Artists’ Cooperative Residency & Exhibitions is an artist-run non-profit devoted to providing resources to emerging artists and nurturing a diverse community of cultural producers.

ACRE’s Residency Program takes place every summer in the Driftless region of Southwest Wisconsin. Set on 1,000 acres of wetland, hills, and farmland, the residency hosts artists who live and work in a communal setting that includes expansive work spaces, mess hall kitchen, performance stage, and eight specialized studio areas.

Each year ACRE welcomes approximately 75 emerging artists of all disciplines to attend one of three 14-day residency sessions. A corresponding year-long program of exhibitions and events based in Chicago creates ongoing opportunities for idea exchange, feedback, and growth.

“I felt fully seen, understood, loved and supported at ACRE and I learned oh-so-many things!”

— Ruby Que, 2022 Resident

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(by Introduction Image)
The Steuben Lodge in morning sunlight during Session 1, 2022. Photo by Levi Shand.

(by Top Image)
Members of the collaborative Chair Piece during a 24-hour performance in the pasture during Session 1. Photo by Levi Shand.
**YEAR BY THE NUMBERS**

- **56 Artists**
  - Participated in the 2022 Residency Program

- **50 Alumni Volunteers**
  - Led residency studios, offered workshops and demos, prepared meals, and collaborated with residents

**Area Index**

- 8 Studio Areas
  - Ceramic
  - Fibers
  - Woodshop
  - High Fire
  - Screen Printing
  - A/V Tech
  - Sound
  - Performance Stage

**In 2022 we awarded $10,200 in scholarships.**

"ACRE is the most intentional and equitable residency I have ever attended"

— 2022 Session 3 Resident

(Top Image)
Session 3 Resident Angelica Millan Lozano pulls screenprints in the ACRE Print Shack. Photo by Hannah Patterson.

(Bottom Image)
Session 2 residents stretch and get ready for a group exercise led by Layla Marcelle and Zachary Hutchinson. Photo by Kate Bowen.
Our *Exhibitions* Program provides artists opportunities to expand their practice, develop professionally, and build community with a thriving nationwide network of peers and arts professionals.

"I connected with great people and I felt that ACRE created the perfect conditions for creativity to flourish."

— 2022 Session 3 Resident

5 Exhibitions

21 Artists Presenting Work

18 Public Programs


*(Top Image)* Documentation of Johanna Winters’ sculptures and performance objects in her exhibition *BAYTHUR*, April 1 – 22, 2022 at ACRE Projects Gallery. Photo by Kate Bowen

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ACRE Year In Review

2022
ACRE Kitchen provides healthy and creative meals while supporting sustainable food producers in the Driftless region of Wisconsin.

"I found my time generative, expansive, beautifully vulnerable, full of starry nights, unexpected artistic collaborations and damn fine food."

— Lois Bielefeld, 2022 Resident

**Farm Partners**

1. Driftless Organics  
   2013 - present

2. Harmony Valley  
   2013 - present

3. Kickapoo Exchange Co-op  
   2013 - present

4. Natural Direct  
   2014 - present

5. Pioneer Gardens Farm  
   2017 - present

6. Preston Valley Produce  
   2010 - present

7. St Brigid’s Meadows  
   2016 - present

8. Tortilleria Zepeda  
   2022 - present

**Past Partners:**
- Cedar Grove Cheese
- Circadian Organics
- The Cottage Baker
- Coulee View Family Farm
- Hazard Free Farm
- Hidden Springs Creamery
- Lange Farms

**Local Foods**
- The Lone Goat Farm
- Lonesome Stone Milling
- Nelson Trout Farm
- Spring Creek Cattle Co.
- Violet Dreams Bakery

**126** Locally-Sourced Meals

**$2,647** Cost of Meals Per Week

**11** Number of ‘Kadabra’ cookbook volumes published
The Chicago Arts Census is a comprehensive, cross-discipline data collection effort created by and for the arts workers of Chicago.

The Chicago Arts Census collects, maps, and visualizes data that illuminates the lived experiences and working conditions of arts workers in Chicago. The collected data will be translated into a series of maps, a website, a publication, and public programs that demonstrate the interwoven and dependent relationships that make up Chicago’s art ecosystem.

In the second phase of the project, we will focus on public programming to build coalition and developing actionable strategies.

ACRE’s Executive Director Kate Bowen and The Chicago Arts Census featured in Newcity’s Art 50: Chicago’s Visual Vanguard.

“Personally, taking the Census deftly affirmed the axiom that self care and community care are inextricably linked and directly impact each other.”

— Felicia Holman

(From ‘Radically Galvanizing Chicago’s Arts Worker Ecosystem, via Data’ by Felicia Holman, March 30, 2022, Published by Sixty Inches From Center, part of a six-part series of commissioned articles for the Chicago Arts Census. Edited by Adia Sykes of Chicago Arts Census and Greg Ruffing of Sixty Inches From Center.)
### REVENUE SOURCES

- **Grants**: $332,565
- **Hearth Benefit**: $29,732
- **Individual donations**: $108,390
- **Application fees**: $15,154

**Total Revenue:** $556,841

### PROGRAM FUNDERS

#### Residency Program
- National Endowment for the Arts
- MacArthur Funds for Culture, Equity, and the Arts at the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation
- Gaylord & Dorothy Donnelley Foundation
- Illinois Arts Council Agency
- Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events
- Ruth Foundation for the Arts

#### Chicago Arts Census
- Walder Foundation
- Arts Work Fund
- Builders Initiative
- Chrysalis Project supported by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and hosted by Fractured Atlas

#### Annual Sponsorships
- Valerie Carberry and Richard Wright
- Document
- Other People's Pixels

#### In-Kind Sponsors
- Exfolia Botanical
- Maison Ferrand
- All Together Now

### COST PER ARTIST

- **Residency Fee**: $700
- **Total Operating Cost Per Artist**: $1,784

### REVIEWS

- **Stephen Proski, 2022 Resident**
  
  "I left ACRE feeling inspired and empowered because of the conversations I had with my peers."

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*(Left Image)* The bathtub outside the ACRE Kitchen, a favorite spot for watching the sunset, taking a selfie, or private chats. *Photo by Kate Bowen.*

*(Right Image)* Members of the Session 1 Poetry Union perform poems for fellow residents and union members. *Photo by Levi Shand.*