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OUR MISSION

The Denver Film Society's mission is to develop opportunities for diverse audiences to discover film through creative, thought-provoking experiences.

OUR VISION

The Denver Film Society's vision is to cultivate community and transform lives through film.

OUR HISTORY

Since 1978, we have worked to promote film as both an art form and a civic forum being the only nonprofit theater in Colorado.



THE ROAD AHEAD The State of DFS

When Denver audiences stepped into a dark movie theater at the first Denver Film Festival in May of 1978, Jimmy Carter was president, Grease was the top-grossing film at the box office, and the average price of a movie ticket was \$2.34. Forty years later, we're taking a moment here at DFS to observe the hard work, committed audiences, and generous contributions that have allowed us to continue to develop opportunities for diverse audiences to discover film through creative, thought-provoking experiences. Of course, no look back on our history would be complete without acknowledging the incredible efforts and accomplishments of DFS's co-founder, the tireless Ron Henderson, who continues to serve the organization all these years later, and who we honored at our 40th anniversary gala last May. Thank you, Ron! We also want to thank you, our audience members, volunteers, and supporters over the last 40 years, without whom... well, we'd have been playing films to empty rooms! Thank you for your passion, your enthusiasm, your suggestions, and your support.

When we began our 40th year, we decided there was no better way to celebrate than with a year of phenomenal programming. This year's Denver Film Festival hosted some of the year's most thought-provoking, profound, and innovative films and filmmakers from around the world. In our red carpet presentations, we celebrated films that featured complex female characters. We made a point to showcase a diverse array of films at the Festival highlighting the challenges that immigrants and refugees face today, and the work that still needs to be done to bridge the divides we see tearing our communities apart. It's this sort of work, presenting diverse and divergent opinions, bringing people together, and fostering constructive conversations, that lies at the heart of how we hope to continue serving this community.

Of course, as we reflect on those who have supported us over the last 40 years, no one has done as much as the Anna and John J Sie Foundation, who led the effort to give us our year-round home, the Sie FilmCenter (SFC). You'll be happy to know that in the past year, the SFC has had a banner year, hosting some of the season's finest new films, like Lady Bird, I, Tonya, Get Out, The Florida Project, and Human Flow. In fact, Lady Bird became the highest grossing film ever at the SFC. Also, we're happy to report that four of our top 10 highest-grossing films ever screened in this past year! More than anything else, we're pleased that our programs are connecting with audiences.

As we look forward to a new year and a new decade in the history of the Denver Film Society, we will work to continue to bring quality programming, discussion, and guests to Denver audiences. In the next year, we will feature new adult education series, providing theoretical and cultural context for cinematic classics. We will invite hundreds of students to learn more about film at the Denver Film Festival's High School Day. We will celebrate diverse voices during each mini-fest and during the Denver Film Festival. I hope to see you all there... and here's to another 40 years!

Andrew Rodgers Executive Director

FILM FESTIV

FORTY YEARS STRONG

The 2017 Denver Film Festival was a grand celebration of cinema befitting of the event's 40th edition. Recognized as one of the nation's premiere film events, the Denver Film Festival is one of Denver's cultural gems which sparkles brightly every November for twelve days. On the occasion of its ruby anniversary, the Festival presented an expanded program of more than 200 films from over 40 countries and hosted a record number of filmmakers and industry professionals.

The Denver Film Festival is known for presenting eventual Oscar® and Independent Spirit Award-nominated films and DFF40 was no exception. The Festival's Red Carpet presentations at the beautiful Ellie Caulkins Opera House included four of this year's most lauded films - all with strong female protagonists to boot. Lady Bird delighted on Opening Night and afterward attendees celebrated 90s prom-style at the DFF Annex. DFF's "Big Night" made a return with a Red Carpet screening of Molly's Game in partnership with Jeremy Bloom's Wish of a Lifetime organization and writer/director Aaron Sorkin in-person to receive the festival's Career Achievement Award. Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri made its audacious Denver debut as the Festival's Red Carpet Matinee presentation. Later that day. I, Tonya scorched as the Festival's Closing Night presentation followed by a spectacular ice-skating themed Closing Night Party.

For all the riches presented at "the Ellie," they were just the icing. Many modern masters had new films in this year's festival, including Hong Sang-soo, Agnès Varda, Sally Potter, Fatih Akin, Joe Berlinger, Richard Linklater, Claire Denis, Paolo Virzì and Kim Ki-duk, DFF40 featured its annual Focus on a National Cinema with Denmark being the chosen country and offering a diverse sampling of works by veteran and emerging directors alike. And, from closer to home, the Spotlight on Colorado Cinema celebrated the state's ever-growing film scene. Additionally, DFF40 included other popular Denver Film Society programs as sidebars - CineLatino, CinemaQ, Culinary Cinema, J'Adore, Late Night Showcase and Women+Film. And, in celebration of the Festival's rich history, there was a Spotlight on Polish Cinema and a retrospective section that included important films from past festivals each chosen and presented by a DFF programmer.

Beyond the Festival's screens, the **DFF Annex** located inside the McNichols Building in Civic Center Park buzzed daily with activity. Home to educational programs for youth, panel discussions, coffee talks and creative conversations with filmmakers, a Festival lounge, the Capital One Café, a robust curated section of free virtual reality experiences, and the Awards Brunch where the Festival's prestigious juried prizes are awarded, the Annex provided the public a unique way to experience the 40th Denver Film Festival.

Britta Erickson Festival Director

> Bill Pullman Actor The Ballad of Lefty Brown

AWARDS

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS:

NARRATIVE FEATURE Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri Director: Martin McDonagh

DOCUMENTARY FEATURE Hondros Director: Greg Campbell

SHORT SUBJECT FILM The Suitcase Director: Abi Damaris Corbin MUSIC VIDEO Polo & Pan - Coeur Croisé Director: Pablo Maestres

TRUE GRIT AW

JOHN CASSAVETES AWARD

Liyana Directors: Aaron Kopp and Amanda Kopp

LOWSKI AWARD FOR BEST NARRATIVE FEATURE FILM The Happiness of the World Director: Michał Rosa

MAYSLES BROTHERS AWARD FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY FEATURE FILM Alphago Director: Greg Kohs

AMERICAN INDEPENDENT AWARD

Thirst Street Director: Nathan Silver

LIBERTY GLOBAL DOMESTIC STUDENT FILMMAKER AWARD

While I Was Gone Director: Daniel F. Pfeffer

LIBERTY GLOBAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FILMMAKER AWARD Animal Directors: Bahram Ark and Bahman Ark

Manivald Director: Chintis Lundgren

BEST DOCUMENTAR

Fish Story Director: Charlie Lyne

RARE PEARL AWARD

Lady Bird Director: Greta Gerwig

REEL SOCIAL CLUB INDIE VOICE AWARD Thoroughbreds Director: Cory Finley

TAN BRAKHAGE VISION AWARD Robert Beavers

+1.5 MILLION SOCIAL IMPRESSIONS

66.800+ TOTAL FANS

12.500+ ENGAGEMENTS FROM FAI

5,500+ CLICKS ON POSTS

267

TOTAL

FILMS

8 COLORADO

FEATURE FILMS

GUESTS

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED

FILMAROCKS

Film on the Rocks returned for its 18th season and included nine diverse events throughout the summer attracting over 58,000 attendees. Curated and produced by the Denver Film Society on behalf of the City and County of Denver's Division of Arts & Venues, the program which was created in 2000 with a vision to provide an affordable opportunity for the community to enjoy entertainment at Red Rocks Amphitheatre continues to be a cultural staple for movie and music lovers alike.

2017 SCHEDULE

DIRTY DANCING

LOLO + NATALIE TATE

THE FIFTH ELEMENT

SLOW CAVES + DÉCOLLAGE

THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT

A COCK IN A FROCK ON A ROCK - A DJ & DRAG PARTY

LONG STRANGE TRIP

GRATEFUL DEAD TRIBUTE SHOW WITHI ARTHUR LEE LAND TRIO & SPECIAL GUESTS

ROGUE ONE

THE HAUNTED WINDCHIMES + THE MILK BLOSSOMS

SUPERBAD

THE OTHER BLACK + SUR ELI

THE LEGO MOVIE

SCHOOL OF ROCK

BRIDESMAIDS

EDISON

TWISTER

THE GASOLINE LOLLIPOPS

The 2017 season kicked off in May with a tenthanniversary screening of **Super Bad** and ended in September with a special Bill Paxton tribute screening of **Twister**. A special highlight of the season and in line with the program's strong tradition of pairing music with film, Film on the Rocks hosted the Denver premiere screening of **Long Strange Trip** preceded by an all-star tribute to the Grateful Dead. The Arthur Lee Land Trio was the house band for the night joined by featured members of Great American Taxi and Circles Around The Sun.

Other highlights included a 30th anniversary screening of *Dirty Dancing* and a 20th anniversary screening complete with a brand new 4K restoration of *The Fifth Element*. And, in celebration of the Denver Film Society's 9th annual CinemaQ Film Festival, a fantastic and fanciful screening of *The Adventures of Priscilla*, *Queen of the Desert* preceded by a Denver All-star drag show spectacular.

MAY-SEPTEMBER 2017 2.6 MILLION

20,000+ F

68,000 FOLLOWERS 65,000 ATTENDEES



ALMODOVAR

SPOTLIGHT ON A SERIES

All 20 of director Pedro Almodovar's cinematic classics!



ALMODAVAR SERIES TITLES

Pepi, Luci, Bom... Labyrinth of Passion What have I done... Matador Women on the Verge Tie me up! Tie me down!

Dark Habits

\$9,404 Total Revenue

#5 HUMAN FLOW

\$9,186 Total Revenue

High Heels
Kika
The Flower of my Secret
All About My Mother
Talk To Her
Volver
Broken Embraces

Julieta Live Flesh Bad Education The Skin I Live In Law of Desire I'm So Excited





NATIONAL THEATER LIVE

National Theatre Live is an initiative by the Royal National Theatre of Great Britain to broadcast performances in cinemas around the world. Since June 2009 with the acclaimed production of Phédre starring Helen Mirren, over 1.75 million people have now experienced the work of National Theatre Live in cinemas worldwide.

LIST OF FILMS

Amadeus

Angels in America Part One: Millennium Approaches

Angels in America Part Two: Perestroika

Hedda Gabler

No Man's Land

Peter Pan

Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead

Saint Joan

Salome

Twelfth Night

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

Yerma

Obsession



SCI-FI FILM SERIES

This summer the Denver Museum of Nature & Science and the Denver Film Society were proud to present the sixth edition of the popular Sci-Fi Film Series. Science fiction feeds the imagination and helps us to explore possible futures, our hopes and fears, and the unfolding of technologies. Hundreds joined Museum scientists and Vincent Piturro, English and film professor at Metropolitan State University of Denver, as they screened famous sci-fi films and lead discussions to break down the science behind these alternative possibilities, and separated fact from fiction.

LIST OF FILMS

A Space Odyssey A Scanner Darkly Arrival

The Host

The Lobster

1,274 Tickets Sold

\$15,229.96 Gross Revenue



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The 2017 Women+Film Festival opened with two sold-out theaters welcoming Dolores Huerta in-person for a screening of the new documentary about her influential life in the labor movement, Dolores. *Hungary*, a Culinary Cinema event, brought four women chefs to SFC to speak about their lives in what has traditionally been a male dominated industry, and *Eve Ensler* (creator of The Vagina Monologues) Skyped in for a Q&A for her latest film, *City of Joy. Lilly Rivlin*, who was the festival's first guest in 2010, also returned with her latest, *Heather Booth: Changing the World*.

17 1,801 FILMS ATTENDEES



LIST OF FILMS

Dolores Little Wing Hungry Sami Blood Stories We Tell Girl Flu A League of Their Own Heather Booth: Changing the World Equal Means Equal City of Joy Unrest Big Sonia Men: A Love Story Woven Motherland Sitcky Notes

In person Q&A discussions including Dolores Huerta, Melinda Barlow (Ph.D. professor from University of Colorado), Lilly Rivlin, & Amanda Sharp. Skype Q&A sessions with Eve Ensler and Jennifer Brea



The CinemaQ Film Festival expanded a day in 2017 in order to include a special second Opening Night, Film on the Rocks screening of Priscilla, Queen of

the Desert. Prior to that, *Rebels On Pointe* kicked everything off with *Trockadero*, Robert Carter in-person, proving that a ballerina is not merely a woman dancing, but an act of revolution in a tutu. This annual slate of films aims to share stories, pay tribute to important and iconic figures, and both

16 1,144 FILMS ATTENDEES

with **God's Own Country**, the uber-popular and often-compared to Brokeback Mountain, British drama.



Rebels on Pointe
The Adventures of Priscilla,
Queen of the Desert

The Wound

The Feels

The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson

challenge and inspire. The festival closed

Tom of Finland

Cherry Pop

The Fabulous Allan Carr

Shorts Package

Saturday Church

After Louie

Behind the Curtain: Todrick Hall

The Crying Game

The Untold Tales of Armstead Maupin

The Ring Thing

God's Own Country





CineLatino is a 4-day, cultural celebration of Latino Cinema. The festival features a healthy mix of feature and documentary films, including both new and repertory titles. The Festival takes place during Hispanic Heritage month. The Denver Film Society is proud to recognize the contribution of Latinos in the world of cinema and celebrate the culture with premieres, interactive projects, receptions and special events. The 2017 festival opened with a beautiful documentary about the history and diversity of Peru's food specialty, Ceviche. Dominican actor, Jean Jean was in attendance with his amazing prison drama, Woodpeckers, and we screened Robert Rodriguez's Mariachi in honor of its 25th anniversary.

LIST OF FILMS

13 Ceviche's DNA **FILMS** Everything Else You're Killing Me. Susanna Paulina 995 Mala Junta Distinguished Citizen **ATTENDEES** Chavela

El Mariachi X500 El Amparo Woodpeckers Made in Cuba Elian



The Denver Film Society's young professionals branded program-the Reel Social Clubpresented the second edition of the RSC Shorts

Fest in 2017. The short film format allows greater freedom for fresh voices to experiment and tell their stories with limited resources, aligning perfectly with the Reel Social Club mission to foster the next generation of cinemagoers. We were excited to partner with Supernova, an outdoor festival of digital animation and art on a screening showcasing their award-winning and favorite films from their previous festival. The RSC Shorts Fest saw a healthy increase in attendance from the inaugural edition and featured some of the top short films on the festival circuit, including buzzworthy titles from Sundance, SXSW and the New York Film Festival.

6 SHORTS PACKAGES

356

ATTENDEES

LIST OF FILMS

Opening Night Package Late Night Package Supernova Package Music Video Mixtape Closing Night Package David Lynch Short Film Retrospective





For more than five years Czech That Film has been expanding across the country and we've been proud to have been involved from the beginning. An annual series of five to seven new Czech films, always with at least one in-person from the Czech Republic, Czech That Film has brought some of the world's great filmmakers to Denver, including Jiri Menzel, Jan Hrebejk and Filip Renč. In 2017 new short films were included in the program and screened before each of the seven features.



LIST OF FILMS

The Tiger Theory The Nonnday Witch Snake Brothers The Teacher I, Olga Hepnarova

414

ATTENDEES

FILMS



YOUNG FILMMAKERS WORKSHOP

The Young Filmmakers Workshops provide students ages 12-18 with the education, equipment, mentorship and facilities to allow their storytelling passions to come to life on the big screen. Students can enroll in workshops from beginner to advanced to hone their skills in this highly competitive and creative field. Utilizing industry professionals and seasoned educators, YFW has grown from ten students in 2009 to over 130 students last year, reaching teenagers from across the Front Range and the US with students attending from seven different states.

Alumni from the program have gone on to jobs working for *Pixar, Torch*, and more professional industry companies as well as worked for studios that produce music videos and television programs like Adventure Time. Educators and guest lecturers have included *Oscar-winners Daniel Junge and Donna Dewey*, as well as producers from High Noon Television and SeriesFest, and actors such as Bill Pullman, Christopher Lloyd, Zoë Bell and many more. Programs now extend throughout the year, with students learning unique skills, documenting the Denver Film Festival and DFS mini-fests, as well as collaborative projects with the *Denver Museum of Nature and Science, the Museum of Contemporary Art* and many more.

Our Young Filmmakers are getting more than a traditional 'camp' experience, but a life-altering understanding of how filmmaking transcends traditional possibilities.

Scott Kinnamon Lead Instructor

YFW Alumni have continued on to study film at:



INCREASE IN ENROLLMENT
FROM 2016

21
student films
created

ALUMNI STUDYING FILM AND ART AT COLLEGE

35%
YFW STUDENTS
RECEIVING
SCHOLARSHIPS





EVENTS AT THE

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The Denver Film Society and the Sie FilmCenter have had a very exciting 2017. The Sie FilmCenter, located in East Denver, gives us the ability to work with many different community and other nonprofit organizations throughout the Denver Metro Area. Not only can we provide this venue space to our wonderful partners but also to our amazing rental clients year-round. The Sie FilmCenter has continued their list of exclusive caterers and this year this list included Biscuits and Berries, Relish Catering and Events and Three Tomatoes Catering. For each exclusive caterer they in exchange choose one of the Mini-Film Festivals to sponsor for the entirety of the event.

This year involved welcoming back many great partnerships during the 2017 fiscal year at the Sie FilmCenter, including a screening of *LION* for Sister Cities International as well as screenings of *Get In the Way* and *Big Sonia* for the Mizel Museum. We also had new and wonderful clients welcomed into our venue this year for exciting networking events with Hospice and Palliative Care Association of The Rockies and Denverite. The Sie FilmCenter continues to be a place of growth and a location to bring together communities through the art of film and a wide variety of different events.

TOTAL REVENUE TRUSTED PARTNERS \$106,167.47 relish RELISH TOTAL RENTAL **EVENTS** THREE TOMATOES THREE TOMPATOES TOTAL RENTAL **BISCUITS AND BERRIES** ATTENDANCE **ALLWELL RENTS**

VOLUNTEERS

With the help of over 500 dedicated volunteers, The Denver Film Society actively supports, and continues to be supported by, the local film community. We at DFS encourage anyone with an interest in cinema to join our mission in showing quality programming to a Denver audience by volunteering with us and making sure we are adequately staffed for all of our unique festivals and events. We have **nearly doubled our volunteer numbers** since 2016 and hope to continue our program's growth by offering our volunteers some behind the scenes experience of running a full time theater while hosting some of the largest film festivals in Colorado.

Seth Degler Volunteer Coordinator

554 VOLUNTEERS

7,851 **VOLUNTEER HOURS**

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MEMBERSHIP

3,469 MEMBERS 16% REVENUE INCREASE FROM 2016

What an incredible 40th birthday season! There has always been eminent pride and passion from our members, but during this year our members continued to step up and increase their support while celebrating great film. During the season we saw an increase in the number of renewing and new members. This all points to our core members understanding the importance of supporting independent film experiences. We experienced record turnout at our 40th Denver Film Festival and saw attendance numbers increase throughout the season at our monthly member

Membership with Denver Film Society will always be one of the best ways to show support for independent film. All memberships have a tax deductible donation included making membership an easy choice for ensuring the Denver Film Society has another 40+ years in its future. We continue to offer exciting member only offerings: free Monthly Member Screenings, access to preview screenings, and members only on-sale day for the Denver Film Festival.

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Ashlee Gonzalez Jessica Grabarz Zsa'Lai Grammer Dawn Greenberg Joann Greenberg

INDUSTRY RESOURCES PARTNERSHIP FILMMAKER ORGANIZATIONS FOCUS Achieve With Us Colorado Colorado's filmmaking scene continues to grow at an unprecedented pace. More Biscuits and Berries often than not, filmmakers are choosing Colorado Business Committee for the Arts to stay and work in the state rather than Scholastic Art Awards - Colorado moving to Los Angeles or New York. The 303 Board Denver Film Society supports its local **Emage** community with panels, networking events, fiscal sponsorship opportunities **ACT Human Rights** and grants available for Colorado-based Colfax Marathon productions to ensure a thriving local Denver Innocence Project film scene. Our Filmmaker Focus is a dZi Foundation partnership with Colorado Film & Video Association and the Colorado Office of Mizel Museum ilm Television Media. Our Denver, Our Schools CEA Supra Footwear Reel Recovery Relish Catering and Events Rocky Mountain Wild Three Tomatoes Catering MOFFOM GRANT The Denver Film Society is proud to announce the Music on Film-Film on Music (MOFFOM) Documentary Grant Program. The MOFFOM grant will provide up to \$20,000 annually in finishing funds for documentary productions specifically for music licensing, scoring and composition. Awardees will be announced at the 41st Denver Film Festival (November 2018). FEATURED PROJECTS LE ALE The Denver Film Society is proud to support Colorado production. Please check out our featured projects art of our fiscal sponsorship program and consider donating to help them complete their work. MIGHT | TROPICAL HELP WANTED

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Foundation

\$10,000+

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\$5,000+

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40th BIRTHDAY GALA

On May 11, 2017, the Denver Film Society celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Denver Film Festival with a dazzling party at the Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum. More than 500 lovers of film, DFS patrons, members, and supporters attended the Gala celebration enjoying great food and drink, an awards presentation, a live auction, and a Thursday Night Fever Dessert Disco. With equal amounts of chagrin and embarrassment, humbleness and delight, I was privileged to be the evening's honoree along with High Noon Entertainment, Colorado's award-winning production company. I was also surprised and honored

to be introduced by long-time patrons and supporters John J. Sie, Michelle Sie

Whitten, and Governor John W. Hickenlooper.

It seems fitting that the date of the Gala was almost 40 years to the day that the first Denver international Film Festival was launched—"10 Days in May," May 4-14, 1978. What began as a modest, but bold cinematic experiment four decades ago has evolved from a highly anticipated once-a- year event to an established year-round film arts organization to a successful bricks and mortar cultural arts institution. Much like life, it was a journey filled with highs and lows, ups and downs, detours and turning points and filled with many joys and immense pleasures. Back in 1978, *William McNichols* was Denver's mayor. *Richard Lamm* was Colorado's governor. And Denver was a sleepy little town (some called it a cow town). I-25 was known as the Valley Highway. The 16 th Street Mall was just 16 th Street then, and Wynkoop Street in LoDo was Skid Row.

In 1978, *Andrew Rogers* was two years old and lived in Decatur, Illinois. He did not live alone; he lived with his parents. *Britta Erickson*, a rare Colorado native, was in third grade and lived in Littleton where she participated in the "busing for diversity" experiment. And *Brit Withey* was also in third grade and lived in land-locked Des Moines, lowa where he dreamed someday of living on a sailboat. Fast forward to 2018. Denver is a sophisticated, world-class city with a thriving, vibrant arts community. The bold cinematic experiment of 1978 succeeded and the Denver Film Society is very much alive and well and thriving in its yearround, state-of-the- art home: the *Anna and John J. Sie FilmCenter*. My vision for the future: a continuation of eclectic film celebrations infused with the delight, complexity, eccentricity, and the gritty, often messy, humanity of who we are. And always, always: Ladies and Gentlemen, let the movies begin—and let them continue!

Ron Henderson Co-Founder

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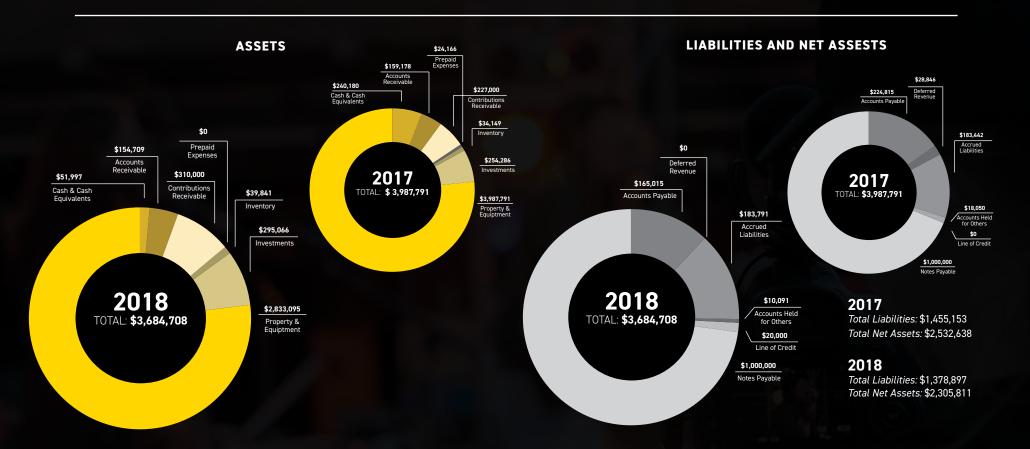
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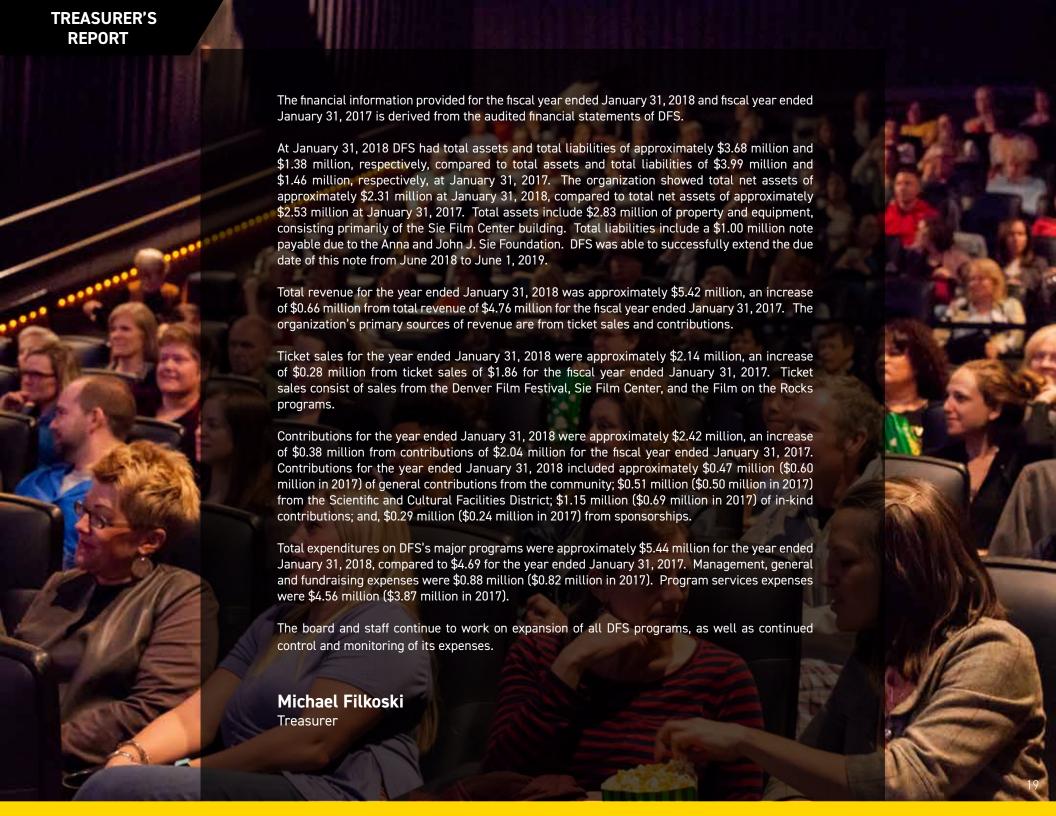
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Statement of Financial Position



Statement of Activities

REVENUES			EXPENSES		
	2018	2017		2018	2017
Contributions	\$ 2,422,427	\$ 2,042,948	Program Services	\$ 4,556,956	\$ 3,873,570
Ticket Sales	\$ 2,141,719	\$ 1,859,020	Supporting Services	\$ 880,108	\$ 815,013
Membership Dues	\$ 271,556	\$ 303,942	Total Expenses	\$ 5,437,064	\$ 4,688,583
Rental Income	\$ 143,459	\$ 164,855			
Concession Sales	\$ 276,354	\$ 265,092	Change in Net Assets	\$ (226,827)	\$ (138,335)
Other Income	\$ 160,458	\$ 120,174	Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$ <i>2,532,638</i>	\$ 2,670,973
Total Revenues	\$ 5,415,973	\$ 4,756,031	Net Assets at End of Year	\$ 2,305,811	\$ 2,532,638



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