

# 2024 CREATIVE GUTS ANNUAL REPORT

## MISSION

To awaken creativity within people of all ages by curating an environment for connection, collaboration, and the opportunity for gutsy creatives to share their stories with the world.

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Clandestine playing at our 5th Birthday!

What an exciting moment for us!



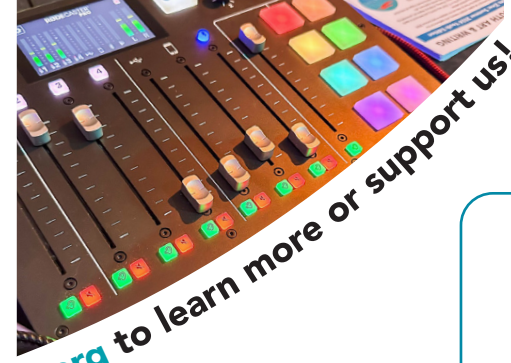
## RECOGNITION

Give Back NH is a program of New Hampshire Public Radio that highlights local nonprofits that provide great services for the Granite State. On April 27, 2024, their focus was on Creative Guts! Laura and Sarah visited their studios in Concord, NH, to share about our mission, programs, and events.

## KEY PARTNERS







Go to [CreativeGuts.org](https://CreativeGuts.org) to learn more or support us!

# FINANCIALS

## PROGRAMMING

2024 was a milestone year as Creative Guts celebrated its fifth birthday! Here's what we accomplished:

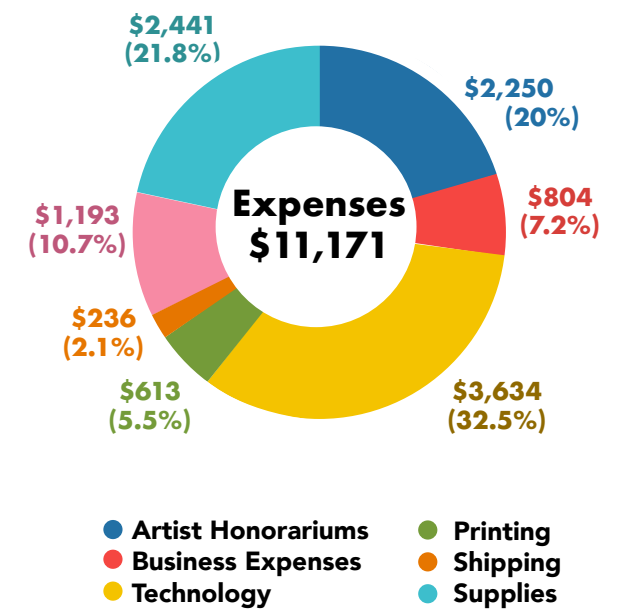
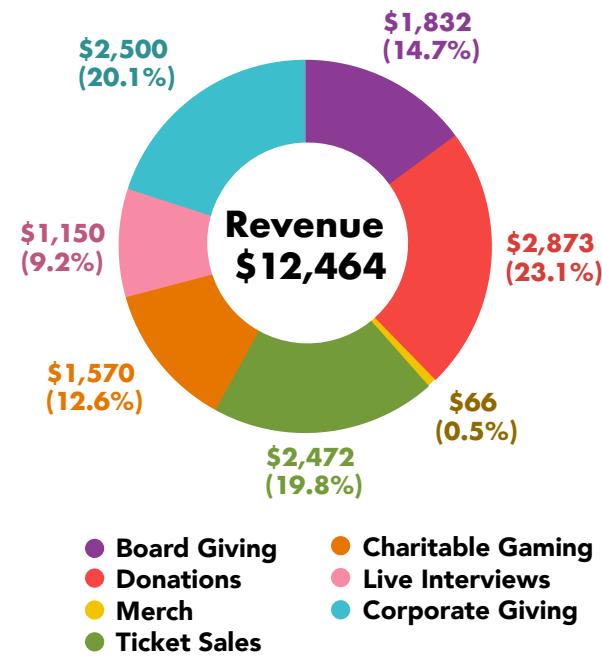
**Podcast:** We released 39 episodes on the podcast in 2024, featuring full-length interviews with 18 creatives, plus 41 creatives in mini episodes. We hosted two live interviews for students at Exeter High School, and conducted mini interviews at the NH Maker Fest and the Concord Multicultural Festival.

**Tiny Art Exchange:** Our fourth annual tiny art exchange included 72 participants from all over the world, sending original art through the mail.

**Zines:** In the spring of 2024, we published a poetry zine for Exeter High School students, after we hosted their Live Free or Fly Poetry Slam. In the summer, our youth zine featured the art and writings of 25 young people. Our fall zine had 21 artists and writers who shared beautiful works that reflected the theme "Love Letter to a Place." Creative Co-op was our zine sponsor again this year!

**Exhibitions:** Creative Guts curated *Snarl*, an amazing exhibition at the Rochester Museum of Fine Arts, featuring Heather Hernon and Raisa Tolchinsky, past Creative Guts Podcast guests.

**Art 'Round the Room:** Our second annual Art 'Round the Room was held in October of 2024 at the Derryfield School. 35 attendees had an opportunity to try out various art mediums at timed stations, which were guided by seven local, professional artists. This year's event was nearly double in length compared to the first year, after feedback shared with us indicated participants wanted more time! We were so happy to make art more accessible and less intimidating at another sold out event.



Creative Guts has a very modest budget. Our revenue sources include individual donations, corporate sponsorship, charitable gaming, and ticket and merchandise sales with the majority coming from the work we do! Creative Guts is often provided a small stipend for live interviews and other commitments.

Because Creative Guts has no staff, the bulk of our revenue is directed to our programming and artist honorariums. Our biggest expense is technology, which includes critical editing services for the podcast!

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT



**Short Film Festival:** The biggest accomplishment of the year might go to the Creative Guts Short Film Festival, where we presented independent filmmakers from New Hampshire and beyond. Hosted at the Red River Theatres in Concord, NH, in June, the 3-hour festival featured 18 films by 16 creatives of all backgrounds, and celebrated the creativity, voice, and collaboration of filmmakers. We were thrilled to have over 140 people attend the festival. This festival was possible because of the generosity of Red River Theatres and the sponsorship of Parker Education, both of whom we cannot thank enough!

Smiles galore!

### 5 Years!

Our fifth anniversary was celebrated at Auspicious Brew, with many past podcast guests, supporters of Creative Guts, and some fun new friends! Clandestine's music was the perfect backdrop to all the conversations, memories, and laughs. From the bottom of our hearts, we'd like to thank everyone who has made the work we do possible. It's been an honor, and we're just getting started!