023.

Diamond Circle $50,000 +
- Alabama State Council on the Arts
- City of Huntsville
- Estate of Ronnie D. Hornbuckle
- Home Choice Windows & Doors, LLC
- Madison County Commission
- The Jane K. Lowe Charitable Foundation

Platinum Circle $20,000 - $49,999
- Century Automotive Group
- DePriest Robbins
- IronMountain Solutions, Inc.
- PNC Bank
- Twickenham Advisors

Gold Circle $10,000 - $19,999
- Bentley Automotive
- Damson Family Foundation
- First Horizon
- Joyce Griffin
- Mona Smith Legacy Fund
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- Mrs. Shelbie King
- The Olin King Family Charitable Foundation
- The Jurenko Foundation
- The Propst Foundation
- Torch Technologies, Inc.
- United Community Bank

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- Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP
- The Boeing Company
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- Redstone Federal Credit Union
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- Randy Roper and Ken Rivenbark
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- Mr. and Mrs. Randall A. Schrimsher
- Sasha and Charlie Sealy
- SEA Wire and Cable, Inc.
- Mr. and Mrs. John H. Shields and Family
- Ina and Garrett Smith
- Samia Spencer
- SportsMed
- Mr. and Mrs. William H. Stender, Jr.
- Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Stephenson
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- Mr. and Mrs. Howard A. Thrailkill
- Toyota Motor North America, Inc
- Van Valkenburgh & Wilkinson Properties, Inc.
- Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wicks
- Patricia and James Zeigler
Generous support from the community helped the Huntsville Museum of Art achieve great things in 2023

The numbers on this page are based on the Huntsville Museum of Art’s Fiscal Year 2023 Audit (October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023).

Revenue Breakdown

- **Auxiliary Programs***: $900,000
- **City Appropriations**: $234,169
- **General Admission/Tours**: $140,842
- **Facility Rental**: $155,533
- **Grants**: $155,533
- **Education**: $155,533
- **Fundraising**: $392,347
- **Total Revenue**: $3,243,546

Expense Breakdown

- **Public Services**: $2,458,201
- **General & Administrative**: $313,048
- **Fundraising**: $392,347
- **Total Expenses**: $3,163,596

Educational Program Attendance

- **Tours**: 7,780
- **Family Programs**: 856
- **Auxiliary Programs**: 1,104

Academy Enrollment

- **High School/Adult**: 339
- **Children**: 592

* Auxiliary Programs include contributions from Sponsorships, Endowment, Donations, Membership, HMA Guild, HMA Gala, Skating in the Park, Ticket Sales from Voices of Our Times and other Special Events, Gift Shop, Café, Traveling Exhibitions, In-Kind Donations, etc.

** Auxiliary Programs in 2023 included Happy Birthday! Art Museum Parties, Accessible Art Works with Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind, K-12 Teacher Professional Development Workshop and YAM 2023: Exhibition for Youth Art Month.
There are many ways to give to the Huntsville Museum of Art. Each donor should consider these methods and find the one that best suits his or her current situation. In many cases, you may find there are tax benefits with certain ways of giving; please discuss these with your financial advisor, and call us if you have specific questions. We ask each of you to remember that the Annual Fund is also a crucial part of our operations, and we hope you will maintain your support for today while participating in this campaign for the future.

**Gifts of Stocks, Mutual Funds, or Bonds** are often the most popular way to give, particularly because a gift of appreciated stock or mutual funds is generally tax deductible at full fair market value at the time of the gift, and there is no capital gains tax due. Most donors find this is a way to make a more generous and advantageous gift than might have been possible otherwise. Please ask your broker to contact our Development Office.

**Insurance Policies** are welcomed as a contribution to the campaign. We accept paid policies, and policies wherein you provide the means for premium payments over the term of the insurance. Please discuss this with us prior to making your arrangements.

You may have **property or tangible goods** you would like to donate. In this case, it is best to contact us before making the gift to make sure it can be accepted. Please be aware that tax law requires you to obtain an appraisal of any tangible goods valued at $5,000 or more, prior to your donation, and that immediate sale of the gift may affect the limits of its tax deductibility. In the case of a gift of real estate, you may need to
have an environmental appraisal, which would also be at your expense. We are happy to discuss this if you are thinking of such a gift, so please call our Development Office.

**Planned Gifts** are an increasingly popular way to make a long-term impact with your contribution. This could include trusts, retirement funds, annuities, and other estate planning methods. As a tax-exempt organization, we can benefit from a variety of trust arrangements and bequests that carry substantial benefits for the donor. Please contact us to discuss these possibilities. Individuals who choose to provide support to the Huntsville Museum of Art through a bequest or a planned gift will be recognized annually as members of the Masterpiece Society.

**Bequests** are the ultimate gift to the Huntsville Museum of Art. Although a bequest cannot be counted until it is realized, we would like to recognize your plans by including you among our Masterpiece Society, which is acknowledged annually. Please let us know if you have made provisions for a gift to the Huntsville Museum of Art in your will.

Your contribution to the Huntsville Museum of Art will make a significant difference in the future. We are deeply grateful for your participation in this campaign. Please call if you would like to discuss any aspect of your giving plans.

Christopher J. Madkour, Executive Director  
Andrea Petroff, Director of Development
“My partners and I consider the HMA a source of inspiration, reflection, and joy for all ages. For us the HMA is a shining star in the Rocket City.”
– Joy Hall, Home Choice Windows & Doors
Kevin and Joy Hall

John and Jerry Ann Wynn

Dominique Shackleford, Julien Speyer, Riley Parker, Erin Stephenson, Tyler Hatcher and Steve Stratton

Stephanie and Ronnie Robbins

Ginger Harper and Eric Sanders
“My parents always instilled in our family to give to our community. Their message was that any great community has a cultural center based around the arts! The Huntsville Museum of Art has been the anchor for so much growth and prosperity in Huntsville. We are proud to give to HMA in our growing city and the experiences it provides many!” – Tracy Jones
“Redstone Federal Credit Union is a financial institution whose national motto is ‘People Helping People.’ We choose to support the arts, and the Huntsville Museum of Art, because art contributes to a person’s well-being. Art connects us, inspires us, encourages us, and moves us to be better people. – Joe Newberry
Sarah and Dr. Carl Gessler

Dr. Frank and Patsy Haws

Tom and Allen Young

Jerre and Jean Penney

Cathy and Bill Stender

Patricia and James Zeigler
Highlights of 2023

Voices of Our Times
Elizabeth Locke, May 18, 2023

A Graphic Journey: Prints by Pablo Picasso from the Dr. Timothy Collins Collection

American Identity

Encounters: Courtney Egan
Dreamcatchers, 2013. Interactive single channel video installation, size variable.

Donato Giancola: Adventures in Imagination
Donato Giancola, Star Wars Galaxies, 2003, oil on panel

Ginny Ruffner: Reforestation of the Imagination
Ginny Ruffner with Grant Kirkpatrick, Canna grandiflora (Magnolia gondola), 2017, holographic image. Courtesy Ruffner Studio.
Rania Matar: SHE


The Artist Abroad


The Age of Armor: Treasures from the Higgins Armory Collection at the Worcester Art Museum

Master “MR”, German, from the area of Nuremberg. Comb Morion for the Guard of Christian I or II, Electors of Saxony, about 1585–1595, blackened steel with etched and gilded decoration, brass, textile and leather

Skating in the Park

Voices of Our Times

Alex Hitz with Chef Narvell, February 9, 2023

Museum Academy

Mixed Media Camp, Summer 2023