# ANDERSON CENTER

## Chrysanthemum

Chrysanthmum, explode, again, into stillness, into white light, yellow light, guest or gate, gust moving inward or out? Thrum

Chrsanthemum, hummingbird

frozen in flight, round

as a drum, beating

heart, you and

where you

begin, in

fullness,

in flame.

Dorianne Laux Past Resident Fellow Raleigh, NC

Annual Report 2014



### Chairman's Letter

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." ~ Pablo Picasso

This awareness is so true and we experience it each time a new class of artist-residents arrives on the campus of the Anderson Center at Tower View, a place where they can escape to a private world within themselves. Each artist feels the importance of time and space to create beyond their own expectations. To wash away the dust. It is a special exuberance that is rarely felt by most people.

This past year the Anderson Center had the opportunity to share this experience with some new and unique audiences as well as with our loval members and a grateful community. We continue to reach out to a broader scope of artists, within the U.S. and from around the world. For the first time, we dedicated a full month's residency exclusively to the deaf artist community and found it a very personal and rewarding experience. It was the first program of its kind in this country. A major new sculpture was installed in the sculpture garden for everyone to enjoy and the musical talents of all ages continue to develop at the Universal Music Center. The natural beauty and habitat of our property was enhanced this past year making it an even more tranquil and peaceful place for artists and visitors.

Community involvement continues to be a focus for us. In addition to the popular and informative residency outreach program, the newly restored barn has exceeded our expectations in housing a wide variety of community activities. From art exhibitions, musical performances, and poetry readings to community meetings and symposia, it has been a busy place each month. It is truly a privilege to host these events in such a historic and meaningful place.

Our experienced staff continues to streamline our operations to make this a comfortable and efficient place where the needs of all artists, both permanent and visiting, are met in the most pleasant and effective manner so they may concentrate on their work.

As we head toward the Center's 20th anniversary, you will see a series of exciting activities and events to celebrate and honor the people and the programs that have placed us in such high regard among national artist communities. We look forward to discovering art in all its forms, wherever it may be found, making it an important part of your life and enriching the life of our community.

As always, we thank you for your kind and generous support.

Art Kenyon (Chairman, Board of Directors

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### Director's Letter

Called "a true Minnesota treasure" by a recent visitor, the Anderson Center is the only center of its kind in the Upper Midwest dedicated solely to the creation of new art and ideas. Essentially a research-and-development lab for the arts, the Center is all about advancement—advancing creativity, advancing new ways to examine the world around us, advancing the arts involvement in the community, advancing the cultural life of the state, region, and nation.

While supporting museums, orchestras, and theaters is essential in providing artists ways to showcase their work, the Center offers an opportunity to celebrate creation, in leaps of imagination that compel a person to put pen to paper, fingers to keyboard, brush to canvas. Such moments often happen in private, away from public view, but they happen regularly at the Anderson Center where the creative journey is honored and takes center stage every day.

**Residency Program:** This past year the Center received 217 applications for a limited number of residency openings, making this one of the most competitive years in the history of the program. The number of applications from overseas more than doubled as did the number of applications from scholars. Artists, writers, and scholars from Austria, Australia, France, Romania, Russia, and Sweden, along with gifted individuals from across the United States spent time at the Center, sharing their passions and expertise with the community.

The National Endowment for the Arts awarded the Center a generous grant to host five deaf artists and writers whose primary language is ASL, the first-ever residency of its kind in the country. I am also happy to report that the number of sponsors to the Residency Program dramatically increased this past year.



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June artists in residence

**Outreach Program:** The Center was pleased once again to host another full season of community-minded events—readings, book signings, exhibitions, concerts, conferences, the annual children's book festival, and two large art celebrations—that featured the work of more than 200 artists, writers, and musicians, with approximately 3,200 people in attendance from the five-state area. The 2014 A. P. Anderson Award was presented to Kate DiCamillo, two-time Newbery Medal Award recipient and newly appointed National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.

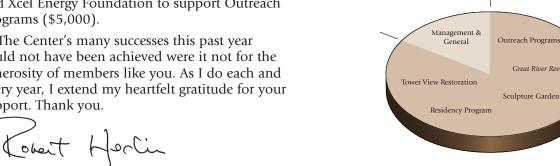
**Tower View:** The Center collaborated with Audubon Minnesota and the Conservation Corps to remove twenty acres of buckthorn and other invasive species on the bluff side overlooking the Cannon River to improve habitat for migrating and resident birds and other wildlife. Donations to the Center's permanent art collection this past year included works by Erté, Charles Biederman, and a large ceramic sculpture by Latvian artist and resident-fellow Dina Miliga.



### Director's Letter continued

**Financials:** The Anderson Center gratefully acknowledges the following for providing funds for special projects: Alliance of Artists Communities/Joyce Foundation to support Midwestern Voices and Visions III (\$1,000), General Mills Foundation to support Residency Program (\$2,000), Indigo Properties LLC to support Residency Program (\$2,000), Jerome Foundation to support emerging artists and writers (\$20,125), John and Barbara Hanson Family Foundation to support Celebration of Minnesota Children's Authors and Illustrators book festival (\$1,000), Institute of Latino Studies/University of Notre Dame to support month-long residency for emerging Latino writer (\$1,000), Jones Family Foundation to support Residency and Outreach Programs and general operations (\$17,500), Lawrence Leasing, Inc., to support Residency Program and General Operations (\$5,000), McKnight Foundation to support general operations (\$20,000), Minnesota Legacy Amendment Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund to support general operations (\$29,868), Minnesota State Arts Board to support Residency and Outreach Programs and general operations (\$14,318), National Endowment for the Arts to support month-long residencies for deaf artists and writers (\$10,000), Pacific Lutheran University to support month-long residency for emerging writers (\$2,000), Red Wing Shoe Company Foundation to support Residency Program (\$5,000), University of Minnesota/Program in Creative Writing to support month-long residency for emerging writers (\$2,000), Walmart Foundation to support Outreach Program (\$250), Wells Family Foundation to support Residency Program (\$250), and Xcel Energy Foundation to support Outreach Programs (\$5,000).

The Center's many successes this past year could not have been achieved were it not for the generosity of members like you. As I do each and every year, I extend my heartfelt gratitude for your support. Thank you.



Program Services 84%



Kate DiCamillo 2014 A.P. Anderson Award Recipient

## **Financial Summary**

#### Fiscal Year 2014 Expenses

Program Services		
Expense	496,508	(84%)

Supporting Services 92,316 (16%) Expense

#### **Total Expenses**

Supporting Services 16%

588,824



### **Residency Program Sponsors**

The Anderson Center is grateful to the following individuals, institutions, and foundations for their support of the Residency Program:

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### **Community Service Hosts**

National Endowment for the Arts

The Anderson Center wishes to thank the following organizations, schools, and institutions for hosting programs for the public by Anderson Center Residents in 2014. The total number of people, from primary school children to senior citizens, who benefit each year from Resident talks, classes, workshops, and other presentations in Red Wing and its surrounding communities is approximately 2,700. Hosts include:

Deer Crest Ebenezer Downtown Plaza Cannon Falls High School Faribault School of the Deaf Goodhue County Adult Detention Center Goodhue High School
Minnesota Correctional Facility
Northern Clay Center
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Red Wing Photography Club
Red Wing YMCA
Russian Museum of Art
Sheldon Theatre
Society of Disabilities Studies
Sons of Norway
Southeast Minnesota Technical College
Tower View Alternative High School
Women's Network
Zumbrota/Mazeppa High School



### Letter to the Center

Dear Anderson Center,

When I received my letter of acceptance to the Anderson Center's Residency Program, I spent a lot of time thinking about how best I could use my uninterrupted time. It was tempting to spend my four weeks at Tower View banging away at page and word count, but it occurred to me that to do so would be to replicate what I had been doing—week-on, week-off—for the past few years. To treat the unspoiled stretch of time Anderson was offering seemed like a misguided and panicked decision, a waste of what could be a larger gift.

In the months leading up to my residency, I spent a lot of my writing time looking at the challenges to the forward motion of my novel, that engine of interest that keeps us turning pages long past our bedtime. I realized that since the novel had started as a novel-in-stories, each chapter was still a self-contained story with its own arc and own resolution—its own excuse to put the book down. That was a problem that wasn't going to be solved by four one-week stretches of typing.

So I resolved to use the time to tear down what I had, the way a tailor takes apart a shirt at the seams and lays it flat in front of him. Armed with boxes of manuscript and a stack of index cards, I used my first week at the Center to break everything I'd written down into scenes—one scene per card. When the cards were too many to fit on my bed, I took the whole stack down to the basement, laying the cards chronologically along the laundry tables. When I ran out of index cards, I took one of the Anderson Center bikes down to Target. When I ran out of tables, I built more from plywood sheets in the storeroom.

Cards collected into scenes. Scenes clustered into chapters. Chapters glommed onto other chapters and demanded to be moved. Other narrative threads petered out, disappeared off the table and out of the novel altogether. Characters shouted for more time, earlier appearances. As like-themed cards grew into stacks, opportunities to condense began to appear. The novel, to a degree, was using clusters of cards to show me how it wanted to be written. The gaps on the table were telling me something too—those gaps were the missing scenes and chapters, the connective tissue begging to be strung between existing bones.

I wrote as fast as I could, at times standing at an open laptop perched on the washing machine. I was racing to get it all down, to carry this clarity back home to Brooklyn—which I did, in a shoebox full of index cards and a few folders of newly written chapters.

I'm back home now. Week-on, week-off. Yes, I still suffer from interruptions in continuity that come from that schedule, but that clarity came back with me. There are days when I sit down to write and feel as if I'm typing words that wrote themselves at Anderson, words that were waiting impatiently for me to find them. The assuredness of story—a security in my characters, my voice, the direction of the novel—never would have come about if I hadn't had the time at Anderson to be patient and courageous, to lay bare the novel and allow it to tell me how to fix it.

Mike Gardner, Paramedic Brooklyn, New York Resident-Fellow, August, 2013



## A Sample of This Year's Featured Events



### **Outreach Partners**

This past year the Anderson Center partnered with many organizations and institutions to present a wide variety of community-minded events. Thank you to the following:

Audubon Minnesota Bare Bones Puppet Theater Capstone Publishers Children's Museum City of Red Wing Conservation Corps of Minnesota Creative Dance Department of Natural Resources Fair Trade Books Friends of the Bluffs Friends of the Red Wing Public Library Hobgoblin Music Kerlan Collection, Wilson Library, University of Minnesota Lerner Publishing Group Mackin Educational Resources Minnesota Center for the Book Arts

Minnesota Deaf Senior Citizens Picture Window Books Red Dragonfly Press Red Wing Arts Association Red Wing Downtown Main Street Red Wing Innovation Incubator Red Wing Photography Club Red Wing Public Library Red Wing School District Red Wing Sister Cities Commission Red Wing YMCA **SELCO** Sheldon Theatre Shoreline Dance



15th Annual Celebration of MN Children's Authors and Illustrators

Tower View Alternative High School Universal Music Center Wonder Weavers Storytelling



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