

HELLO FROM JAM!

In 2023 JAM – Junction Arts & Media made great strides towards realizing our **vision of a community in the Upper Valley in which all people have voice, agency, and a sense of belonging enhanced by the positive potential of media.**

Following our year of transformation from CATV to JAM in 2022, JAM buckled down in 2023 to envision our future and how to get there. We undertook a strategic planning process with broad community input and are proud of the [Strategic Plan](#) that emerged. Rooted in our core values of creativity, diversity, democracy, community, and empowerment, JAM is hard at work building a lasting home for the media arts community in the Upper Valley. Our ultimate aspiration is to uplift the quality of life for all people in our community through high-quality, locally made media.

We want to thank YOU – our JAM volunteers, members, donors, municipal partners, corporate sponsors, viewers, listeners and creators – for supporting JAM's work and keeping it free and accessible to all in 2023. Your generosity powered JAM to tell many more Upper Valley stories, get more people participating in local government, and give voice to new local storytellers of all ages. JAM crews pointed their cameras, microphones, and Owls everywhere you can imagine in the Upper Valley – livestreaming and broadcasting your municipal and school board meetings, Juneteenth, Nexus Music and Arts Festival, local high school graduations, and 30+ events we covered monthly. JAM took over leadership of the White River Film Festival (WRIF), bringing people together for the best of new global and local cinema. In the fall, we teamed up with Vital Communities for the "Farm-to-Film" Festival on regenerative and indigenous agriculture practices to fight climate change. A record number of kids *and* adults made movies, animations and podcasts at JAM Camp, after-school programs, and workshops. Maybe you hit "record" on your own podcast, video, or first stop-motion animation at JAM in 2023? If not, let 2024 be your year to begin!

MISSION

JAM's mission is to build community in the Upper Valley of NH/VT through the media arts.

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The JAM Board and staff wish to express our immeasurable gratitude to **Peggy Allen**, who served as CATV Board Chair for eight years and captained CATV's transition to becoming JAM. She took her well earned retirement from the JAM Board in 2023.



Every day you remind us how powerful the media arts can be to build community in the Upper Valley. We are thrilled to share this summary of the work we did together in 2023, which continues with gusto in 2024. Without further ado, roll sound... Roll camera... And... action!


Samantha Davidson Green &
Executive Director


Tracy Hutchins
JAM Board Chair

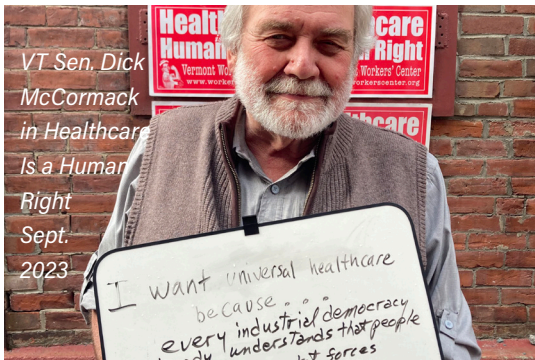


CREATIVITY

300+ participants of all ages gained new media skills and creative inspiration at JAM summer camps, after-school programs, all-ages “pop-up” workshops, and weekly orientations. JAM “Pitchfest,” Emerging Filmmaker Contest, 48-Hour Film and Halloween-o-thon contests, biweekly script-writing group, and JAM Film & Media Maker newsletters nurtured creative growth and networking. JAM’s 28 media arts exhibits and events, including White River Indie Film Festival (WRIF), attracted **3,000+** attendees.

DIVERSITY

840 first-run locally created programs on JAM gave voice to a diverse range of Upper Valley viewpoints. JAM curated 484 more shows of importance to local audiences from all over VT and NH, broadcasting 24/7 on JAM’s two public access cable channels (Comcast 1075/VTel 1169 and 1085/1170) and streaming online. JAM partnered with artists, non-profits, activists and members of the public (see facing page) to create media experiences centering marginalized people, deepen understanding across lines of difference, and build bridges of empathy.



DEMOCRACY

JAM covered **127** municipal and school board meetings, Candidate Nights, and annual Town Meetings for JAM channels to catalyze civic participation and serve transparency in government. JAM produced a Town Hall with Sen. Peter Welch and a mock Supreme Court case with Lebanon High students and VT Law School President Rod Smolla. JAM hosted “Health Care is a Human Right” multimedia exhibit, a Tenants’ Rights workshop, and a “Homes for Hartford” multimedia feedback station for public participation in making our communities more just and inclusive places.

COMMUNITY

Stronger communities generate creativity; greater creativity generates stronger communities. In 2023 JAM expanded our web of relationships to support this virtuous cycle. JAM was On Location weekly capturing the voices of Juneteenth, the joy of Pride, the hard work of governance, and more. JAM invited the community in for exhibits and events, raising the roof at Vievee Francis’s night of poetry and Blues, the “JAMmy Awards,” First Fridays and more. In between, JAM kept us connected in community via weekly newsletter highlights, TV channels, social media and podcasts.



EMPOWERMENT

Empowerment comes in many forms at JAM. In 2023 JAM supported career on-ramps through paid high school and college internships and on-the-job training. JAM was honored with the Governor’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Award. Structured media education with Community College of VT, Special Needs Support Center, Osher at Dartmouth, and more plus daily informal support empowered people of all ages, life stages, economic circumstances, backgrounds, and neurodiversity to find belonging, create, express, and advocate.

► JAM MEMBERS & DONORS

\$1000+

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Anonymous Coffeehouse
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Hartford Community Coalition
Hartland Community Arts
Here in the Valley & Riverfolk
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Inbar Heyman, Digital Sound Artist
Jodie Mack, Experimental Animator
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John Bieszczad, Musician
Junction Dance Festival
Lunafest
Lampshade Poets
Laura Di Piazza, Media Artist
Liam & Ripley
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LiveMix Kings & Fulla Flava
Lynn Graznak, Exhibiting Media Artist
Main Street Museum

Muddy Gnomes Experience
"Naked Comedy" with Ryan Clauson
Nora Jacobson & Upper Valley Arts
Norwich Bookstore
Norwich Women's Club
November Featured Animators
Office of Senator Peter Welch
"Panther Pad" podcast
Parish Players Theater
Peter Orner, Presenting Author
Plainfield Historical Society
Pride Prom & First Friday Bands
Raquel On Dance
Reclaim Tomorrow
Ryan Clauson & Naked Comedy
Sara Lippmann, Presenting Author
"Screaming Into the Darkness"
SHARe VT & NH
Sharon Academy
Still North Bookstore
Story Jam
Sundogs Poetry
Sustainable Development Code
TEDx Hartland Hill
Thetford Historical Society
TWist Zine & Comic Artists
Upper Valley Aquatic Center
Upper Valley Circus Camp
Upper Valley Dayenu Circle
Upper Valley Haven
Upper Valley Tenants Union
Valley Improv
Vermont Access Network (VAN)
Vermont Law School
Vermont Works for Women
Vievee Francis, Presenting Poet
Vital Communities
West Windsor Music Festival
WISE
The Workers Center of Vermont
Xuedan Zou and Kyle Huang
Yankee Bookshop
(And others we may have missed!)

► JAM STAFF 2023

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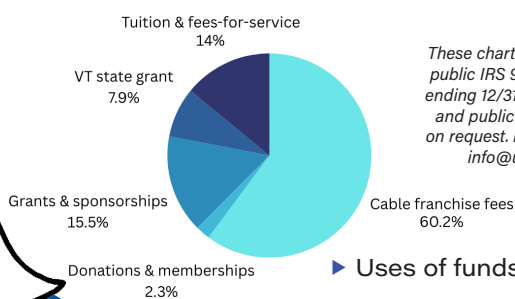


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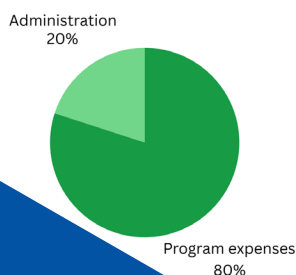
JAM / MAJOR SOURCES & USES OF FUNDING

► Sources of funds: \$572,759



These charts are based on public IRS 990 for FY2023 ending 12/31/23. Full report and public 990 available on request. Please contact: info@uvjam.org

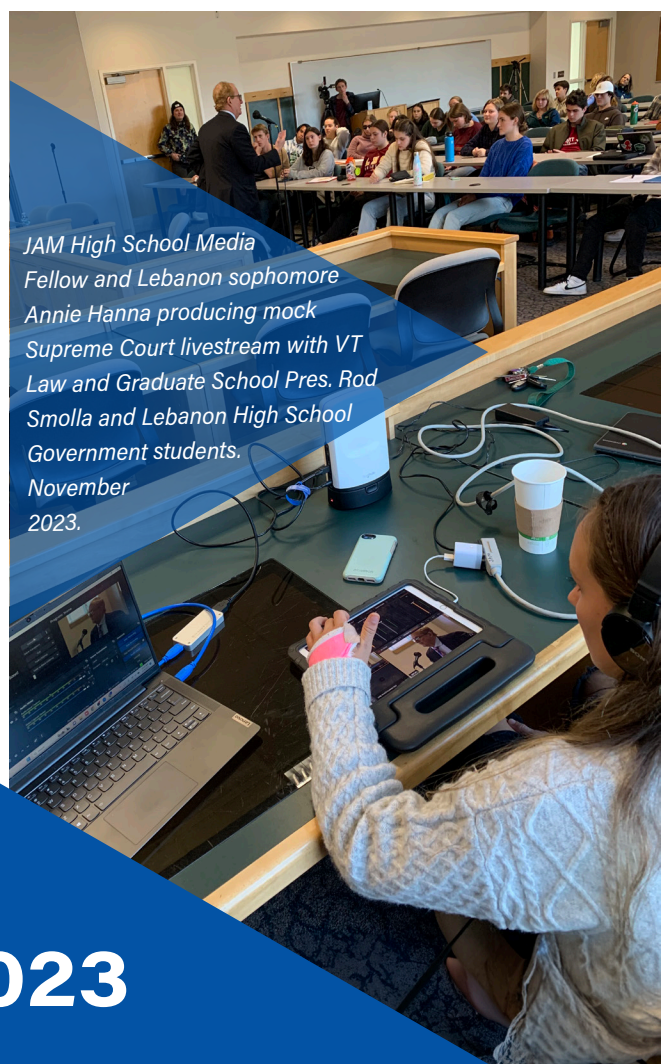
► Uses of funds: \$561,228



What am I trying to say? Glad you asked! JAM is seeking new funding sources as cable revenues decline annually. If you like what you see, please consider donating to grow this slice of the pie and secure JAM's future!

Learn more, donate, and view JAM's Three-Year Strategic Plan at

UVJAM.ORG



JAM High School Media Fellow and Lebanon sophomore Annie Hanna producing mock Supreme Court livestream with VT Law and Graduate School Pres. Rod Smolla and Lebanon High School Government students. November 2023.

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