

Financial Statements
December 31, 2022 and 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Board of Directors of Griffith Observatory Foundation:

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Griffith Observatory Foundation (a California nonprofit corporation), which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Griffith Observatory Foundation as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Griffith Observatory Foundation and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Griffith Observatory Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements, including omissions, are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Griffith Observatory Foundation's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Griffith Observatory Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Long Beach, California

Vindes, Inc.

March 22, 2023

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

	December 31,			
		2022		2021
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,147,543	\$	2,357,217
Contributions receivable		59,433		29,222
Prepaid expenses		10,242		9,415
Property and equipment (Note 3)		62,406		206,087
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2,279,624	\$	2,601,941
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSET	ΓS			
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$	10,124	\$	70,136
Accrued salaries and benefits		43,795		46,300
PPP loan payable (Note 4)				340,442
TOTAL LIABILITIES		53,919		456,878
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 7)				
NET ASSETS				
Without donor restrictions				
Undesignated		1,815,493		1,659,229
Board-designated		15,220		
		1,830,713		1,659,229
With donor restrictions (Note 8)		394,992		485,834
		2,225,705		2,145,063
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	2,279,624	\$	2,601,941

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions				 Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE					
Contributions and grants	\$	503,366	\$	456,800	\$ 960,166
Membership dues		198,960		-	198,960
Interest		2,460		-	2,460
Program and event sales		227,067		-	227,067
Paycheck Protection Program loan income		340,442		-	340,442
Net assets released from restrictions		547,642		(547,642)	
Total Support and Revenue		1,819,937		(90,842)	 1,729,095
EXPENSES					
Program services		1,159,573		-	1,159,573
Management and general		337,358		-	337,358
Fund-raising		151,522			151,522
Total Expenses		1,648,453			 1,648,453
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		171,484		(90,842)	80,642
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		1,659,229		485,834	 2,145,063
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$	1,830,713	\$	394,992	\$ 2,225,705

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Without Donor Restrictions				 Total
SUPPORT AND REVENUE					
Contributions and grants	\$	1,017,841	\$	517,800	\$ 1,535,641
Membership dues		138,432		-	138,432
Interest		90		-	90
Program and event sales		35,047		-	35,047
Paycheck Protection Program loan income		404,000		-	404,000
Net assets released from restrictions		692,617		(692,617)	
Total Support and Revenue		2,288,027		(174,817)	 2,113,210
EXPENSES					
Program services		770,672		-	770,672
Management and general		242,063		-	242,063
Fund-raising		131,618			 131,618
Total Expenses		1,144,353			 1,144,353
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		1,143,674		(174,817)	968,857
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		515,555		660,651	 1,176,206
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$	1,659,229	\$	485,834	\$ 2,145,063

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

		Program Services		anagement d General	Fu	nd-raising	Total
Support provided to the Griffith							
Observatory	\$	580,509	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 580,509
Salaries, payroll taxes, and benefits		459,141		102,667		123,843	685,651
Events and programs		2,565		-		6,040	8,605
Professional services		5,818		151,891		945	158,654
Insurance		8,679		1,529		3,733	13,941
Observer expenses		6,936		-		-	6,936
Printing		5,723		-		3,951	9,674
Office expense		2,034		8,815		278	11,127
Miscellaneous		-		3,398		7,230	10,628
Postage and shipping		553		4		195	752
Membership promotions		745		-		-	745
Telephone		2,087		621		1,165	3,873
Depreciation		84,707		60,939		-	145,646
Dues and subscriptions		-		952		1,768	2,720
Travel		76		556		2,374	3,006
Board related	_	<u> </u>	-	5,986			 5,986
Total	\$	1,159,573	\$	337,358	\$	151,522	\$ 1,648,453

STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Program Services	nnagement d General	Fu	nd-raising	 Total
Support provided to the Griffith					
Observatory	\$ 226,149	\$ -	\$	-	\$ 226,149
Salaries, payroll taxes and benefits	419,097	84,220		113,042	616,359
Events and programs	11,336	-		3,668	15,004
Professional services	3,913	81,984		665	86,562
Insurance	10,117	1,781		4,351	16,250
Observer expenses	10,698	-		-	10,698
Printing	2,172	378		706	3,256
Office expense	-	1,876		140	2,016
Miscellaneous	-	6,488		5,912	12,400
Postage and shipping	246	-		112	357
Membership promotions	54	-		-	54
Telephone	2,240	343		475	3,058
Depreciation	84,650	60,898		-	145,548
Due and subscriptions	-	1,709		2,098	3,807
Travel	-	-		449	449
Interest expense	-	86		-	86
Board related	 	2,300			 2,300
Total	\$ 770,672	\$ 242,063	\$	131,618	\$ 1,144,353

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Year Ended December 31,			
		2022		2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Change in net assets	\$	80,642	\$	968,857
Adjustments to reconcile the change in net assets				
to net cash from operating activities:				
Depreciation		145,646		145,548
Forgiveness of PPP loan		(340,442)		(404,000)
Changes in:				
Contributions receivable		(30,211)		6,499
Prepaid expenses		(827)		-
Accounts payable		(60,012)		60,468
Accrued salaries and benefits		(2,505)		1,539
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	-	(207,709)		778,911
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Purchses of equipment		(1,965)		_
Net Cash Used In Operating Activities		(1,965)		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES				
Proceeds from PPP loan		_		340,442
Net Cash Provided By Financing Activities				340,442
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		(209,674)		1,119,353
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		2,357,217		1,237,864
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	\$	2,147,543	\$	2,357,217

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of the Foundation

Griffith Observatory Foundation (the Foundation) is a California nonprofit corporation, with a mission to support and promote Griffith Observatory as a home for science literacy, education, and public astronomy through resource development and advocacy in partnership with the community.

As we look back at the accomplishments of 2022, our proudest example is the expansion of Griffith Observatory's signature School Program. In its first full academic year, the Online School Program saw over 118,000 student interactions—almost entirely from Title I schools. The program is fully funded by the Foundation and provides robust S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) programming in the rich history of the Observatory's educational offerings.

A five-year strategic plan was developed to represent the Observatory and the Foundation's work to increase local impact, global reach, community ownership, and expand the audience for our cosmic content.

Produced by a team of the world's top artists, scientists, and astronomers, Signs of Life is Griffith Observatory's new signature show and is now playing in the Samuel Oschin Planetarium. The show immerses audiences in an astronomical detective story that propels visitors to uncover what it took to put life in the universe.

A new astronomical series called ABOVE was developed at Griffith Observatory. The unique seasonal shows captivate audience imaginations and showcases the Observatory's expertise in live storytelling and the technology at the heart of the Samuel Oschin Planetarium: The Zeiss Universarium Mark IX star projector.

Basis of Presentation

The Foundation reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: with donor restrictions and without donor restrictions. Net assets and revenue are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions.

Without Donor Restrictions - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions. Net assets without donor restrictions may be designated for specific purposes by action of the Board of Directors. Included in net assets without donor restrictions is a board-designated operating reserve.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

With Donor Restrictions - Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that are temporary in nature and that will be met either by actions of the Foundation or the passage of time. As the restrictions are satisfied, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the accompanying statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. Other donor restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that the corpus be invested in perpetuity and only the income be made available for program operations in accordance with donor restrictions. Such income generally includes interest, dividends, and realized and unrealized earnings from the corpus. At December 31, 2022, there were no net assets with perpetual donor restrictions.

Public Support and Revenue Recognition

Contributions, including pledges, are recognized as support in the period received or pledged. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at their net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected in future years are recorded at the present value of their estimated future cash flows. Amortization of the discount to present value is included in contribution revenue. Conditional promises to give are not included as support until the conditions are substantially met. There were no conditional pledges as of December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Amounts received or promised that are designated for future periods or restricted by the donor for specific purposes are reported as restricted support that increases those net asset classes. When a restriction expires, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statements of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Donated securities and other noncash donations are recorded at estimated fair values at the date of donation. Contributions of donated services that create or enhance nonfinancial assets or that require specialized skills, are provided by individuals possessing those skills, and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation, are recorded at their fair values in the period received.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Public Support and Revenue Recognition (Continued)

Revenue from government agencies are recorded as of the date the Foundation has satisfied its performance obligations and has the right to receive such revenue under the terms of the contracts currently in force. Allowances are provided (when appropriate) for amounts estimated to be uncollectible.

Cash and Cash Equivalents and Concentration of Credit Risk

For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Foundation considers all highly liquid debt instruments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

The Foundation maintains cash balances at financial institutions and, at times, such balances exceed federally insured limits. The Foundation has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant related credit risk. In fiscal year 2021, there was \$50,000 cash being held for another organization. The Foundation held no cash for other organizations as of December 31, 2022.

Prepaid Expenses

Included in prepaid expenses are prepaid license fees covering access to a software platform utilized in the Samuel Oschin Planetarium show.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost or, if donated, at the approximate fair market value at the date of donation. It is the Foundation's policy to capitalize expenditures in excess of \$500 for these items. Depreciation is recorded using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets from three to seven years.

Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenue and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were assumed in preparing the financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing various programs and supporting services have been summarized on a functional basis in the statements of activities and functional expenses. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

Income Taxes

The Foundation has received tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service and Franchise Tax Board under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 23701(d) of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, respectively. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is included in the accompanying financial statements.

The Foundation recognizes the financial statement benefit of tax positions, such as its filing status as tax-exempt, only after determining that the relevant tax authority would more likely than not sustain the positions following an audit. The Foundation is subject to potential income tax audits on open tax years by any taxing jurisdiction in which it operates. The statute of limitations for federal purposes is three years and for California purposes is four years.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncement

In September 2020, the FASB issued ASU 2020-07, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic* 958): *Presentation and Disclosures by Not-for-Profit Entities for Contributed Nonfinancial Assets*, which requires a not-for-profit to present contributed nonfinancial assets as a separate line item in the statements of activities, apart from contributions of cash or other financial assets. Additionally, the standard requires a not-for-profit to disclose a disaggregation of the amount of contributed nonfinancial assets by category that depicts the type of nonfinancial assets and additional information related to the monetization, utilization, and valuation of the contributed nonfinancial assets. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2021. The Foundation adopted the standard during the year ended June 30, 2022. The Foundation had no nonfinancial assets contributed during the fiscal year.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Subsequent Events

The Foundation's management has evaluated subsequent events from the statement of position date through March 22, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued for the year ended December 31, 2022, and management has determined that there were no items to disclose.

NOTE 2 – Liquidity and Availability of Resources

Financial assets available for general expenditure, that is, without donor or other restrictions limiting their use, within one year of the statement of financial position date, comprise the following:

	December 31,			
	2022	2021		
Cash and cash equivalents Contributions receivable	\$ 2,147,543 59,433	\$ 2,357,217 29,222		
	2,206,976	2,386,439		
Less amounts unavailable for general expenditure within one year due to:				
Donor-imposed purpose or time restrictions	(394,992)	(485,834)		
Cash held on behalf of another organization	(394,992)	(50,000) (535,834)		
	\$1,811,984	\$ 1,850,605		

The Foundation regularly monitors the availability of resources required to meet its operating needs and programs in support of Griffith Observatory, while also striving to maximize the investment of its available funds. For purposes of analyzing resources available to meet general expenditures over a 12-month period, the Foundation considers all expenditures related to ongoing activities supported by the Foundation: science education (STEAM focus) through 5th grade school and bus program, astronomical content lecture series, and Samuel Oschin Planetarium shows about the cosmos; as well as the conduct of services undertaken through public service and advocacy to support those activities to be general expenditures.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE 3 – Property and Equipment

Property and equipment consists of the following:

	December 31,			
	2022	2021		
Render farm computer equipment	\$ 727,015	\$ 727,015		
Office equipment	46,312	44,347		
Computer software	5,251	5,251		
-	778,578	776,613		
Less accumulated depreciation	(716,172)	(570,526)		
	<u>\$ 62,406</u>	\$ 206,087		

NOTE 4 - PPP Loan Advance

In April 2020, the Foundation entered into a loan agreement with a bank under the Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) contained within the new Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The amount of the loan obtained by the Foundation was \$404,000. The loan had a stated interest rate of 1% per annum and required equal monthly payments of principal. Under terms of the PPP loan program, a PPP loan provided for conditional forgiveness if the Foundation utilized the loan proceeds on admissible expenses, including qualifying payroll, rent, and utility expenses, and maintained employment and compensation levels for a specified period of time. In March 2021, the Foundation applied for and received full forgiveness of the loan which is reflected as Paycheck Protection Program loan income on the statement of activities.

In March 2021, the Foundation received a Paycheck Protection Program Second Draw (PPP Second Draw) loan totaling \$340,442 under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Under the terms of the PPP Second Draw, the loan is unsecured, has a five-year term, and accrues interest at 1%. In June 2022, the Foundation applied for and received full forgiveness of the Second Draw loan which is reflected as Paycheck Protection Program loan income on the statement of activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE 5 – Related-Party Transactions

The Foundation receives professional services from certain board members. For the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Foundation reported approximately \$45,000 and \$46,000, respectively, of professional services expense for services provided by a company partially owned by a board member.

Contributions received from all board members for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 totaled approximately \$42,000 and \$47,200, respectively.

NOTE 6 - Retirement Plan

The Foundation has a defined contribution retirement plan covering all full-time employees at the Foundation. The Foundation matches employee contributions up to 2.5% of the employee's eligible salary if the employee contributes personally. The Foundation's contribution to the plan for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 was approximately \$9,600 and \$10,400, respectively.

NOTE 7 – Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

In the normal course of business, the Foundation may become a party to litigation. Management believes there are no asserted or unasserted claims or contingencies that would have a significant impact on the financial statements of the Foundation as of December 31, 2022.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND 2021

NOTE 8 – Net Assets with Donor Restrictions

The Foundation received restricted contributions for its In-person 5th-grade School Program and Griffith Observatory On-line School Program, Celestial Globe exhibit (formerly known as Farnese Atlas exhibit), and the Pacific Standard Universe project (a collaboration with The Getty, Pacific Standard Time 2024). Griffith Observatory's school programs provides a free experience designed to meet California State Board of Education Content Standards in science for approximately 27,000 5th-grade students in-person annually and over 100,000 students virtually. The Foundation funds all staffing, materials, and equipment for both programs. The Foundation provides additional funding for transportation for Title 1 Los Angeles Unified schools unable to afford bus transportation to the in-person school program. The Foundation also received restricted contributions to support the development of a short film called Pacific Standard Universe.

Net assets with donor restrictions are available for the following purposes:

	December 31,			
	2022	2021		
School programs	\$ 242,85	0 \$ 234,524		
Celestial Globe exhibit	67,14	2 251,310		
Pacific Standard Universe project	85,00	0		
	\$ 394,99	<u>\$ 485,834</u>		