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THE LENSIC'S 2025 IMPACT REPORT



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WE LOOK BACK ON 2025 WITH GRATITUDE BEYOND MEASURE

A year that celebrated artistic excellence, diverse voices, and the power of live performance to bring our community together.



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In 2025, the Lensic engaged 283,593 people through 416 events at the Lensic and throughout the region.



PERFORMANCE

In 2025, the Lensic continued its tradition of presenting world-class artists alongside exceptional local and regional talent, welcoming audiences to a year defined by diversity, joy, and unforgettable experiences. The season featured standout performances by acclaimed musicians and cultural icons, with sold-out evenings that reaffirmed the Lensic's role as a premier performing arts venue.

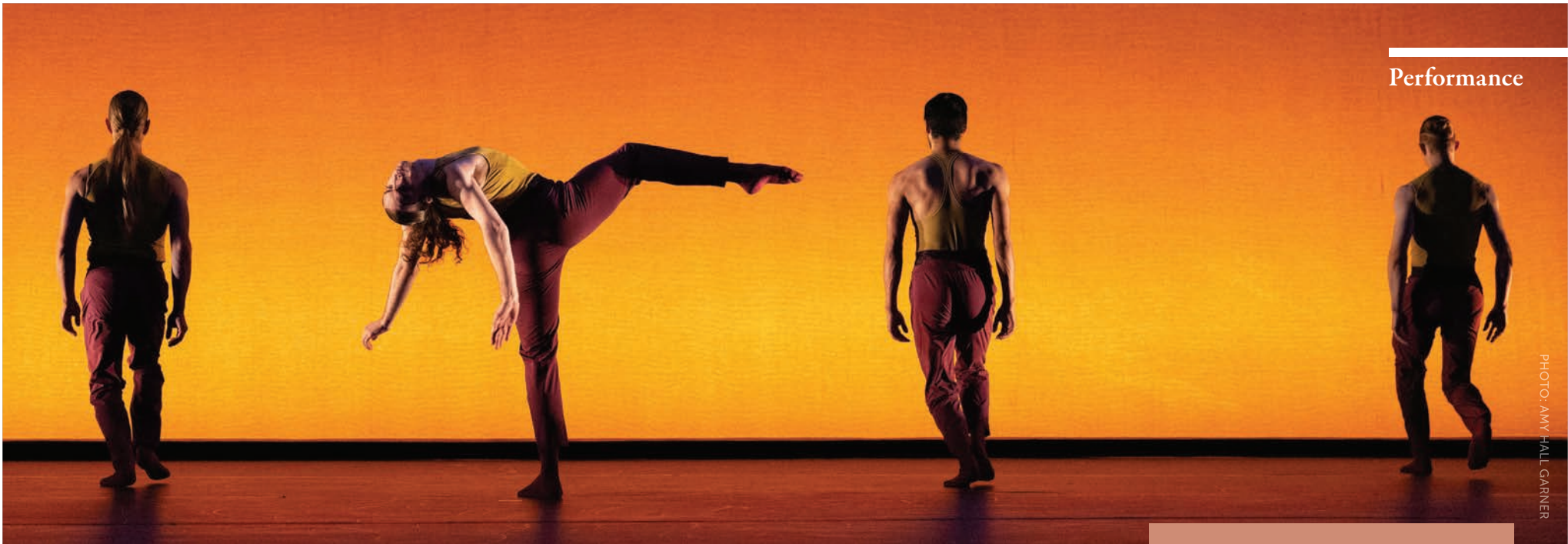


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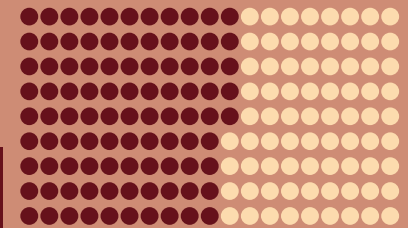
The Lensic Presents Series

Major names joined the stage, including unforgettable performances by **Yo-Yo Ma**, **Joshua Bell** and **Larisa Martínez**, **Stanley Clarke**, and **Renée Fleming**. Dance took center stage with breathtaking appearances by **Twyla Tharp Dance** and **Hubbard Street Dance Chicago**, whose dancers delivered performances of remarkable precision and artistry, alongside other celebrated national dance companies that thrilled audiences throughout the year.

Theater and comedy audiences were equally well served, with a dynamic mix of storytelling, humor, and live performance that filled the hall across the seasons. Beloved traditions—including holiday programming and a festive New Year’s Eve celebration—once again brought the community together to close out the year on a high note.

Total number of events:

171



Lensic events:

95

Rental events:

76

Total audience members:

96,152



Rental events:

43,664

Lensic events:

52,488

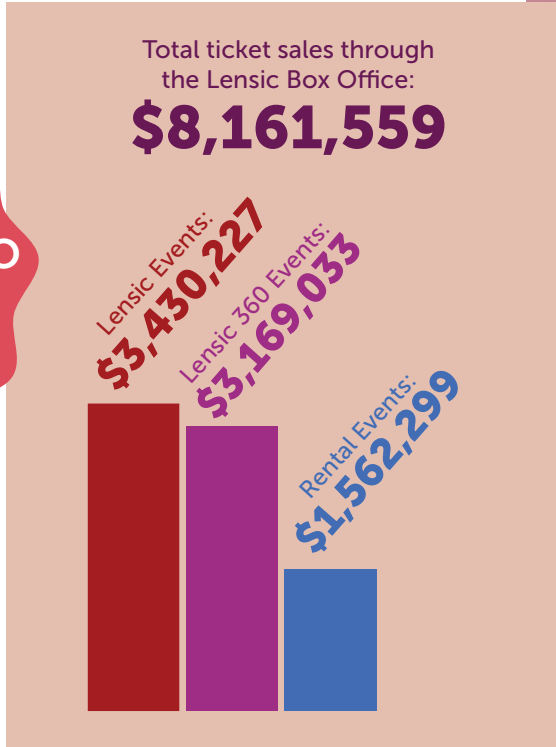
Lensic Community Partners

The Lensic is also home to the Santa Fe Symphony, Santa Fe Pro Musica, Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Santa Fe Institute, Santa Fe Independent Film Festival, Santa Fe Conservation Trust's Banff Film Festival, New Mexico Jazz Festival, and the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet.

Together, these performances, programs, and partnerships made 2025 a remarkable year—one that celebrated artistic brilliance, deepened community connection, and set the stage for an exciting future.



**137,753
TICKETS SOLD TO
280 EVENTS***



**Includes tickets sold for events at the Lensic and other local venues served by the Lensic Box Office*

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Education and access remained at the heart of the Lensic's mission in 2025, with school matinees, youth programs, and community partnerships introducing thousands of students and families to the transformative power of the performing arts.

2025 Was an Extraordinary Year

Students across New Mexico filled the Lencic for their first-ever live performances. Rural classrooms welcomed visiting artists. Families came together for free concerts in their own communities. Local students stepped on stage and learned what is possible for their future.

In October, we piloted the new **Rural Arts Residency** in collaboration with Las Cafeteras. From October 19–28, the residency traveled across northern New Mexico to bring storytelling workshops, community concerts, and student matinees directly to rural communities, including El Rito, Ojo Caliente, Ranchos de Taos, and Pecos. The week was bookended by two performances of the band’s Day of the Dead show, *Hasta La Muerte*.

A teacher from Ranchos Elementary shared:
“Giving my rural students such a high-quality live performance that we can process and relive in the music room after the troupe is gone is a priceless support.”

RURAL ARTS RESIDENCY

1,800+
People



1,200+
Students

500+

free tickets distributed across Taos, Las Vegas, Albuquerque, and Santa Fe



30

schools and community organizations, including Las Cumbres Immigrant and Refugee Services



13 events
in **7 days**



Our General Education Programs Served:

14,500+
STUDENTS

participated in our education experiences on stage, backstage, and in the audience.

500+
LOCAL STUDENTS

learned from visiting artists in workshops and masterclasses.

1,000+
CHILDREN

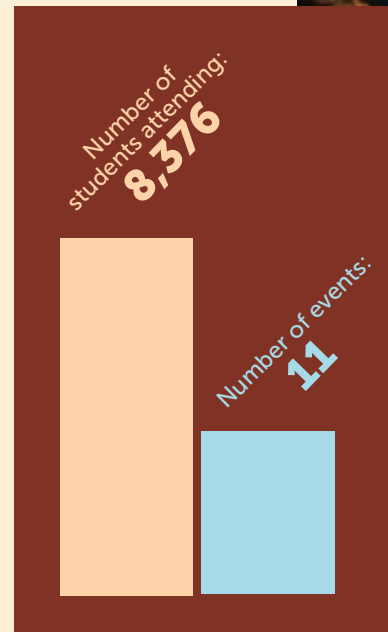
with special education designations participated in arts programs that sparked confidence and creativity.

25
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

received guidance, mentorship, and opportunities through our Technical Theater Internship Program.

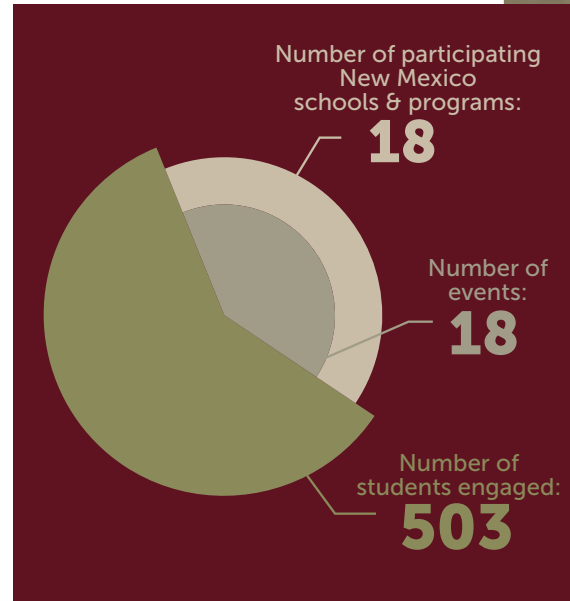
Youth Matinees (Grades K–6)

Each year, in partnership with Santa Fe Public Schools' COMPASS (Comprehensive Performing Arts for Student Success) program, thousands of K–6 students ride buses to the Lensic for free, age-appropriate matinees—often their first and only live performing arts experience of the year.



Masterclasses: Educational Outreach in Schools

Students learn directly from professional dancers, musicians, actors, and filmmakers in masterclasses led by Lensic Presents artists, held at local schools and at the Lensic, featuring skills workshops, discussions, and performance-based learning.

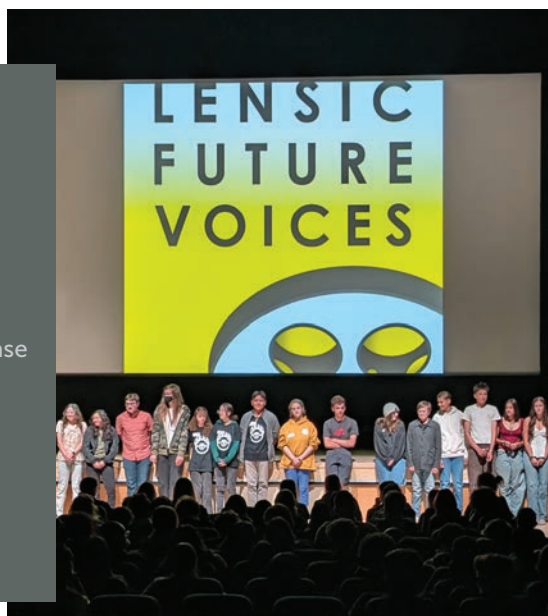
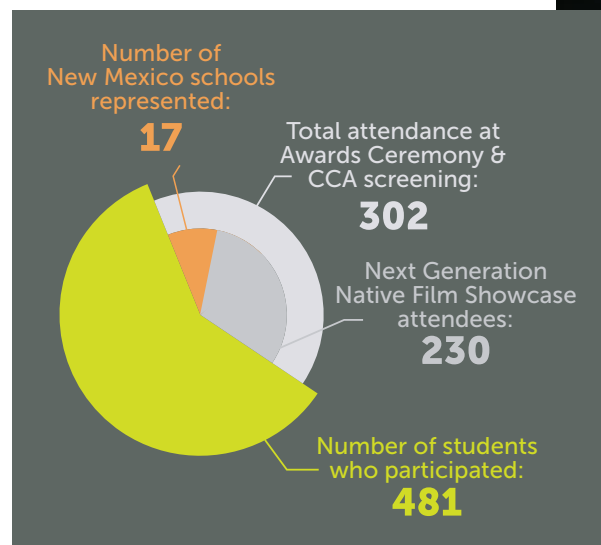
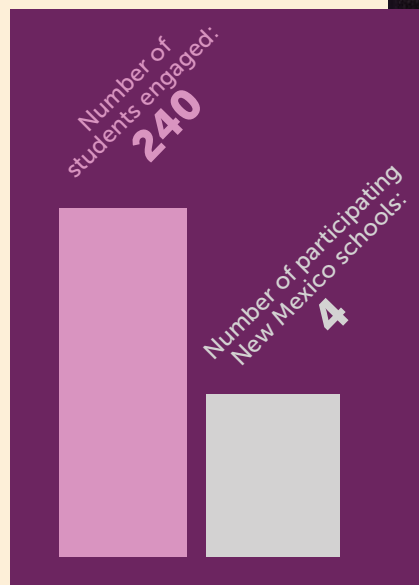


Lensic Hocus Focus: Kevin Spencer Residency in Schools

This performing arts education program brings master magician, educator, and autism specialist Kevin Spencer into special-needs and inclusive classrooms across New Mexico. His Hocus Focus workshops use simple magic tricks to spark joy while building communication, coordination, behavioral, and essential cognitive skills.

Lensic Flamenco Residency

An exciting collaboration with EmiArteFlamenco, Santa Fe Public Schools, and 21st Century Community Learning Centers, this program hosts 6 weeks of bilingual residencies. Students explore the history and culture of flamenco through singing, dancing, and guitar, culminating in a performance at the Lensic alongside professional artists.



Film & Photography Programs

Young, aspiring image-makers tell their stories using film and photography. Future Voices provides high school and middle school students with the support they need to create high-quality projects, and the Next Generation Native Film Showcase exhibits films created by young Native creators from New Mexico and beyond.

Technical Theater Internship Program

The Lensic’s Technical Theater Internship program provides young people in our community with basic to intermediate training in all areas of the behind-the-scenes world of live entertainment production. Interns work closely with Lensic staff to learn the fundamentals of audio and lighting design, stage rigging, production management, and professionalism in the theater.

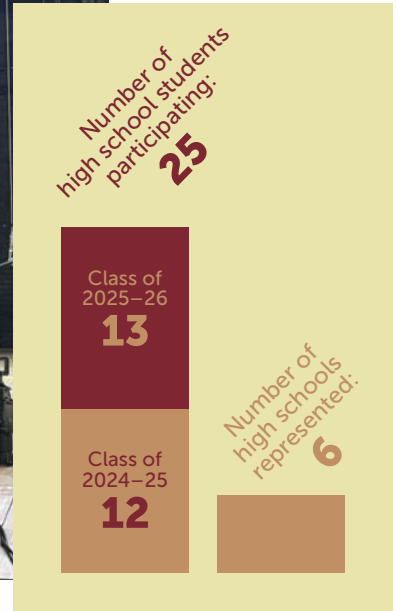
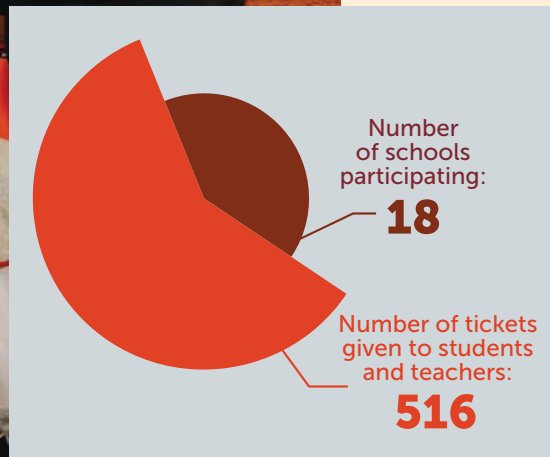


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Class Acts

The Lensic offers free tickets through the Class Acts program encouraging students and teachers to attend Lensic Presents shows together.

Angel Tickets

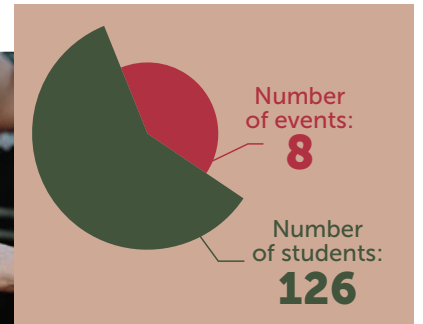
Angel Tickets provide free Lentic Presents tickets to local social service agencies that serve young people in Northern New Mexico.

Organizations served include: Girls Inc., Moving Arts Española, NM MESA, and Las Cumbres community services: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and Adult Day Services.

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Other Education Events

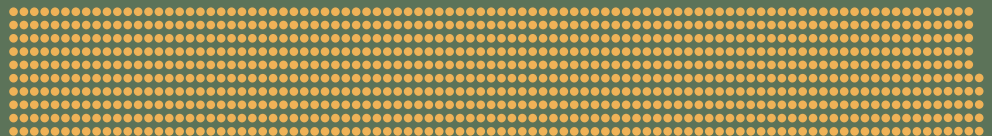
Over the course of the year, the Lentic extends its reach beyond our core programs through community partnerships, special events, and summer programs. Schools and organizations include: Edmonton High School (Backstage Tour), KHFM (Music Education Celebration), Julia Keefe (Meet & Greet), Poetry Out Loud, Read Across America Community Read, Summer Scene Kids Events: Ozokidz, Terrance Simien’s Creole4Kidz, Sonia de los Santos.

Program Notes – Lentic Presents Pre-Show Discussion Series

Number of pre-show discussions: 9



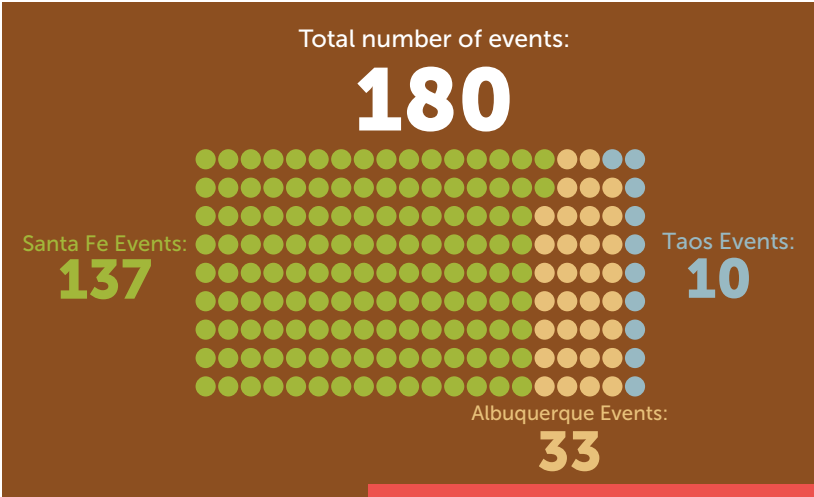
Number of participants: 935





COMMUNITY

The Lensic is more than a theater. Through Lensic 360, it has become a cultural hub for Northern New Mexico, bringing people together through music, shared experiences, and free events that welcome everyone.



This Past Year

Lensic 360 expanded its reach across New Mexico, bringing music to communities across the state through 180 paid events at 29 venues. We welcomed over 95,000 patrons in Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Taos.

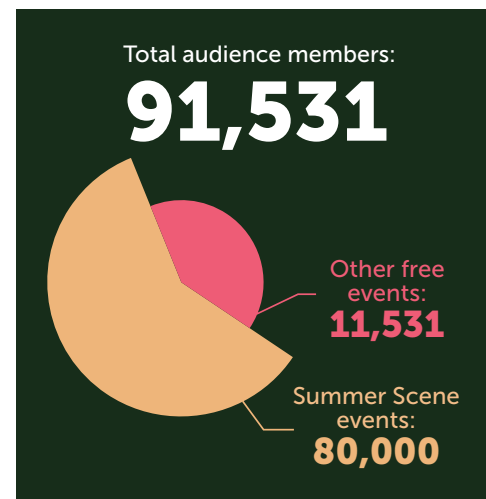
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Santa Fe Summer Scene

One of the main highlights of the year, Summer Scene has grown into one of the country's premier summer music festivals. More than **50 free concerts and family-friendly events** lit up the Plaza, the Railyard, Reunity Resources Farm, and SWAN Park, with more free events in Taos and Albuquerque. The audiences were joyful, the nights were full, and many families told us it was the best summer scene yet.



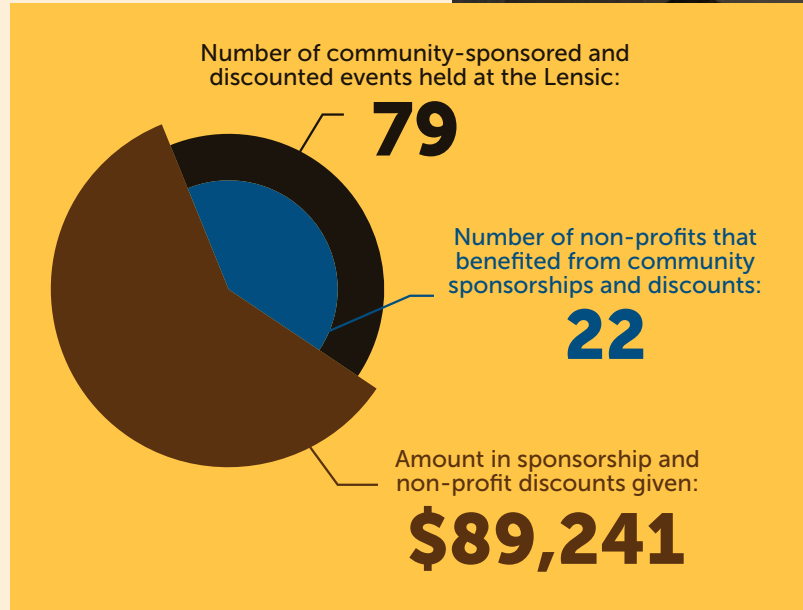
Our community partnerships and programs supported a variety of organizations, including:

- Assistance Dogs of the West
- Cancer Foundation for New Mexico
- Creative Santa Fe
- Día de los Muertos
- The Food Depot
- Girls, Inc.
- Kitchen Angels
- Indigenous Ways
- IAIA
- IFAM
- KUNM—NPR
- Little Globe/Santa Fe Indigenous Center—“Circles”
- Museum of New Mexico Foundation—Railyard concerts
- NMPBS—Ken Burns “American Revolution” premiere screening
- Santa Fe Opera
- Silver Bullet Productions—Premiere screening of “Pueblo Revolt” documentary and fundraiser
- SITE Santa Fe *Koyaanisqatsi*/Philip Glass Ensemble collaboration

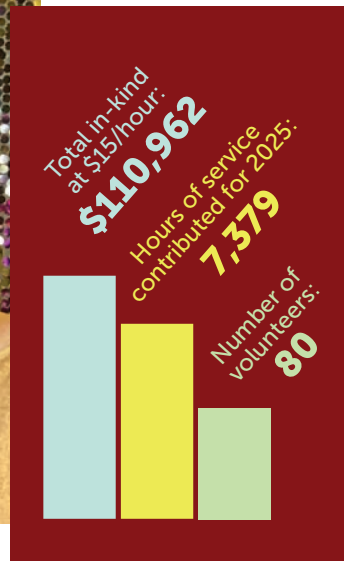


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OUR LANDMARK THEATER

This year marks the **25th Anniversary** of the Lensic—a milestone that celebrates all we have built while opening the door to what comes next. With bold programming, deepened community partnerships, and an enduring commitment to artistic quality and access, this anniversary year invites both reflection and renewal.

In 2026, we will honor the past, strengthen the present, and continue building a future in which the arts remain central to life in Santa Fe and beyond.

We invite you to help shape the next 25 years of the Lensic, and we can't wait to celebrate with you at events throughout the year.



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