

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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# GREETINGS

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation, thank you for your support through two challenging pandemic years. Your dedication made our 2021 accomplishments possible. **It was a year of many firsts.**

The Foundation, in partnership with the City of Leadville, achieved a milestone in saving the Tabor. We **completed the first phase of the \$15 million building rehabilitation**, stabilizing the south and west exterior walls. We secured \$900,000 in grants for Phase II to repair the north and east exterior walls, and installed a partial, temporary heating system to use more of the Tabor more of the year. Like pop-up stores in the south side retail space over the winter months.

We also progressed our goal of providing diverse offerings to best serve all of Leadville and Lake County residents and visitors. In first initiatives for the Foundation, we **added Spanish-language tours and named a youth liaison to our Board of Directors.** In addition, the Tabor Youth Collective offered three free workshops for local youth.

The decision to launch a search for **the Foundation's first-ever executive director** was pivotal to building our organizational capacity and ensuring that we achieve our vision for the Tabor. We gained an exceptional advocate to carry out our vision in Sarah Dae, who joined our team in May 2022.

Finally, with your help, we had another record-breaking year of individual donations in 2021, for **the first time eclipsing \$100,000 in individual donations raised.** In total, we invested nearly \$1 million in building rehabilitation, programming, operations and facilities management supported by individual donors, private foundations and corporations, and government entities.

The Foundation is excited to save the Tabor and bring to life a vibrant center for arts and culture in Leadville. We look forward to working with you to revitalize the iconic Tabor Opera House.



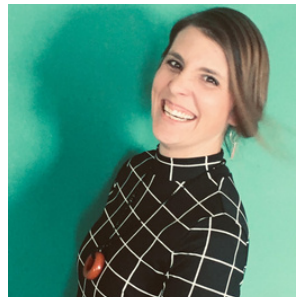
**JENNY BUDDENBORG**

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

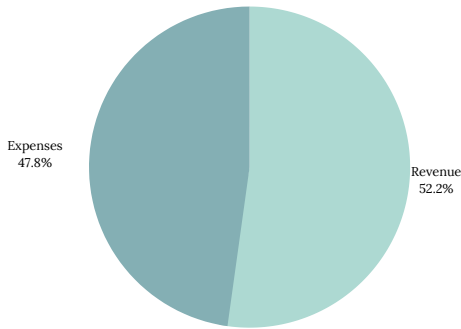


**SARAH DAE**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



# SUSTAINING FINANCES



## 2021 REVENUE & EXPENSES

Revenue exceeded expenses by \$90,265:

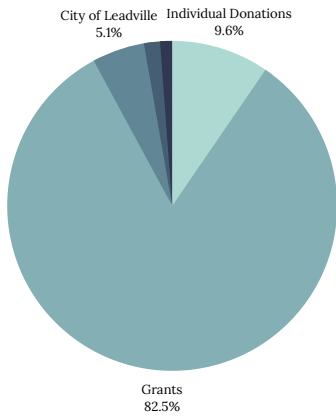
**Total Revenue:** \$1,070,014

**Total Expenses:** \$979,749

## Volunteer In-Kind Hours

Hours: 3,478

Value: \$99,262



## Revenue

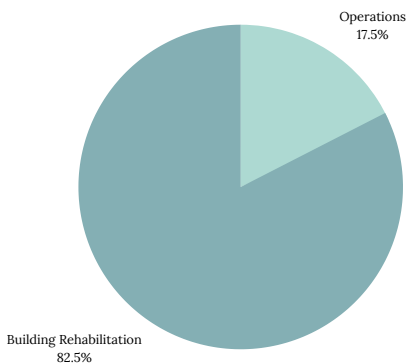
Grants: \$883,212

Individual Donations: \$102,383

City of Leadville: \$55,000

Earned Income: \$16,819

State of Colorado COVID-19 Relief: \$12,600



## Expenses

Building Rehabilitation: \$808,634

Operations: \$171,115

# SAVING A NATIONAL TREASURE

## Completed Phase I of the Exterior Building Rehabilitation

The Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation has made important progress on saving the Tabor. In the fall of 2021, the Foundation completed Phase I of the building's first major rehabilitation since 1902. The south and west exterior walls are now stabilized, an essential step toward saving this National Treasure.

Work included window and door restoration, brickwork repair, and stabilization of the storefront columns. This critical work helps seal the shell of the building, allowing for future rehabilitation phases in the interior. The full exterior and interior rehabilitation of the Tabor is estimated to cost \$15 million.

Also part of the Phase I rehabilitation was the documentation and preservation of the south wall ghost signs. Through professional photographs, we documented these in 2021 for preservation in spring 2022. Elements such as the cornices and storefronts will be finished later, a capstone to two summers of critical work.



Credit Ben Rasmussen



### Phase I Rehabilitation Funding

- CO Department of Local Affairs = \$830,000
- National Park Service = \$500,000
- National Trust for Historic Preservation & American Express = \$150,000
- City of Leadville = \$20,000





## **Raised \$900,000 for Phase II Exterior Rehabilitation**

The rehabilitation's next phase repairs the north and east exterior walls, starting in spring 2022. As with Phase I, the scope of work includes window, door and brickwork repair, and preservation of the north wall ghost signs.

In 2021, the Foundation raised \$900,000 toward the \$1.3 million Phase II costs in grant awards from the Gates Family Foundation, History Colorado's State Historical Fund, and Colorado Department of Local Affairs (the latter awarded to the City of Leadville). The remaining \$400,000 will come from Phase I state preservation tax credits syndicated by Commerce Bank and additional grant requests.



## **Gained National Recognition for Historic Stage Scenery**

Leadville's historic Tabor Opera House received national attention in *The New York Times* for its historic stage scenery. "A Hidden Trove Gives a Glimpse of Opera in the Wild West," published August 11, 2021, features what is believed to be the finest collection of historic scenery in North America, dating as far back as 1879, the year Horace Tabor built Leadville's Tabor Opera House. The article tells how the scenery was discovered in the Tabors' attic and inventoried by the Foundation and a cadre of volunteers.

Credit Ben Rasmussen



In 2021, the Foundation completed an inventory and conditions report to guide conservation and use of this amazing collection. This conversation will be front and center in upcoming strategic planning efforts for our National Treasure.

# ENGAGING DIVERSE AUDIENCES

## Broadened Engagement with Spanish-language Tours

The Foundation initiated the Tabor's first-ever Spanish-language building tours. The new tours support the Foundation's Diversity Statement, which includes creating a cultural center where all feel welcome and able to participate in programs. In 2021, the Tabor welcomed more than 800 total guests over 14 weekends for Covid-safe tours in English and Spanish.



## Created Youth Liaison Board Position

The Foundation created a new role on the Board of Directors to connect with and bring voice to local youth. Open to the ages of 16 to 24, the program provides youth an opportunity to build leadership skills and become engaged in the Tabor. Stephanie Reveles, Leadville community member with a long-standing passion for the arts, served as the Tabor's first youth liaison.



*Credit Leadville Herald Democrat*

## Introduced Local Youth to the Arts

The Tabor Youth Collective brought theater and dance to Lake County youth through three free workshops in June, July and September. The first workshop, "Creating Original Theater," was led by Jimmy Maize and Maridee Slater, professional theater artists from New York City. Lake County youth learned about theater tools like lights, props, and music, and created and performed a short, original show.

The second workshop, led by local volunteers, included theater games. Participants wrote and performed their own phrases in the style of a slam poem called "This is my voice" by Shane Koyczan. A Ballet Folklórico (Folkloric Dance) workshop and showcase was the final youth workshop, taught by visiting artist Sara Perez.

The generosity of the artists leading workshops, and grants from the Lake County Community Fund, Vail Valley Cares, Leadville Trail 100 Legacy Foundation, and Leadville Race Series, made these free programs possible.

# ACHIEVING A VISION

## The Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation, Inc.

The Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit that operates the Tabor Opera House and leads its rehabilitation. It works in partnership with the City of Leadville, owner of the Tabor.

**Mission:** Revitalize Leadville's historic Tabor Opera House

**Vision:** Celebrate history, culture, and live performance in the revitalized Tabor Opera House

## The Team

An all-volunteer Board of Directors and dedicated staff advance the Tabor's initiatives.

### Board of Directors

- Jenny Buddenborg, President
- Carl Schaefer, Vice President
- Greg Decent, Treasurer
- Amy Tait, Secretary
- Nell Lindquist, Assistant Secretary
- Ziska Childs
- Sara Edwards
- Natalie Lord
- John Edward Nelson
- Stephanie Reveles, Youth Liaison

### Staff

- Sarah Dae, Executive Director
- Tammy Taber, Tour & Building Manager

## The Tabor Opera House

For more than 140 years, the Tabor Opera House has brought arts and culture to Leadville, Colorado.

Silver king Horace (H.A.W.) Tabor built the elegant theater in 1879 in just 100 days, in one of the West's rowdiest silver boomtowns. Many luminaries graced the stage, including Oscar Wilde, Harry Houdini, and John Philip Sousa. Arts aficionados throughout the United States know the Tabor as an important piece of American performing arts heritage.

Yet well over a century of harsh winters have taken their toll, and this building, named a National Treasure by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and listed as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places, was in danger of demolition by neglect. Today, a movement to revitalize the Tabor Opera House is underway.



# BUILDING SUPPORT

We are deeply grateful to the many supportive individuals, foundations, and governments who are helping us save the Tabor.

## Individuals

### \$25,000 +

Juanita Lewis

### \$15,000 - \$24,999

Diane & Brad Smith

### \$5,000 - \$7,499

Nan Anderson

### \$2,500 - \$4,999

Greg Decent

### \$1,000 - \$2,499

Anonymous

Teresa Blair

Steven & Deborah Clem

David Clune

Gerald Edwards

Elisabeth Evans

Jane Gowing

Mary Ann Graham-Best

Ben Gramling

Shannon Hayes

Bruce & Mary Lee Hix

Kris & Tim Hoehn

Peter Jeschofnig

Cynthia A. Johnson

Sue King

John "Jack" Liggett

Louis Family Advised Fund



### \$1,000 - \$2,499, Cont'd

JP McKeon

James Switzer

Amy Tait

### \$500 - \$999

Nancy Boeve

Dennis & Kathy Buddenborg

Jenny Buddenborg

Gabby Burkham

Paul Conway

Sara Edwards

Carol Glenn

Mike Kolin

Leadville Veterinary Clinic, Inc.

Evan Lipstein

Candice Owen

Rick Polenek

Marylin Quinn

Sophie Riese

Aaron Roth

Ann Stanek

Summer Kate Williams

**\$250 - \$499**

Anonymous  
Brian Campbell  
Ziska Childs  
Peter Day  
Robin & Robert Deister  
Mike Kolin  
Natalie Lord  
John McLaughlin  
Carl Schaefer  
Brad Segal  
Eric & Karen Simon  
Stanton Williams  
Valinda Yarberry

**\$100 - \$249**

Pamela Abas  
Sara Anschuetz  
Nancy Chapman



**\$100 - \$249, Cont'd**

Cathy Collins  
Marian Cormier  
Danowitz  
Richard Doyle  
Dina Duckworth  
John Ellingboe  
Carol Farnsworth  
Chris Floyd  
Hattie Geesey  
Ruth Goltzer  
Patricia & Timothy Goudie  
Nancy Guppy  
Cheryl Hall  
Rebecca Halverson  
Karen Jones  
Kevin Kearney  
Theresa Keeley  
Elaine Kent  
Marty King  
Greg Labbe  
Vicki Lindner  
John Marta  
Marcia Martinek  
Donald McMahan  
Tami Menk  
Cary Merritt  
Matt Mientka  
Melanie Milam-Roth  
Manda Morris  
Steven Newton  
Bruce O'Donnell  
John Orrill  
Sally Pearce  
Gail Polk  
Linda Riedell  
Carolyn Ruhland, in honor of Diana Bruch  
(Yones)  
John Ruhland, in honor of Diana Bruch  
(Yones)

### **\$100 - \$249, Cont'd**

Jack & Cindy Saunders  
Carl & Donna Schaefer  
Suzanne Shepard  
Diane Smith on behalf of Treeline  
Restaurant and Parker Physical Therapy  
Alisa Sobczak  
Steven "Unknown"  
Kate Subranni  
Judith Swink  
David Trainer  
Christine Whitacre  
Jean Wilkie  
Mary Wilkie  
Matthew Wozniak

### **\$50 - \$99**

Spafford Ackerly  
Brian Campbell  
Suzy Canady  
Colorado Preservation, Inc.  
Ken Daniels  
Susan Fishman  
Jennifer Flaherty  
David Ford  
Tom Franks  
Sue Graham  
Cheryl Hall  
Lori Hanson  
Jane Harelson  
Phil Heller  
Don Henschel  
Kris Husted  
Tyler Jamen  
Jessica Jones  
Martha King  
Deanna Leino  
Virginia Littleton  
Thomas Mcgaughey  
Matt Mientka



*Credit Craig Hensel*

### **\$50 - \$99, Cont'd**

Marka Moser  
John Nelson  
Elise Nickell  
Karen Onderdonk  
Susan Parachini  
Susan Pearce  
Susan Ramsdell  
John Rowland  
Dave Spinelli  
Austin Stewart  
Thomas Szwedko  
Tammy Taber  
Jenna Tabor  
Larry Tabor  
Jamen Tyler  
Sharon Utz  
George Weissman  
Shannon Wzientek

### **Up to \$49**

Anonymous  
Lindsey Baker  
Courtney Bradley  
Lori Ziegler Cabell  
Carolyn Cipperly  
Judith Dayhoff  
Benjamin Dicke

## Up to \$49, Cont'd

Susan Estes  
Paul Fiorino  
Susan Fishman  
Alicia Fontana  
Shelia Foss  
Richard Gardner  
Arlan & Ken Gerhardt  
Sara Gilbert  
Whitney Gilbert-Clarkson  
Richard Gardner  
Rene Griffen  
Jordan Gortmaker  
Roger Hebbert  
Janine Hiland  
Mary Jelf  
Erin Paige Jorgensen  
Lloyd Kimball  
Karen Kosies  
Christine Londos  
Cynthia K MacIsaac  
Fernando Martinez  
Diane McQuaid  
Susan Parachini  
Kelly Pool  
Cherly Richards  
Cherie Rollins  
John Rowland  
Peter Schow  
Jamen Tyler  
Michael & Sharon Utz  
George Weissman  
Jack White  
Katherine Williams

## Governments, Foundations & Corporations

### \$250,000 +

History Colorado's State Historical Fund

### \$50,000 - \$74,999

City of Leadville  
Gates Family Foundation

### \$10,000 - \$49,000

Freeport-McMoRan Foundation  
Rural Theaters COVID-19 Support Grant

### \$2,500 - \$9,999

Colorado Humanities  
Leadville Trail 100 Legacy Foundation

### \$1,000 - \$2,499

Campbell Foundation  
Lake County Community Fund  
Vail Valley Cares

### \$500 - \$999

Renaissance Charitable Fund

### \$250 - \$499

Network for Good

### \$100 - \$249

Charities Aid Foundation America



Credit History Colorado



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