



# 2023 Annual Report

# NOTES FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

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Greetings Tabor Opera House Friends and Fans,

In 2023, we witnessed extraordinary growth toward our goal of rehabilitating the Historic Tabor Opera House. We started the year strong, welcoming four new board members, bringing us to a full roster of 11 for the first time in our history. We also grew our leadership capacity with two youth liaisons who contributed greatly to our visioning and programming. We supported board and staff development by offering training in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and a workshop elucidating best practices for nonprofit boards and staff.

In fundraising, we experienced a wildly successful return of the Savor the Tabor Dinner, received multiple matches from generous families in our community that leveraged more individual donors than ever to help us achieve our highest annual donations to date, and crafted multiple successful grants, which allowed us to complete fundraising for the next two summer seasons of preservation work on our historic facade.

We also launched a new partnership with the Lyric Theatre of Leadville to co-present a full summer season of events on our stage, reaching our largest audiences yet. The Tabor Youth Collective also grew tremendously with a 2-week workshop led by local and national theater teachers.

Our team dug into thoughtful planning throughout 2023 developing rehabilitation phasing options in partnership with our architects and engineers, as well as creating a new 3-year Strategic Plan. With the momentum from 2023 and our strategic plan in hand, we confidently move into 2024 with your support, sure that we can work together to continue to rehabilitate the Tabor Opera House for generations to come. We are so glad you are part of our story.

**Sara Edwards**

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Tabor Opera House Preservation Foundation,

As we reflect on the accomplishments of 2023, I am filled with gratitude and pride for what we have achieved together. This year has been nothing short of remarkable, and I am honored to have been a part of it.

Together, we have brought back beloved events and fundraisers like Savor the Tabor and the annual Boom Days talent show, reinvigorating our community and showcasing the rich history and culture of the Tabor Opera House.

In addition to these achievements, we have also raised the funding to complete the 3rd and final exterior rehabilitation of the building, marking our biggest fundraising year ever. We successfully matched two incredible challenge matches in 2023, totaling nearly \$165,000 in individual donations. These accomplishments are a testament to the unwavering support and dedication of our donors, volunteers, and community partners.

As we look ahead to the future, I am confident that the Tabor is in good hands. The new Board of Directors and future Executive Director will build upon the momentum we have created together, ensuring that the TOH remains a vibrant and cherished part of Leadville's history. Thank you for your continued support and dedication. I am excited to see what the future holds for the Tabor Opera House and remain committed to its mission. It really has been an honor and a Tabor of Love.

With gratitude and warm regards,  
Sarah Dae

# END OF AN ERA

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**Sarah Dae**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# BY THE NUMBERS

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In 2023, the Tabor Opera House achieved an extraordinary milestone in its fundraising efforts, securing \$165,000 in private donations—a figure that is nearly double the amount raised in any previous year. This unprecedented surge in generosity from our supporters not only underscores the community's deep commitment to preserving and enhancing our historic venue but also enables us to embark on ambitious projects and programs that were once beyond our reach. Thanks to the overwhelming support and confidence of our donors, we are poised to elevate the Tabor Opera House's role as a cultural beacon, ensuring that it continues to inspire, educate, and entertain audiences for years to come.

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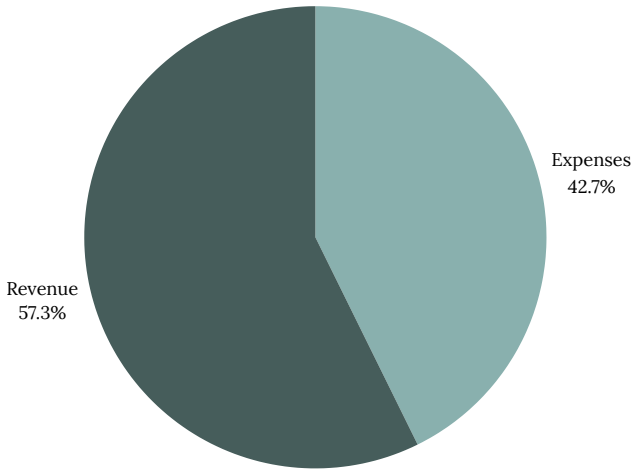
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INCREASE IN TOTAL  
INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS

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3,859 VOLUNTEER HOURS

*For a value of over \$122,716*



**2023 REVENUE & EXPENSES**

Revenue exceeded expenses by \$127,850.50

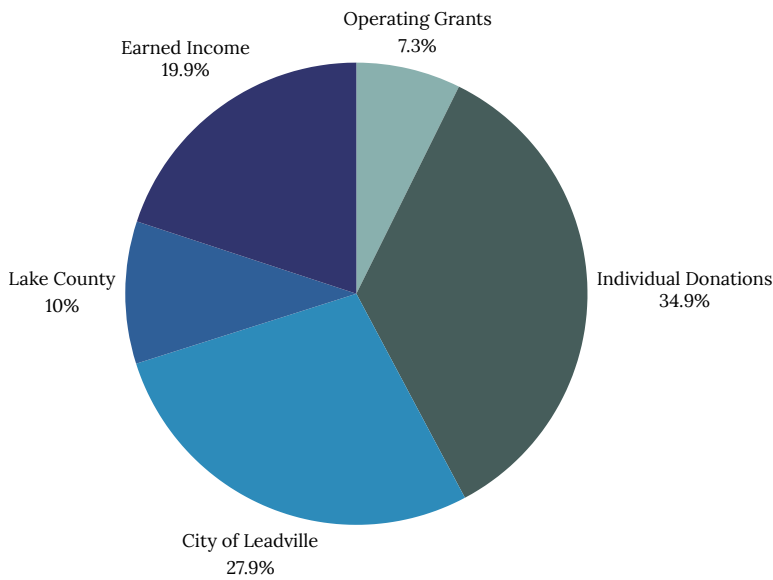
Total Revenue: \$502,016.05

Total Expenses: \$374,165.55

**Volunteer In-Kind Hours**

Hours: 3,859

Value: \$122,716.20



**2023 OPERATING REVENUE**

The total revenue from operating grants, individual donations, city funding, county funding, and earned income is \$502,016.05.

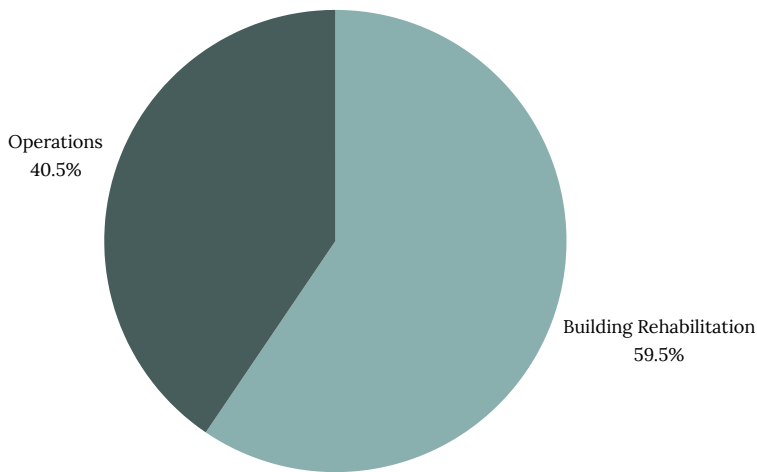
Operating Grants: \$36,750

Individual Donations: \$175,187.86

City of Leadville: \$140,000

County: \$50,000

Earned Income: \$100,078.19



**2023 EXPENSES**

The total expenses for building rehabilitation and operations amount to \$923,304.05.

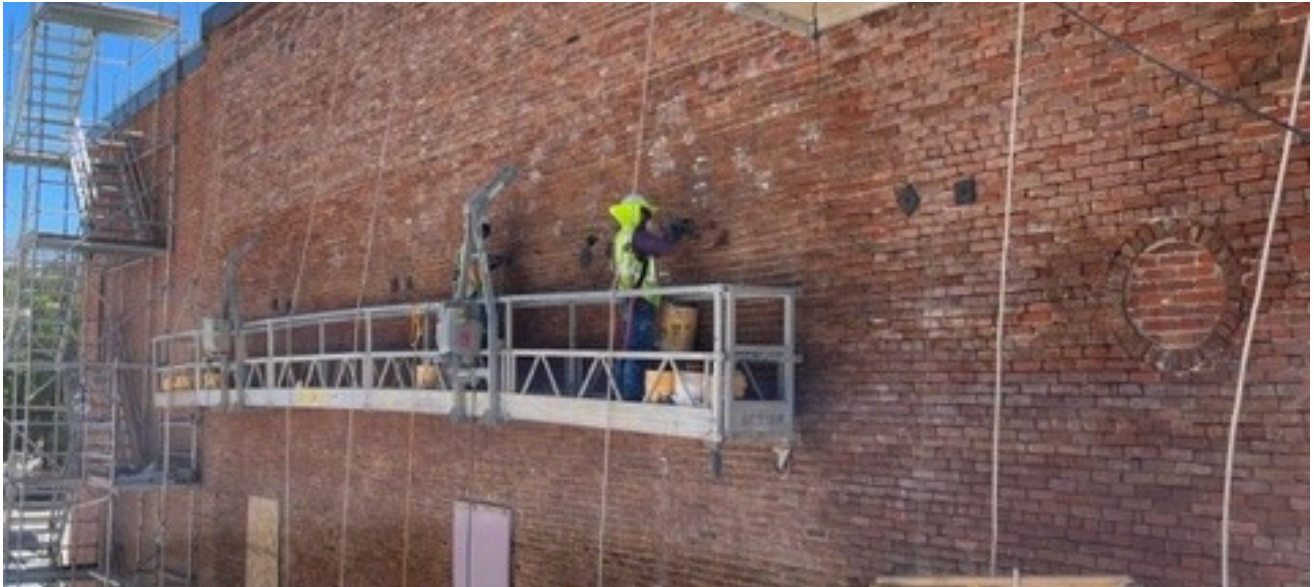
Building Rehabilitation: \$549,138.50

Operations: \$374,165.55

# REVITALIZING A NATIONAL TREASURE

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In the summer of 2023, dedicated workers from A&E completed the restoration of brick and masonry on the east and north facades of the Tabor Opera House. With previous repairs already completed on the west and south facades, this summer's efforts marked the successful completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the rehabilitation, ensuring that all four exterior walls are now fully restored. We were also delighted to welcome back artist and conservator Deborah Uhl, who skillfully repaired and protected the historic ghost sign on the north facade. Additionally, the foundation successfully secured grants and donations to fund Phase 3 of the rehabilitation project, which will focus on restoring the building's cornice, storefronts, and balcony in 2024 and 2025.

# A YEAR OF CULTURE & PERFORMANCE

*From bagpipes to piano solos and  
spoken word*

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The summer of 2023 marked an exciting return to pre-COVID levels of programming at the Tabor Opera House, offering a dynamic lineup of events and collaborations. A key highlight was our partnership with the Lyric Theatre of Leadville, which brought 11 engaging performances to the Tabor stage, including concert band music, Broadway music, a community production of The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, a talent show, comedians, and cowboy poetry. In the fall, we collaborated with community partners to host notable events such as the Irish Miners' Memorial celebration, the Leadville Main Street auction, and the Stories Worth Telling Film Festival in partnership with Visit Leadville/Twin Lakes. The Tabor Youth Collective provided an enriching experience for local youth, with four charismatic teaching artists—T. Keely, Mary Kilburg, Jimmy Maize, and Maridee Slater—leading a two-week program.

Our dedicated docents welcomed over 1,300 visitors for tours, providing an in-depth look at the Tabor's rich history. Ticket sales generated over \$38,000, while generous donations, grants, and sponsorships enabled us to provide more than 200 free Tabor vouchers, ensuring that everyone in the community had the opportunity to experience the magic of the Tabor Opera House.

# A DEDICATED DONOR BASE

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and generous supporters*

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