

The Writer's Garret Fiscal Year 2023 Impact Snapshot

For nearly 30 years, The Writer's Garret has hosted workshops, readings, panels, discussions and other literary activities connecting over 2 million readers, writers and literary enthusiasts. In 2023 however, things got a little more, well, lit; in fact, it was one of our most transformative years in over a decade.

A few of the highlights include:

- ☀️ the first ever **Dallas Is Lit! literary festival**, attended by over 650 people & featuring 55 artists across 12 events
- ☀️ more people participated in the **Common Language Project** than ever before
- ☀️ we were awarded the **2023 Dallas City of Learning Superintendent Award** for our work hosting 2 summer camps, in West Dallas and in Pleasant Grove



And there's more: we continued to host Stone Soup peer critique groups, writing workshops and discussions on a variety of topics, to name just some of The Garret's programming. I'm immensely proud of the work we've done this year, and thrilled about what's coming ahead. Thanks for being a part of our literary community; we're excited to share this journey with you.

Aaron Glover

Executive Director

*“everyone has a place at The Writer's Garret—
where an illuminating common language unites all”*

Exciting things are happening at The Writer's Garret! From new writers looking to find their voice through innovative programming, to the most adventurous writers ready to share their work with the literary community, everyone has a place at The Garret—where an illuminating common language unites all.



I found my place at The Writer's Garret almost 10 years ago. Through **Rail Writers, Write To Heal workshops** and Zine camps, I saw the vital and creative programs of the organization open another realm of innovative, boundless possibilities for young people in West Dallas. I decided to give back to this fantastic organization that gave so much to the youth I supported because I knew firsthand The Writer's Garret would use my dollars to **support hardworking teaching artists** and committed staff who work tenaciously to organize community events, programming, and volunteer opportunities. I joined the Board of Trustees in 2021, and I'm now honored to serve as Board President within this one-of-a-kind organization. Giving back to The Garret has been truly rewarding.

As we near our historic 30-year mark at The Writer's Garret, we're looking forward to supporting The Garret's next exhilarating chapter by elevating Dallas Is Lit!, continuing the programs that support our diverse communities, and partnering with corporate and individual supporters like YOU to ensure The Writer's Garret is around for another 30 vibrant years! Join us and find YOUR place at The Writer's Garret!

Jazmine Lewis

Board President

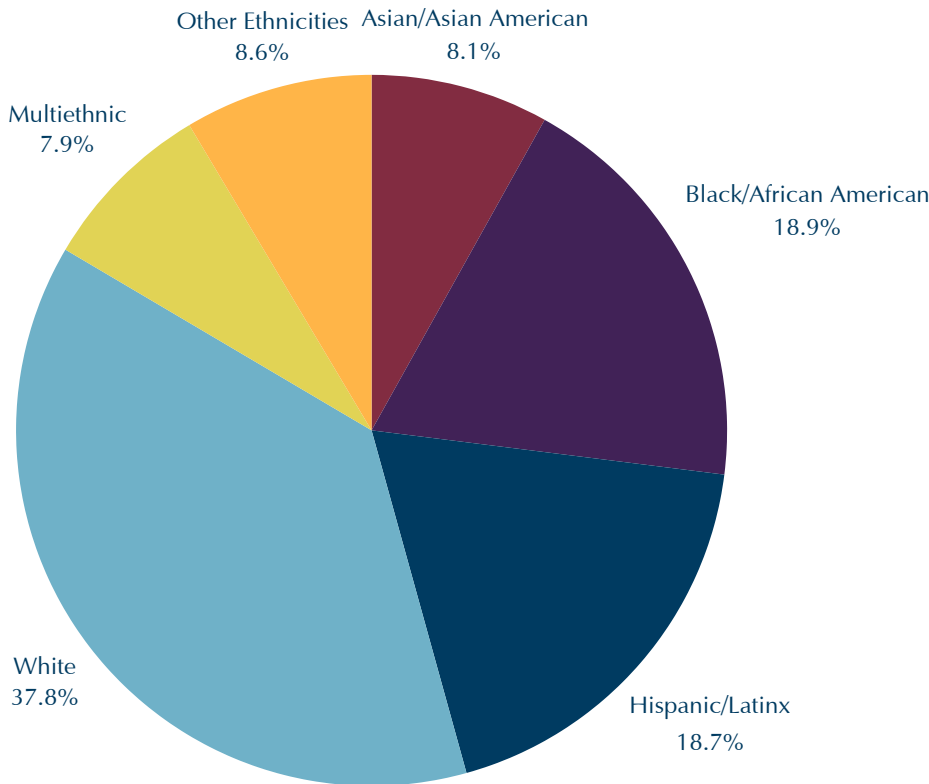
The Writer's Garret By The Numbers Fiscal Year 2023



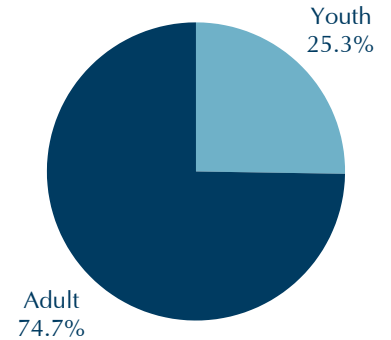
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Total Program Sessions 187

Demographics



Age Of Attendees

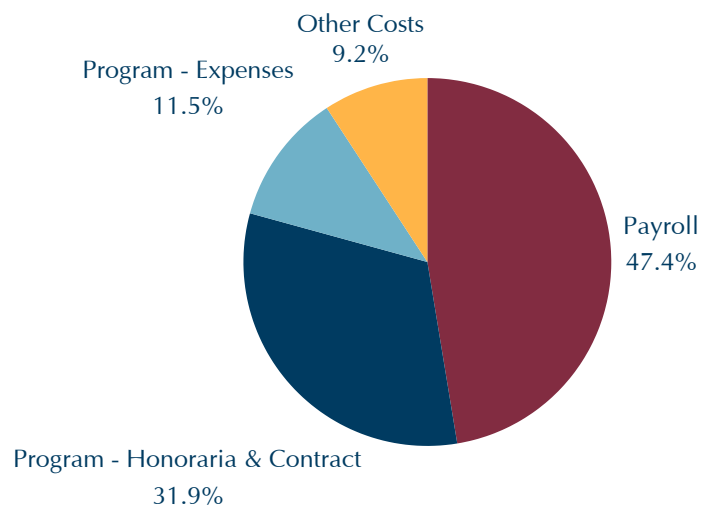
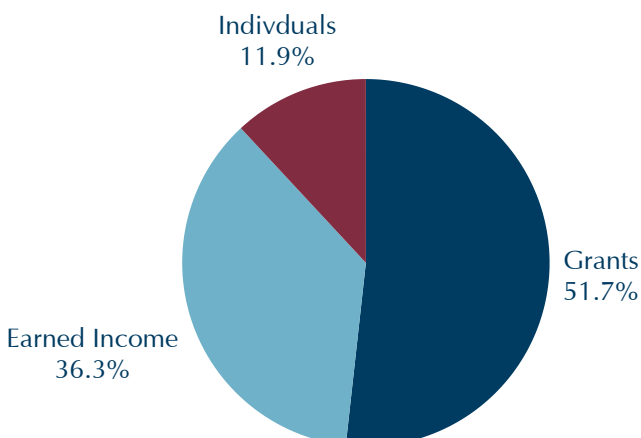


93.4%
of Garret
programs
were free to
attendees

Financials

Total Revenue: \$225,417

Total Expenses: \$219,843



The Writer's Garret Voices From Our Community Fiscal Year 2023



"The Writer's Garret is a pillar of the Dallas literary community. Their work in Dallas schools, free or low-cost writing workshops and courses, regular literary events and panels, and their yearly Dallas Is Lit! literary festival have all helped foster a community that reads, writes, and thinks in our great city."

-Lauren Brazeal Garza, poet & curator of the Lyceum Series



"I absolutely love Rail Writers. The level of exposure and enrichment that we provide our students allows them to enhance their writing skills while educating them on the community around them. The highlight of my experience was pushing my student to create a poem that was then requested by a local publishing company."

-Shawn McDuffy, educator & Rail Writers teaching artist



"I loved being part of the Common Language Project this year. The energy of the crowd at the reading was incredible - I've never experienced anything close to it. I felt like such a celebrity afterwards with everyone coming up and congratulating me!"

-Adriana Barker, contributor to the Common Language Project: Networks



[From a thank you note to The Writer's Garret following Rail Writers]

"Thank you for teaching us how to express ourselves even more [clearly], and the magic of writing poetry. We learned that poetry is not just words but art... We appreciate this collaboration so much and look forward to having more workshops together."



"I served as the Director of Community Education & Outreach for The Writer's Garret from 2009 to 2012. What impressed me then about the organization inspired me to join its Board of Trustees 10 years later: its resilience, its inclusiveness, its understanding that literature (written or spoken) is a socially engaged art, & its commitment to being an outstanding partner to other area non-profits."

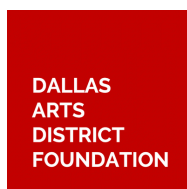
-Joe Milazzo, poet, novelist & Secretary of the Board of Trustees



The Writer's Garret

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About The Writer's Garret

For nearly three decades, The Writer's Garret has been a leader in the literary landscape of Dallas and the surrounding area. Uniquely positioned at the intersection of the literary arts and education, The Garret serves the community in three main areas:

- youth programming
- partnerships with health & human service organizations
- local literary community support

To find out more and see our calendar of upcoming events, visit www.writersgarret.org.

