

KLEINHANS

MUSIC HALL

2024-25 Report to the Community

Dear Friends:

It is with great pride and gratitude that I share the 2024-25 Report to the Community, following a landmark season for our historic venue—one marked by continued growth in attendance, expanded programming, and major capital improvements through the Keeping It Modern campaign.

We hosted over **165 events** this season while welcoming more than **152,000** guests through our doors, reinforcing our role as a cultural cornerstone for Buffalo. This reflects not only the passion of our community for music and events but also

Chair's Report

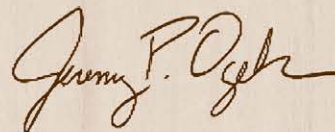
the strength of our programming and partnerships. From the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra's inspiring performances to the beloved

National Geographic Live series and concerts like Burton Cummings, audiences responded with enthusiasm and delight.

Thanks to the support of numerous donors through our *Keeping It Modern Campaign*, important capital improvements continued, such as a new boiler, repairs to the reflecting pool, new A/V equipment and more!

As we look to the 2025–26 season, we are energized by the momentum of this past year. With a refreshed facility, a healthy audience, and a dedicated team, Kleinhans Music Hall is poised for even greater impact. We remain committed to presenting world-class performances, supporting local and international artists, and ensuring that this treasured venue continues to serve future generations. Thank you for being part of our story!

Sincerely,



Jeremy Oczek, Chair, Board of Directors
Kleinhans Music Hall Management, Inc.

Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson
OCTOBER 14, 2024



Burton Cummings
MARCH 6, 2025

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National Geographic Live
Jess Cramp
 MAY 6, 2025



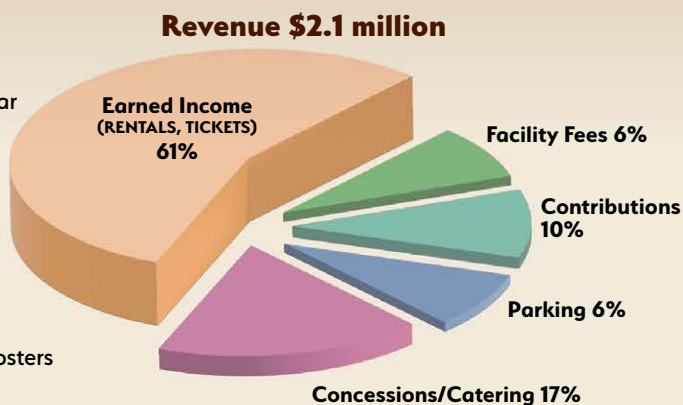
Allman Betts Family Revival
 DECEMBER 4, 2024



Harold Arlen Tribute
 FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Financial Results

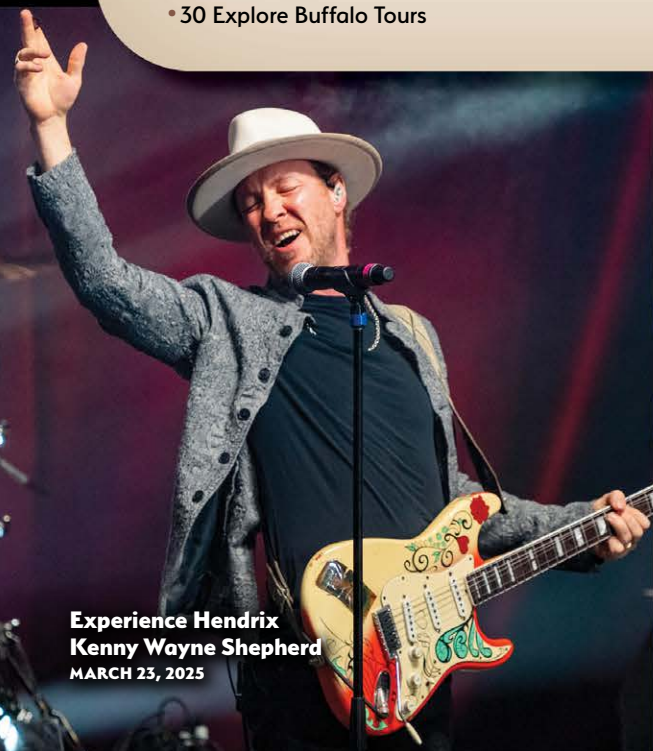
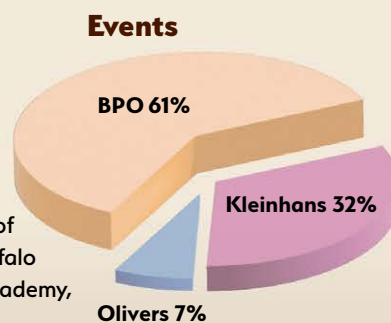
We ended the 2024-25 fiscal year with a balanced budget, on par with the previous year. The revenue remained strong, breaking the \$2M barrier for the first time, due to popular events such as Neil deGrasse Tyson, Burton Cummings and Experience Hendrix and the support of numerous smaller shows such as Will Downing and Dweezil Zappa. The National Geographic Live series continued its path of growth with a 25% increase in subscriptions from the previous year. We welcomed back old friends like the Karen Society, the SPCA, The Clarence Band Boosters as well as new friends like M&T Bank.



Attendance: 152,000 Events: 165

- 17 Kleinhans Music Hall Presents, National Geographic Live Speakers, Global Grooves, recitals and concerts
- 11 College and High School Graduations
- 96 Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performances
- 10 Buffalo Chamber Music Society performances
- 4 Just Buffalo Literary Center BABEL events
- 30 Explore Buffalo Tours

- 27 Additional community events, rentals and celebrations. Partners included Slow Roll Buffalo, PUSH Buffalo, Karen Society, MLK Celebration/Concerned Citizens Following the Dream Committee, ECMC Foundation, Erie County Music Educators Association, Junior League of Buffalo, M&T, WNY Scout Council, Buffalo Business First, South Buffalo Dance Academy, SPCA, Clarence Band Boosters and Family Meal Hospitality Trust.



Experience Hendrix
Kenny Wayne Shepherd
 MARCH 23, 2025



Will Downing
 NOVEMBER 14, 2024



**STRICTLY HIP
30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
MARCH 21, 2025
PHOTO: JOE CASCIO**



**Joan Osborne
APRIL 17, 2025**

Keeping It Modern



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of additional donors that
helped us reach our
\$18 million goal!**

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Capital Improvements

The Capital Improvement plan moved into its fourth year. The HVAC Phase Three is underway, with the replacement of boilers, implementing a more efficient heating system for the entire building. The Reflecting Pool system was relined to ensure no more leaks

as well as a refreshed filtration system for sanitization. Accessibility enhancements including automatic doors at both entrances and the Accessible bathroom were completed. Additionally, the A/V equipment was enhanced with a new in-house projector, various concrete repairs throughout the campus and a myriad of other upgrades.



**Edalo
JANUARY 3, 2025
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**Vieux Farka Touré
APRIL 25, 2025**



**PHOTO:
GREG MEADOWS**



**Dweezil Zappa
APRIL 29, 2025**



**STRICTLY HIP
30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT
MARCH 21, 2025
PHOTO: JOE CASCIO**



**Rhythm & Brews
MAY 9, 2025**



**A Cook's Tour
JUNE 23, 2025
PHOTO: FAMILY MEAL HOSPITALITY TRUST**

People Behind the Scenes



Brian Seibel Event Safety Manager

Brian has been an integral part of the Kleinhans/BPO team for over 17 years. Brian is the linchpin for most events, ensuring safety, timeliness and putting out any proverbial fires that may arise.



Jenifer Grasha Services Manager

Jen started mid-season as the Audience Services Manager after having served as a volunteer for almost a decade. Jen is responsible for managing the ushers, ticket takers and ensuring patrons have a seamless experience.



Mrs. Pearl Hargro Volunteer

Mrs. Hargro celebrated 50 years of volunteerism with Kleinhans!

Dennis Nawojski Concessions Manager

Dennis has been a part of the Kleinhans team since 2011. From mixing up special cocktails to decorating the hall for the holidays, Dennis ensures patrons feel hospitable while at Kleinhans.



Lucas Parks Parking & Set-Up Manager

Lucas has been involved with the Parking and Set-Up team for over 3 years and brings his magic touch to Kleinhans. Lucas assists patrons with the parking, ensuring a smooth experience as well as the set-up for events.



**Experience Hendrix
Marcus King
MARCH 23, 2025**



**WOMEN'S WELLNESS SUMMIT
MAY 6, 2025
PHOTO: BUSINESS FIRST**



**Karen Society
New Year Celebration
JANUARY 4, 2025
PHOTO: KAREN SOCIETY**



**Buffalo Chamber Music Society
100th Season Opening Night
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**

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