

2025

Annual Report





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Hey there!

This is a very exciting season of growth and refinement for Renew the Arts.

In 2025, we welcomed two new members to our Board of Directors, hosted a mini-conference about hospitality at Audiofeed Festival, led a pilot online songwriter group and a final in-person showcase, and announced an official partnership with Still Small Sound. We facilitated 46 concerts nationwide through Porchlight where a collective 1,194 engaged attendees generously donated over \$18,000 to support the performing artists. On the Renew the Arts Podcast, we shared 10 episodes to equip and inspire listeners toward arts partnership. Finally, we sent \$18,375 to artists directly from their own financial partners through our fundraising platform.

This year we also spent some time clarifying our language. Co-Founder of Renew the Arts, Michael Minkoff Jr., along with our Board of Directors, led our shift away from using “arts patronage” and began using “arts partnership” to more accurately convey the work we do. While the historic practice of *patronage* is, in part, what we’re working to revive within the Church, that term can imply a sense of hierarchy and wealth, which is unhelpful. Instead, we believe true *partnership* in the arts is direct, personal, and accessible to anyone. We can’t wait to share more about it with you.

The focus in all that we do is **cultivating Christian communities by inspiring arts partnership and supporting artists**. This mission is possible only with partners like you. There is good work set before us at Renew the Arts, and we plan to continue with humility, curiosity, and boldness. We invite you to join us as we continue this adventure.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katy R. Martin".

Katy R. Martin
President and CEO
Renew the Arts
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OUR VISION

*To see Christian communities partnered with artists
to enrich lives, shape homes, and love their neighbors*

OUR MISSION

*Cultivating Christian communities by inspiring
arts partnership and supporting artists*

OUR VALUES

Arts partnership

Hospitality

“The little way is the great way”



“...thank you for all the conversations...each one of them has inspired me to action.” - Aryn M.

MARCH Three Word-Pictures for Patrons and Artists

APRIL One Anothering in An Othering Age (with Chase Tremaine)

MAY On “A Kingdom of Tea and Strangers” (with Houston Coley)

JUNE Connecting Science and Art (with Ciara Reyes-Ton)

JULY Porchlight at Audiofeed 2025: Mini-Conference on Hospitality

“I am a Christian and I can really relate to what you are addressing in the podcast. It has helped me a lot...” - Mike R.

Renew the Arts Podcast

A review of the 2025 season on the theme of flourishing

Exploited Art: Propaganda, Pornography, Pomp, and Product **AUGUST**

The Little Things are the Great Things **OCTOBER**

The Use and Abuse of Fiction **SEPTEMBER**

Top 5 Things Churches Should Communicate to Their Artists **NOVEMBER**

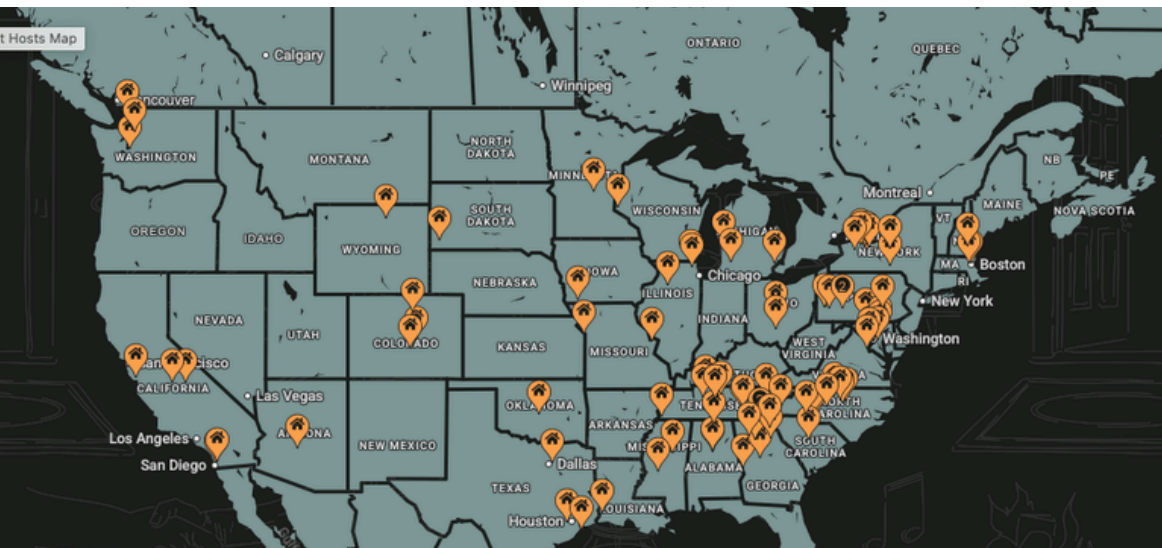
2025 Mailbag Full of Explicit Content, What Makes Art Good, and Unstrange Fire **DECEMBER**

“I’ve really dug into Michael’s podcast and plan on listening to every episode.” - CJ S.

**LISTEN TO ALL OF THE EPISODES AT
WWW.RENEWTHEARTS.ORG/PODCAST**



We invite you to plug in to Porchlight, an art + hospitality network.




Porchlight Art + Hospitality Network

2025

Total Porchlight concerts nationwide: 46
 Average audience size: 25 Total audience size: 1,194

Total amount given to artists through Porchlight concerts: \$18,036.92
 Average minimum (set by artist): \$250
 Range: \$0 to \$1,500
 Average take-home (100% goes to artist): \$389
 Range: \$85-\$1,334



"I've had some of my best experiences performing in the hearts of people's homes, churches, and farms." - James Koan III (Artist)

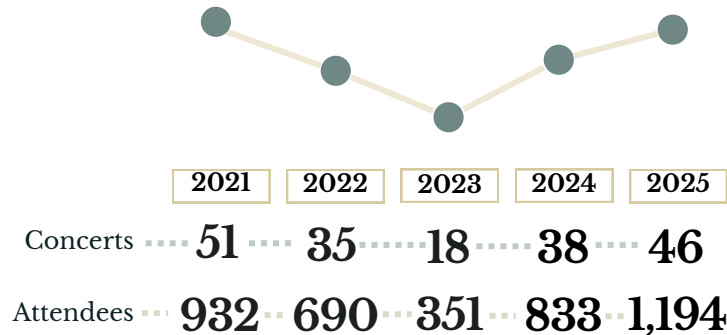
"I'm part of three house concert communities and Porchlight's web tool, in terms of show planning and mapping and stuff like that, is the best one..." - Jeff Miller (Artist)

"...each Porchlight experience was so sweet and memorable. The people are what I always remember!" - Moon Bride (Artist)

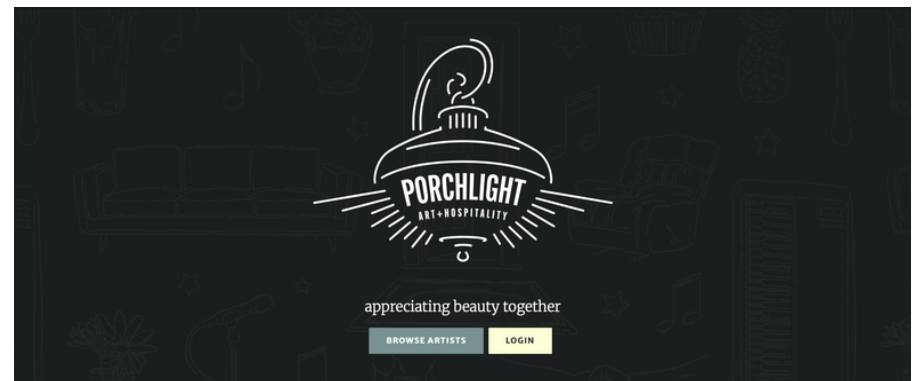
"The [Porchlight] network has been instrumental in showing me that there is an art to hospitality and there can be a high degree of hospitality in sharing art." - Matt Wheeler (Artist)

"The 'still small voice' of God was heard loud and clear as [Anthony Quails] shared his heart...we could not have had a better introduction to Porchlight!" - Mary S. (Host)

"I just loved the connection across not only state, but country borders as believers & humans were drawn together by beautiful art." - Heather M. (Host)



Note: In 2022, we began the process of custom-building the Porchlight Portal (login screen shown on right) to facilitate the booking process more efficiently, and we've started to see it functioning as we hoped it would.



Porchlight is an art + hospitality network from Renew the Arts, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to cultivating Christian communities by inspiring arts partnership and supporting artists.

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HOW IT WORKS

We partner with artists.

There are no fees to artists for joining Porchlight or booking a concert.

We work closely with artists through bimonthly calls, mentorship, and general advocacy.

Artists receive 100% of all proceeds from Porchlight gatherings.

We consider new artists & ask existing artists to renew on an annual basis.

We partner with hosts.

There are no fees to hosts for joining Porchlight or booking a concert.

We cultivate, onboard, and support hosts nationwide who open their homes, backyards, or other spaces to practice hospitality and support artists.

We provide free resources, an online portal and toolkit, and personal support for hosting house concerts.

Flip for a diagram of the booking process. ✨

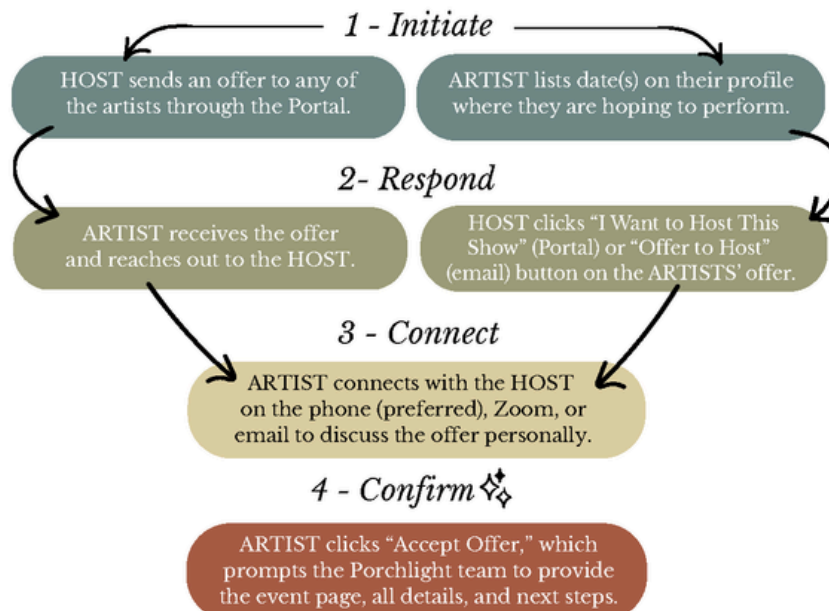
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HOW TO BEGIN

In the Porchlight Portal, a host or an artist kicks things off.



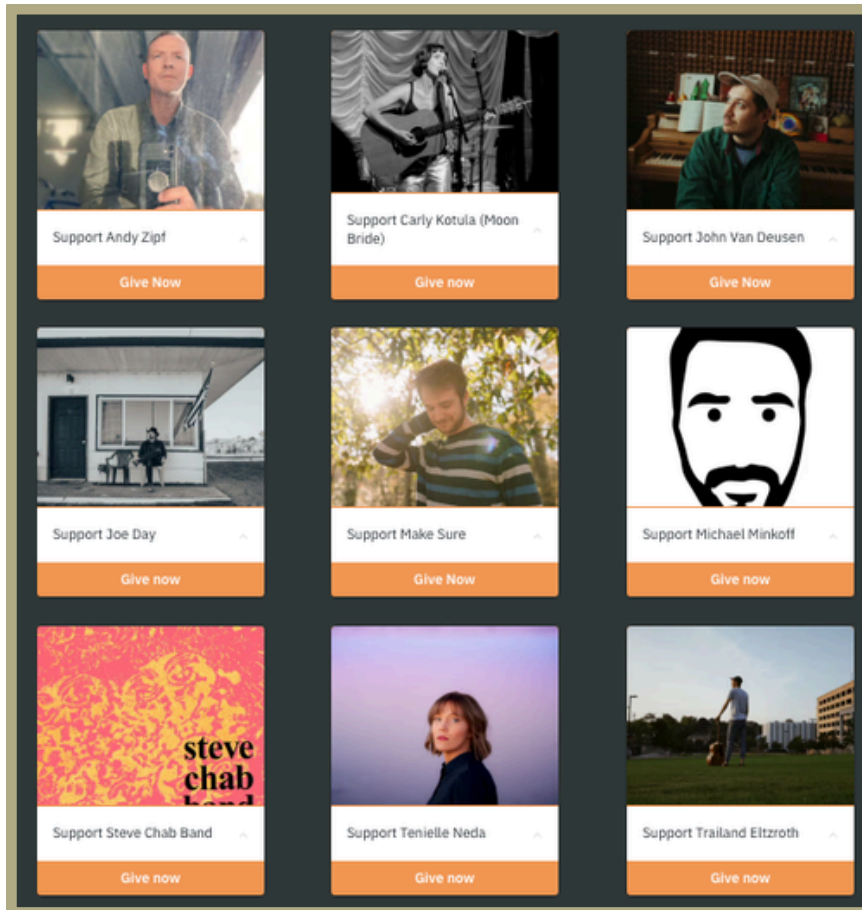
Visit the Porchlight Portal at <https://app.porchlight.art>

Financial Partnership Fundraising Platform

We use a digital fundraising platform called Fundraise Up to facilitate financial partnership, supporting the ongoing work of artists. These simplified pages eliminate the pressure artists often feel to produce *additional* content.



Fundraise Up



In 2025, we sent out \$18,375* via check directly to artists *from their own dedicated financial partners.*

"...it's simple, intuitive and it has been a true blessing to me and my family. My patrons can give however much they want and write off their donation.

I honestly couldn't ask for a better system."

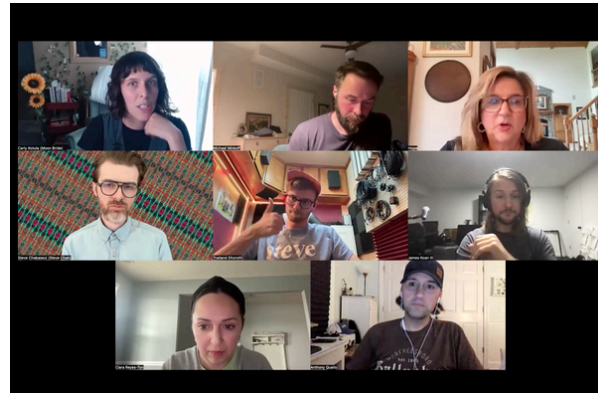
- John Van Deusen

**Please note this total is completely separate from the total artists received directly and in person through Porchlight concerts.*

2025 Highlights

MARCH

Our Board of Directors met with a handful of organizational partners for a strategic planning retreat.



JULY

Our team held a mini-conference on hospitality at Audiofeed Festival in Urbana, IL. It included a host panel discussion, three talks, a feature film, and a music lineup of five artists. This was all recorded live for the Renew the Arts Podcast.



JUNE

Michael Minkoff, Hope Newman Kemp, and Carly Kotula led a pilot songwriting group remotely over the summer, which resulted in a showcase at the end of August.





DECEMBER

We announced an official partnership with Still Small Sound in Blairsville, GA and raised \$10,264.47 to be exclusively used by Porchlight artists to produce new music at this studio beginning in 2026.

NOVEMBER

We were proud to support The Guild conference in Raleigh, NC for a third year and were thrilled to catch performances by Porchlight artists Tinayeshe & Andy Zipf.



Our Board





Justus Stout
Board Chair
Renew the Arts



Cary Brege
Director,
The Guild Conference



Marc Stout
Headmaster,
Gaston Christian



Michael Minkoff, Jr.
Co-Founder,
Renew the Arts



Hope Newman Kemp
Music Artist
JOINED 2025

*“As a facilitator for the...
songwriting group, a
Porchlight host, and
whatever else I can empty
of myself within RTA’s
mission and vision, I hope
to be of good service.”*
- Hope Newman Kemp



Jonathan Warner,
Director of Executive Op.
& Admin. at Bryan College
JOINED 2025

*“...it is an honor to serve on the
board of Renew the Arts. I am so
excited to continue to support the
incredible work that our team is
doing...please pray that the Lord
will sustain and grow the work. I
believe that what we are doing is
needed more than ever.”*
- Jonathan Warner

Our Staff





Katy Martin
President and CEO
Rochester, NY



Michael Minkoff, Jr.
Co-Founder and
Director of Artist Care
Sugar Hill, GA



Rusty Hein
Full Stack Developer
and Creative Director
Santa Cruz, CA

Statement of Activity

REVENUE AND SUPPORT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2025

Income

Donation, Deductible	\$128,415.10
Refund/Return	\$173.37
Sales of Produce Revenue	\$73.00
Gross Profit	\$128,661.47

Expenses

Artist Payouts	\$19,804.20*
Total Bank Charges & Fees	\$2,840.12
Advertising/Promotional	\$2,598.62
Legal & Professional Fees	\$1,384.51
Office & Administrative	\$3,260.08
Total for Payroll Expenses	\$74,642.15
Total for Travel Costs	\$9,423.75
Total for Expenses	\$114,822.10

Net Operating Income **\$13,839.37**

**This includes the \$18,375 paid to artists from their Fundraise Up fundraising pages, but does not include the \$18,036.92 given to artists by Porchlight attendees at the 46 concerts nationwide. This is because only the former passes through the hands of Renew the Arts and the latter is merely reported to us by artists in a survey.*



Renew the Arts
is completely
partner-supported.
Together, we share a
vision—to see *Christian
communities partnered
with artists to enrich
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and love their neighbors.*

Scan the QR code to join Renew the Arts as a financial partner:



Partner With Us

ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED AS A BLOG POST TITLED, “HAVE YOU BEEN CALLED TO ART PARTNERSHIP?”

“...year after year, we touch the lives of hundreds and thousands, sowing seeds of hope where there was despair, lending life-giving support and care to Christians—both artists and otherwise—who had felt unseen and unheard, cultivating community among those who live as strangers and orphans and widows, producing beautiful works and more beautiful lives in pursuit of Jesus in our small corner of the Kingdom... God has provided for us, and He has done it through people like you, giving what you can to something greater than politics, celebrity, and monetary profit.

The value of our work cannot be easily measured in clicks, likes, follows, sales, attendance, or notoriety. We have attempted as faithfully as possible to pursue the way of Jesus, and with Him, we have had to learn to see as God sees—not the outward appearance, but the heart.

I still believe in this mission, now more than ever and every season more than the last.

I think God has limited our outward success up to this time so that our strengthening roots and trunk would not break under too much foliage and fruit. But I believe we’re ready to start producing fruits like we never have before in the field of the unreaped harvest both within and without the church.

I’m asking for your renewed commitment to partner with us. If you’re reading this, would you prayerfully consider supporting our mission with your time, your talents, or your material resources? If you want to find out what you can do, reach out to us.

We have a growing number of opportunities for you to join us behind the plough, in whatever measure and whatever manner God has given you to work for His kingdom.

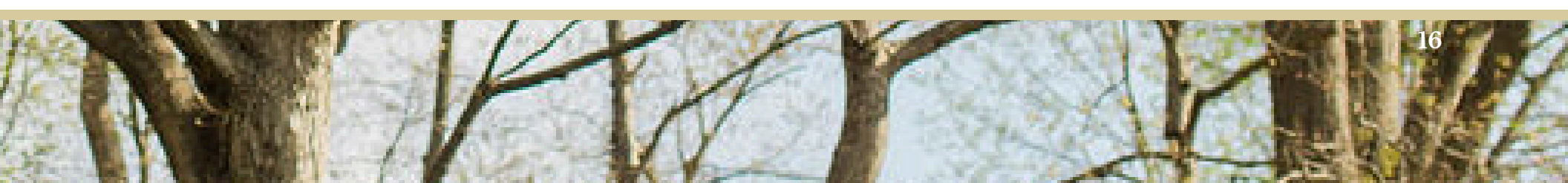
It has been my privilege and blessing to give everything I can to Renew the Arts for nearly twenty years. I greatly desire for you to experience that same privilege and blessing.

Even though our reluctance to ask for your help has been well-intentioned—to spare you another burden, I fear we may only have robbed you a glorious opportunity. Let’s fix that together... let’s start a conversation about what partnership in the arts could mean for you.”

God bless you all,



Michael Minkoff, Jr.
Co-Founder and
Director of Artist Care





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