

**GADSDEN CULTURAL ARTS
FOUNDATION, INC.**
Gadsden, Alabama

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2024 and 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors and Executive Director of
Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation, Inc.

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of support, revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets – modified cash basis, and the statements of functional expenses – modified cash basis for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities, and net assets of Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation, Inc. as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and its support, revenue, expenses, changes in net assets, and functional expenses, for the years then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation, Inc. and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Board of Directors and Executive Director
Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation, Inc.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Board of Directors and Executive Director
Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation, Inc.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation, Inc.'s ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

MDA Professional Group, P.C.

Gadsden, Alabama
March 7, 2025

GADSDEN CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 134,249	\$ 140,092
Investments - Cash	124,369	105,817
Investments, at Cost	<u>1,871,546</u>	<u>1,973,648</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>2,130,164</u>	<u>2,219,557</u>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Building and Improvements	3,561,624	3,446,116
Building - Kyle Building	512,448	512,448
Youth Symphony Orchestra Equipment	143,461	134,385
Furniture	161,445	161,445
Office Equipment	77,758	79,613
Children's Museum	108,316	108,316
Automobiles	42,514	42,514
Temple Music Center	35,660	35,660
Construction in Progress	<u>37,239</u>	<u>-</u>
	4,680,465	4,520,497
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>3,157,930</u>	<u>3,017,918</u>
	<u>1,522,535</u>	<u>1,502,579</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 3,652,699</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,722,136</u></u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Payroll Tax Liabilities and Other Withholdings	<u>\$ 9,715</u>	<u>\$ 9,997</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>9,715</u>	<u>9,997</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restrictions	<u>3,642,984</u>	<u>3,712,139</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 3,652,699</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,722,136</u></u>

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GADSDEN CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

STATEMENTS OF SUPPORT, REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES
IN NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

	2024	2023
SUPPORT AND REVENUE		
Grants	\$ 483,500	\$ 462,847
School	438,816	388,083
Imagination Place and Other Activities	269,901	252,582
Pledges, Fundraising, and Legacy	155,764	158,419
Etowah Youth Orchestra	141,207	173,965
Memberships	26,950	28,900
Projects	21,015	21,884
Gadsden Symphony Orchestra	7,820	13,888
Exhibits	3,000	3,000
Miscellaneous	2,885	1,094
	<u>1,550,858</u>	<u>1,504,662</u>
EXPENSES		
Program Services		
School	353,505	312,806
Etowah Youth Orchestra	283,587	273,426
Imagination Place	153,047	129,298
Gadsden Symphony Orchestra	62,317	58,301
Exhibits	26,214	20,954
Management and General		
Personnel	365,724	359,094
Operating Expenses	222,902	290,589
Depreciation	154,889	141,383
Building Expenses	116,975	97,214
Fundraising and Legacy	3,610	17,066
	<u>1,742,770</u>	<u>1,700,131</u>
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)		
Gain on Investment Securities	70,160	79,776
Dividend Income	52,836	57,706
Interest Income	6,331	4,411
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(6,570)	(6,722)
	<u>122,757</u>	<u>135,171</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(69,155)	(60,298)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>3,712,139</u>	<u>3,772,437</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 3,642,984</u>	<u>\$ 3,712,139</u>

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GADSDEN CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

STATEMENTS OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

Functional Expenses	2024									
	Program Activities					Supporting Activities				
	School	Etowah Youth Orchestra	Imagination Place	Exhibits	Gadsden Symphony Orchestra	Programs Subtotal	General and Administrative	Fund-Raising	Supporting Subtotal	Total
Payroll and Related Benefits	\$ 299,528	\$ 228,160	\$ 129,107	\$ -	\$ 9,000	\$ 665,795	\$ 365,724	\$ -	\$ 365,724	\$ 1,031,519
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	154,889	-	154,889	154,889
Utilities	-	17,160	-	-	-	17,160	116,975	-	116,975	134,135
Supplies and Program Services	41,735	11,258	4,572	26,214	2,597	86,376	669	-	669	87,045
Events Expenses	-	17,335	16,607	-	2,145	36,087	25,789	-	25,789	61,876
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,222	-	55,222	55,222
Contract Labor	-	1,435	-	-	48,575	50,010	-	-	-	50,010
Repairs and Maintenance	-	104	2,761	-	-	2,865	34,099	-	34,099	36,964
Bank Charges	9,149	26	-	-	-	9,175	12,571	-	12,571	21,746
Investment Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,587	-	20,587	20,587
Advertising	-	389	-	-	-	389	18,478	-	18,478	18,867
Professional Fees	-	2,171	-	-	-	2,171	14,462	-	14,462	16,633
Service Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,284	-	15,284	15,284
Small Tools and Equipment	-	1,549	-	-	-	1,549	6,668	-	6,668	8,217
Travel and Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,231	-	7,231	7,231
Office Expense	3,093	743	-	-	-	3,836	1,208	-	1,208	5,044
Dues and Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,414	-	4,414	4,414
Printing	-	3,257	-	-	-	3,257	400	-	400	3,657
Membership Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,615	-	3,615	3,615
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,610	3,610	3,610
Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,205	-	2,205	2,205
Total Functional Expenses	\$ 353,505	\$ 283,587	\$ 153,047	\$ 26,214	\$ 62,317	\$ 878,670	\$ 860,490	\$ 3,610	\$ 864,100	\$ 1,742,770

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	Program Activities					Supporting Activities				Total
	School	Etowah Youth Orchestra	Imagination Place	Exhibits	Gadsden Symphony Orchestra	Programs Subtotal	General and Administrative	Fund-Raising	Supporting Subtotal	
Functional Expenses										
Payroll and Related Benefits	\$ 256,325	\$ 211,982	\$ 107,740	\$ -	\$ 9,000	\$ 585,047	\$ 359,094	\$ -	\$ 359,094	\$ 944,141
Depreciation	-	-	-	-	-	-	141,383	-	141,383	141,383
Utilities	-	14,562	-	-	-	14,562	97,214	-	97,214	111,776
Repairs and Maintenance	-	613	1,725	-	-	2,338	100,781	-	100,781	103,119
Supplies and Program Services	42,816	21,352	4,981	20,954	1,677	91,780	67	-	67	91,847
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-	-	57,694	-	57,694	57,694
Events Expense	-	15,573	14,852	-	2,324	32,749	20,849	-	20,849	53,598
Contract Labor	-	2,027	-	-	45,300	47,327	275	-	275	47,602
Investment Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,907	-	24,907	24,907
Bank Charges	8,634	5	-	-	-	8,639	13,072	-	13,072	21,711
Fundraising	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,066	17,066	17,066
Advertising	-	371	-	-	-	371	15,358	-	15,358	15,729
Professional Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,084	-	14,084	14,084
Service Contracts	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,087	-	13,087	13,087
Office Expense	5,031	985	-	-	-	6,016	5,399	-	5,399	11,415
Small Tools and Equipment	-	1,177	-	-	-	1,177	9,454	-	9,454	10,631
Membership Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,583	-	6,583	6,583
Printing	-	3,729	-	-	-	3,729	1,076	-	1,076	4,805
Dues and Subscriptions	-	542	-	-	-	542	4,172	-	4,172	4,714
Postage	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,896	-	1,896	1,896
Travel and Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,835	-	1,835	1,835
Miscellaneous	-	508	-	-	-	508	-	-	-	508
Total Functional Expenses	\$ 312,806	\$ 273,426	\$ 129,298	\$ 20,954	\$ 58,301	\$ 794,785	\$ 888,280	\$ 17,066	\$ 905,346	\$ 1,700,131

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of these financial statements.

GADSDEN CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The Gadsden Cultural Arts Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) promotes cultural, educational, and artistic activities in the Etowah County, Alabama area.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) in that certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

DEPOSITS

The Foundation maintains its cash balances at two financial institutions located in Gadsden, Alabama. The balances are insured up to \$250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). At December 31, 2024 and 2023, all of the Foundation's cash balances were insured.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Donated property and equipment are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of the donation. Additions and improvements that extend the life of an asset are capitalized. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged against income. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives.

Building and Improvements	15 - 40 years
Building - Kyle Building	1 - 40 years
Youth Symphony Orchestra Equipment	1 - 5 years
Furniture	5 - 10 years
Office Equipment	5 - 10 years
Children's Museum	5 - 10 years
Automobiles	1 - 5 years
Temple Music Center	15 - 40 years

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

The Foundation has adopted FASB ASC 958-205, "Presentation of Financial Statements for Not-for-Profit Entities." Under FASB ASC 958-205, the Foundation is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: Net Assets with Donor Restrictions and Net Assets without Donor Restrictions.

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GADSDEN CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Some donor imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Other donor imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity. Donor imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both. There were no net assets with donor restrictions as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Net Assets without Donor Restrictions – The part of net assets that are available for use at the organization’s discretion and are not constrained by specific donor restrictions.

SUPPORT AND REVENUES

Contributions are recorded as income when received. Gifts of property and equipment are recorded at estimated fair market value. Contributions are considered available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by donors or designated by the Board of Directors of the Foundation.

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue is measured based on consideration specified in a contract with a customer, whether verbal or nonverbal. The Foundation recognizes revenue when it satisfies a performance obligation by transferring control over a product or service to a customer. The Foundation does not have any significant financing components as payment is received at or shortly after the point of sale or upon completion of the service.

FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The costs of providing various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities – modified cash basis and the statements of functional expenses – modified cash basis. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services. General and administrative expenses, program activities, and fundraising costs have been allocated or charged as direct cost to each activity.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2023 financial statements to conform to the 2024 presentation.

INCOME TAXES

There is no provision for income taxes for charitable purpose income since the Foundation is a not-for-profit organization exempt from both federal and state income taxes. The Foundation has received an exemption letter from the Internal Revenue Service granting it tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3).

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GADSDEN CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

INCOME TAXES (Continued)

ASC 740-10 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The standard also provides guidance on derecognition, classification, treatment of interest and penalties, and disclosure of such positions.

The Foundation follows ASC 740-10 in accounting for any uncertain tax positions. Management believes that any potential liability resulting from taxing authorities imposing additional taxes or penalties would have no material effect on the Foundation's financial statements.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management evaluates events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements in determining the accounting for and disclosure of transactions and events that affect the financial statements. Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 7, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

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GADSDEN CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Investments are shown on the statements of assets, liabilities, and net assets – modified cash basis at cost. The market value at December 31, 2024 and 2023, was \$2,545,434 and \$2,436,631, respectively.

	<u>December 31, 2024</u>		
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
Cash and Money Funds	\$ 124,369	\$ 124,369	\$ -
Equities	<u>1,871,546</u>	<u>2,421,065</u>	<u>549,519</u>
	<u>\$ 1,995,915</u>	<u>\$ 2,545,434</u>	<u>\$ 549,519</u>
	<u>December 31, 2023</u>		
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)</u>
Cash and Money Funds	\$ 105,817	\$ 105,817	\$ -
Equities	<u>1,973,648</u>	<u>2,330,814</u>	<u>357,166</u>
	<u>\$ 2,079,465</u>	<u>\$ 2,436,631</u>	<u>\$ 357,166</u>

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GADSDEN CULTURAL ARTS FOUNDATION, INC.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 2 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statements of support, revenues, expenses, and change in net assets – modified cash basis for the years ended December 31:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Interest Income	\$ 6,331	\$ 4,411
Dividend Income	52,836	57,706
Gain on Investment Securities	<u>70,160</u>	<u>79,776</u>
	<u>\$ 129,327</u>	<u>\$ 141,893</u>

NOTE 3 – RETIREMENT PLAN

The Foundation established a retirement plan effective as of January 1, 2011. Employees who are age 21 and over and have completed one year of service and working a minimum of 1,000 hours or more per year are allowed to contribute to the plan. The Foundation made contributions of \$37,934 and \$34,084 to the plan during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023.

NOTE 4 – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

The Foundation's financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet dates for general expenditures are as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Cash	\$ 134,249	\$ 140,092
Investments - Cash	<u>124,369</u>	<u>105,817</u>
Total	<u>\$ 258,618</u>	<u>\$ 245,909</u>