omaha performing arts

23/24 year in review

milestones



Tenaska Center for Arts Engagement Breaks Ground

The Tenaska Center broke ground on October 11, 2023, and will open in March 2026. It will provide additional rehearsal, workshop, and classroom spaces for O-pa's expanding education and community engagement programs. Thank you to Rhonda and the late Howard Hawks, Tenaska, donors, community partners, the City of Omaha, and the State of Nebraska for making this growth possible.

Special thanks to Tenaska Center Campaign Chairs Mike Cassling and Meg Dodge, Building Committee Chair Rodrigo López, and our project partners: Ennead Architects, Holland Basham Architects, Fisher Dachs, Threshold Acoustics, Kiewit Building Group, and TRI Project Solutions.



Introducing the Dick & Mary Holland Campus

On April 30, 2024, we announced that the Holland Center, Steelhouse Omaha, and the upcoming Tenaska Center for Arts Engagement now comprise the Dick & Mary Holland Campus, honoring the couple's vision and generous support for the arts and arts education.

performance highlights

Las Cafeteras



Duran Duran



Samara Joy





Disney's The Lion King



Diana Ross



Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company

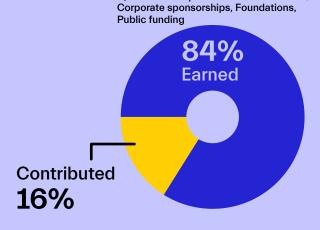
o-pa by the numbers

budget

\$39M

economic impact

\$61M



Earned: Ticket sales, Facility rentals, Special events | Contributed: Individuals,

visitors

Outside Douglas County

50%

Over the past 19 years

6,000,000+

Outside Nebraska

18%

Fundraising 2% Management 8%

highlights



events

Total attendance

450,000

Total events

605

Performances

236



education & engagement

Students, educators, & community served

93,100

Education events

315

Community events

54

in memoriam



Our gratitude to our late Founding Chair, John Gottschalk, who passed away in November 2024. He will be remembered for his incredible intelligence, extraordinary work ethic, and profound commitment to our community and state. He was a generous and visionary leader of O-pa for over 20 years, and his passion for our organization and the community was transformational.

Grateful for Your Support

Thank you to our board, donors, staff, volunteers, community partners, and patrons. Your support allows us to engage, inspire, and connect through the presentation of the highest quality arts and entertainment experiences, provide education and community engagement programs, and steward our world-class venues.