

CAPONI ART PARK
LEARNING CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR FISCAL YEAR
JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, **2010**





**CAPONI ART PARK
A PLACE TO ENJOY
THE BEAUTY OF NATURE
AND THE POWER OF ART**

**THE MISSION
OF CAPONI ART PARK
AND LEARNING CENTER**

IS TO MAKE ART ACCESSIBLE
TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES
AND BACKGROUNDS BY
PROVIDING A CULTURAL
AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER
WHERE PEOPLE COME TOGETHER
WITH ART AND NATURE
TO RESTORE, NURTURE
AND MAINTAIN
THE BASIC UNITY
OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

**CAPONI ART PARK
BY THE NUMBERS**

170,583 dollars donated by individuals,
families, businesses and foundations

15,000 visitors enjoyed
sculpture and wooded trails

6,760 people served by **25**
high-quality arts and cultural events

3,300 children and students
participated in educational activities

1,200 hours donated by
200 volunteers

570 hours of community service provided
by Dakota County's
Sentence to Serve
and Juvenile Work Crew programs

230 Minnesota artists employed
for cultural programs

Dear Friends of Caponi Art Park,

Caponi Art Park and Learning Center had an amazing 2010. We celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Theater in the Woods outdoor amphitheater, and more than 15,000 people visited the park during the year to attend the Art Park's many programs and activities — a 33% increase in attendance from 2009. Our reach has extended throughout the region to make Caponi Art Park truly a regional community asset, with more than 40% of our visitors coming from outside of Eagan and Dakota County.

I joined the Board of Directors during the year, and have constantly been amazed not only by the richness of the programming, but by the sheer joy seen in the faces of people of all ages as they walk the grounds, listen to the performances or participate in the many other programs offered at the park.

Founder and artistic director Anthony Caponi completed another book in 2010, entitled *Meaning Beyond Reason*. This important book provides deep insight into the philosophy of Caponi Art Park, as well as meditations about human existence. It's a fascinating and thoughtful read. Check it out, and his other book, *Voice from the Mountains*, on the website!

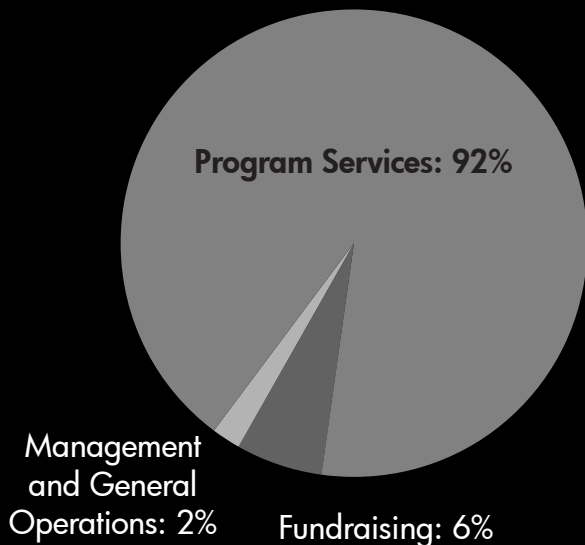
During 2010, our valued and beloved program and volunteer coordinator, Heather Westerlund, moved on to continue her studies in library science. We wish her well, and know that she will remain a friend of the park for a long time. We welcome two new staff members: Molly Swailes, program and volunteer coordinator, and Jenna Strank, communications coordinator. Both Molly and Jenna are tremendous and joyful additions to the staff. We're also very pleased that our grounds curator, Ryan Neuenfeldt, continues to provide invaluable support at the park.

Once again we ended the year "in the black", even in the midst of a serious economic downturn. We're grateful that our institutional and individual supporters continue to believe in the mission of Caponi Art Park. Whether your connection with Caponi Art Park is through Family Fun Tuesdays, the Summer Performing Arts Series, the Medieval Fair, Poets in the Park, the Shakespeare Festival, or simply as a place to come wander and enjoy the sculptures and grounds, I hope that you will continue to partake in the many wonders of what the Art Park has to offer this year.

Craig Harris
Board President



2010 OPERATIONAL EXPENDITURES



2010 REVENUE:

Contributions	\$ 170,583
Government Grants	25,140
Program Fees	5,943
Interest Income	65
Sponsorships	1,900
Working Capital	4,200
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$ 207,831

2010 EXPENSE:

Program Services	\$ 187,324
Management and General Operations	4,796
Fundraising	11,952
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 204,072

NET INCOME **\$ 3,759**

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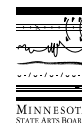
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