

Door Community Auditorium Summary

Number of employees: 6

Number of volunteers: 165 event volunteers, committee members, and board members

What is your Mission Statement?

Door Community Auditorium (DCA) enriches, entertains, and challenges through a balanced combination of performing, visual, and literary arts; and provides opportunities for social, educational, and cultural growth.

What is the main source of your funding and what percent of your funding does that source provide?

Ticket income and venue rental revenue comprise 54% of our operating income.

What is the geographic scope of your services throughout Door County?

All of Door County, including its five school districts.

Explanation of how you serve Door County including primary programs your organization offers to the community.

In 2024, DCA hosted 237 events including 191 school performances, rehearsals, assemblies, and auditions; 26 local and regional community partner events; 32 national touring acts; and 10 films, lectures, and coffeehouse concerts. The 580 students from the adjoining Gibraltar Schools and 3,620 Students from all five Door County districts participate in student matinees, workshops, and exhibits; 75 pieces of student artwork are currently on display in the Link Gallery of Children's Art, the only gallery in the county solely dedicated to student work.

In the current season, we will present 257 local, regional, and national artists. And, an additional 160 musicians and dancers will perform with Door County organizations like Peninsula Music Festival and YMCA Dance.

How would you define the impact your organization is making in Door County?

For 34 years, Door Community Auditorium has served Door County as the year-round, indoor performing arts center. DCA wears many hats and functions as a concert hall, community center, classroom, laboratory, sanctuary, art gallery, and meeting space.

What is your annual budget?

\$1.4M Total Budget; \$733,335 is direct program or production expense (exclusive of staffing and administrative costs associated with leading and managing programs).

If you were to receive a donation from 100+WWC, how would that donation be used?

A donation from 100+ WWC would be earmarked for The Anne Emerson Education Wing which is a part of The Encore campaign, an effort to fund "The Annex." "The Annex," – which is just our working title – is a second venue and program center that will support and enhance the programs we've been known for for 34 seasons and allow us to grow, to explore dreams, and deliver greater value to our audiences and partners.

The building features:

- Smaller scale indoor and outdoor performance areas
- Flexible performance and community gathering space for unique programming like a post-show jazz lounge, receptions with donors and a headliner, performances paired with catered food (barbecue dinner before a blues headliner, a student-led cabaret with a meal, comedy club with drinks and apps), plus dance lessons, film, lectures etc., etc.
- Expanded accessible parking usable for auditorium events. (The completion of sidewalks, lighting, and an ADA compliant crosswalk, with flashing lights and median has made the passage between the two properties much safer)
- Office and collaboration space for DCA administrative staff and possibly other Door County non-profit organizations.
- A full catering kitchen to better accommodate large touring groups like Lyle Lovett and Gladys Knight and to allow us to hold pre- and post-event receptions with food and spirits (alcohol isn't allowed at DCA as we're on school grounds).
- An educational wing with music practice rooms for student use and instrumental instruction for instruments not offered in the school. The practice rooms will be equipped with an informal lending library and recording capabilities

We are excited to name the education wing for Anne Emerson to celebrate the immense impact she has had on the arts in Door County. From creating a nationally recognized gallery, to caring for her beautiful 2-legged and 4-legged family members, to founding Friends of Gibraltar, Door Community Auditorium, and Write On, Door County, Anne has nurtured our community's creative spirit in countless and immeasurable ways.