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# SOAR NEWSLETTER AND ANNUAL REPORT

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SOAR BOARD CHAIR

The 2023-2024 SOAR programming is in full swing, and it is off the charts fun! The children of Salisbury Central School are getting creative, and sometimes dirty (the good kind!), with a host of new offerings brought to us by Lauren Brown, our Executive Director. These include: screen printing with local artist Meg Musgrove, filmmaking with the Moviehouse, clay with local ceramicist Erica Recto, land stewardship and nature exploration with Greenagers, and drumming with The Music Cellar. In addition to the new workshops, many offerings that SOAR is known for have returned. Producing another musical, *Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.* involved over 40 children and many local community members. The production required many weeks of rehearsal and the children were able to experience the magic of live theater in front of a large group of adoring fans. Whether it's honing artistic skills or delving into sustainable practices, these workshops provide the perfect platform for individuals to learn, grow, and connect with our vibrant community. We appreciate your continued generosity; it has sparked tremendous growth these last years and we look forward to more unique programming in the new year. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Ski Jumps!

Warmly,  
Keavy Bedell, SOAR Board Chair

# INSIDE THE WORKSHOPS



Making Art Your Own with Janet Andre Block



One Room Dollhouse with Jessica Russell



Drumming with The Music Cellar



Circus Arts with Matica Arts



Introduction to ASL with Rita Delgado



Clay with Erica Recto of BES Millerton



Food, Farming, and Fun at Fairfield Farm



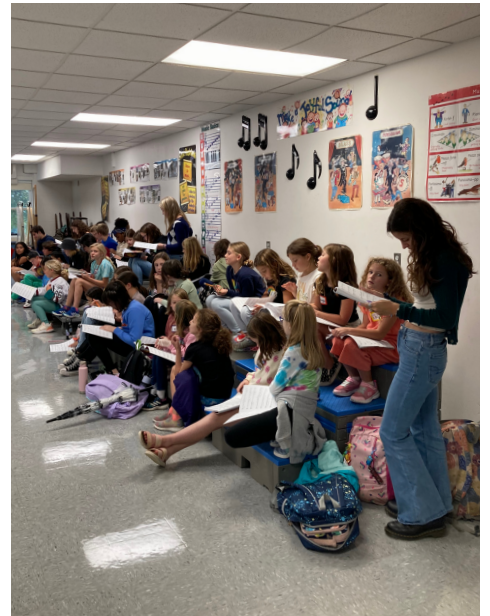
Intro. to Film Making with The Moviehouse



Screenprinting with Meg Musgrove



Clay with Erica Recto



Fiddler on the Roof Rehearsal



Clay with Erica Recto



Painting Big with Joseph Clarke



Patterns and Printmaking with Meg Musgrove

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# SOAR BY THE NUMBERS

## 2022-2023



Program Enrollment:  
Fall: 112 Winter: 123 Spring: 102 Total: 337 participants

Number of Workshops: Fall: 14 Winter: 19 Spring: 15

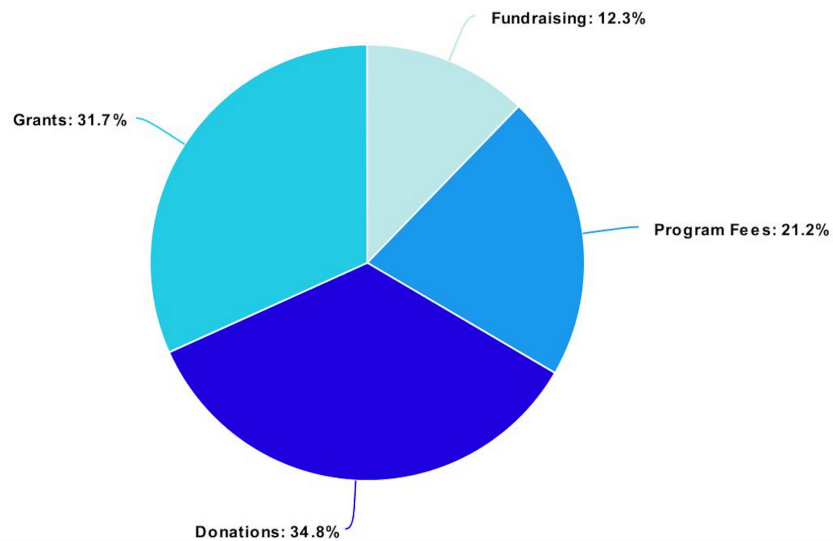
Workshop Fees: \$35-\$60



Financial Aid: \$1,606

Teacher Mini-Grants: \$2,260

Sources of Funding for 2022-2023:



### A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAUREN BROWN

SOAR is truly a community effort. Thanks to the support of generous donors and supporters, our workshops have been able to thrive. The dedicated instructors, many who live right here in our community, also play an integral role in helping SOAR succeed. Their commitment to sharing their expertise and skills with the children is truly commendable. With their guidance, the children have had the opportunity to learn and develop new talents, building a stronger sense of community in the process. The workshops not only provide a platform for creative expression, but they also foster a sense of belonging and unity among the participants. The entire SOAR community is thankful for the positive influence the SOAR program has had on our children's growth and development. We believe that by investing in their education, we are investing in a brighter future for all. SOAR is a shining example of the power of education and community collaboration. Thank you for your continued support.



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