

**Vicksburg Performing Arts Center
2008-2009 Annual Report**

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The ongoing charge of the Vicksburg Performing Arts center is to initiate and support opportunities to significantly enrich the educational opportunities of our students and to enhance the quality of life in our community.

It is particularly heartening to know that in a year that history will mark as the beginning of a financially challenging period for education in the state of Michigan, the nonprofit sector, and arts & culture organizations in particular, there are success stories out there. They are the organizations that employ focus and creativity to weather difficult times rather than capitulate to them. In 2008-09, the Performing Arts Center has strived to be a success story of one of those organizations ... Vicksburg Community Schools.

Make no mistake; the past year was one of appropriate austerity for the PAC. As you read the financial summarization of this past season, you will see that 2008-09 marks the first time in twelve years that PAC revenues did not surpass expenditures. What did this money purchase? As you read this report, you'll note our accomplishments. They are many and varied, and speak to a facet of our district that is vital, stable and wedded to the core values of proven worth. You'll agree, I think, that this was money well spent.

In December, the PAC presented a special holiday performance by the Western Jazz Quartet, and the VHS Red & White jazz bands. Prior to the event, both the high school and middle school band students participated in a clinic held by the individual members of the WJQ. The opportunity to receive instruction and encouragement on all aspects of musicianship was invaluable to our students and that concert held that evening was a positive experience for all involved artistically, educationally and socially.

In the spring, the district continued an ongoing partnership with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra by presenting a Community Partner Concert featuring the music of Leonard Bernstein. Over 120 VCS choir and band students performed with the professional musicians of the Kalamazoo Symphony. What a thrilling experience for young musicians! This partnership also allows our students the opportunities to attend KSO Youth Concerts, to participate in the award-winning Instrument Petting Zoo program, and to enjoy KSO Ensembles performing in our schools.

As always, our student's educational experience is the highest priority at the PAC. The artistic quality of educational theatre arts produced in Vicksburg also exceeded past successes. In November, audiences' spirits soared with excitement as the PAC presented the musical family favorite – **Aladdin, Jr.**, the stage adaptation of the Disney hit. This was the first time ever that 4th-8th graders participated in their own district-wide musical. Audiences also saw the high school students in the world-renowned story of Willy Loman - **Death of a Salesman** and what is considered by many the perfect musical comedy – **Guys and Dolls**. Of course the PAC was ready and able to serve the needs of all of the community organizations that present the annual favorites including **Main Street Revue** visiting *L.H. Mercy Hospital*, the **Vicksburg Rotary Showboat**, and the **South County Players** performing *All I Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten* and *The Wizard of Wobbling Rock*.

It is difficult to summarize all that happened over the course of 2008-09 at the PAC and the impact made on our students and community, regardless of the aberrant bottom line. As we go forward into a new decade, we will be taking decisive action to ensure our successful future as a lively, dynamic arts and cultural organization. This action will include building on our successes with an exciting and varied performance season and a rededication of our efforts to the importance of the arts in our schools and in our lives. Please join us as we blaze the direction for arts education and performance for another exciting year and a truly promising future.

Timothy Fuller
Performing Arts Manager

Financials

Revenues

Grants & Donations	\$ 3325.00
Auditorium Interest	459.58
Auditorium Merchandise	650.83
Ticket Sales	3271.99
Program Advertising Sales	3649.00
Rentals	3501.41
Custodial Services	1234.98
Technical Services	1775.50
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Total	\$17868.29

Expenditures

Technical Support	\$ 1400.00
Professional Artist Series	9283.23
Auditorium Advertising	8862.58
Auditorium Printing	3697.15
Capitol Outlay	1651.00
Supplies	870.79
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Total	\$25764.75

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Budget Balance	(\$ 7896.46)
Fund Equity Balance	\$51344.83
June 30, 2008 Fund Balance	\$43448.37