



# Annual Report 2025

## ENGAGING PEOPLE ACROSS WISCONSIN

In a divisive time, your support makes Wisconsin a place of connection and understanding. It's easy to feel that the forces pulling us apart are stronger than those that bring us together. But at the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters, we know a different story is true — one where curiosity and respect for ideas and people can bridge divides. Where we choose to build common ground in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erika Monroe-Kane".

Erika Monroe-Kane, Executive Director

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97% OF WISCONSIN  
COUNTIES

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32 EVENTS

# Academy Overview 2024-2025

## ***The Academy's James Watrous Gallery***

- **5-10-100: Women Artists Forward**  
(May 24 – Aug 4, 2024) - celebrating the Women Artists Forward Fund and highlighting diverse practices by Wisconsin women artists.
- **Nirmal Raja: Asking Questions of a Thread**  
(Aug 23 – Oct 20, 2024) - Interdisciplinary work across thread, ink, video, photography, and ceramics.
- **Nina Ghanbarzadeh & Maureen Fritchen**  
(Nov 1, 2024 – Jan 12, 2025) - Works inspired by Iranian cultural history and sculptural forms made from repurposed polyethylene foam.
- **Wherever Home Is**  
(Feb 1 – Apr 13, 2025) - A group exhibition guest-curated by Amal Azzam and Nayfa Naji exploring home and belonging through diverse voices and media.

## ***Birds and Beyond Series***

An interdisciplinary series held in partnership with the BIPOC Birding Club of Wisconsin, Southern Wisconsin Bird Alliance, and Color in the Outdoors.

- **Birds and Astronomy in Door County's**  
dark-sky Newport State Park focused on bird migration and stargazing; featuring Amanda Tokuyama and Dr. Robert Mathieu.
- **Birds and Water in Milwaukee**  
discussed water's role in bird habitat and human health; featuring: Hillary Thompson and Danielle Washington
- **Birds and Climate Science's**  
virtual event spoke about climate change impacts on birds and ecosystems; featuring Davin Lopez.

## ***Birds and Beyond Series cont.***

- **Birds and People with Christian Cooper,**  
keynote conversation with naturalist and author Christian Cooper on birds, nature, and community.
  - Featured an Evening with the author and book signing in Milwaukee
  - Also included morning birding walks with Cooper in Madison's natural bird habitats.

## ***Talks, Events, and Other Programs***

- **Poetry & Pi(e) 2025 in Madison**  
featuring new Wisconsin Poet Laureate Brenda Cárdenas and former Wisconsin Poet Laureate Nicholas Gulig.

## REVENUE

Academy Foundation Distributions	30%	\$ 312,981
Unrestricted Contributions	25%	\$ 266,310
Restricted Gifts and Grants	10%	\$ 110,474
Conference and Events	27%	\$ 287,110
Membership Dues	3%	\$ 28,058
Earned Income	1%	\$ 10,196
Investment Return	2%	\$ 21,924
Donated Materials, Facilities & Services	2%	\$ 17,461

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**TOTAL REVENUE** **\$ 1,054,514**

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## EXPENSES

Program-Related Expenses	63%	\$ 673,418
Membership & Development	23%	\$ 245,425
Administration	9%	\$ 95,063
Communications	4%	\$ 46,976

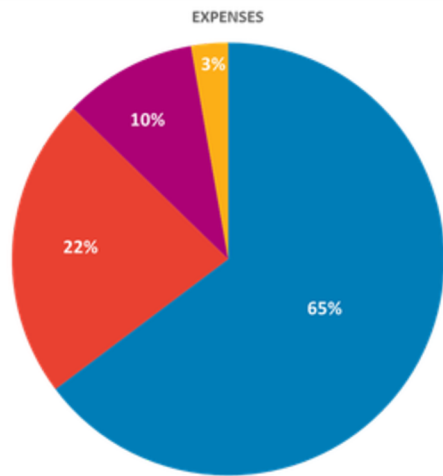
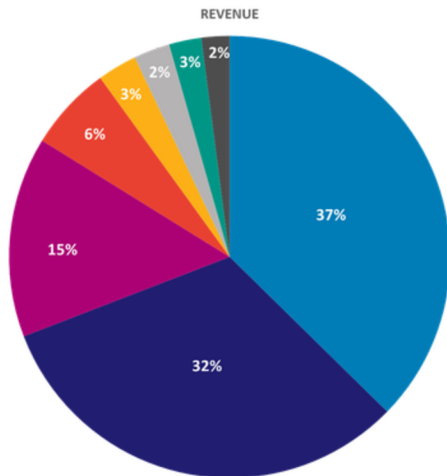
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**TOTAL EXPENSES** **\$ 1,064,882**

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**(\$ 6,368)**

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The Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts & Letters is honored to publicly acknowledge the growing community of donors who have supported our work with combined cash and in-kind contributions between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025. Thank you to everyone who facilitated the success of our many state-wide programs this past year. With your ongoing help, we will continue to work diligently to bridge the divides that separate us and help Wisconsinites to find common ground.

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