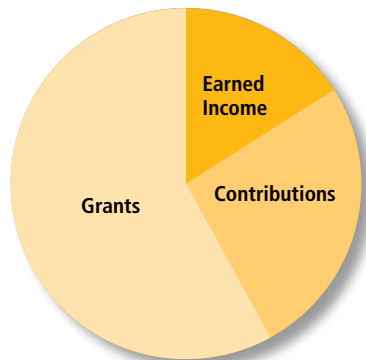


NORTHWEST AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

## 2009 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1–December 31, 2009



### 2009 Revenue

<b>Contributions</b> Individuals/Business	<b>\$195,423</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Grants Total</b>	<b>\$434,440</b>	<b>58%</b>
Corporate/Business	48,000	
Foundation Grants	334,375	
Government Grants	52,065	
<b>Earned Income</b>	<b>\$121,763</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$751,626</b>	<b>100%</b>



### 2009 Expenses

<b>Programs</b>	<b>\$169,197</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Exhibitions</b>	<b>\$172,703</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Operations</b>	<b>\$406,198</b>	<b>54%</b>
Fund Development	129,906	
Administrative Salaries and Professional Fees	131,633	
Occupancy/Facilities	90,521	
Other Operating Expenses	54,138	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$748,098</b>	<b>100%</b>

## MISSION

THE NORTHWEST AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IS A VIBRANT COMMUNITY GATHERING PLACE, A PLACE WHERE YOUTH, ADULTS AND FAMILIES CAN HONOR THE PAST AND ARTICULATE THE FUTURE. THE MUSEUM DOCUMENTS AND EXHIBITS THE UNIQUE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCES OF AFRICAN AMERICANS IN SEATTLE AND THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. THE MUSEUM IS A GENERATIVE INSTITUTION CAPTURING HISTORY AND CULTURE AS IT OCCURS, SYNTHESIZING WHAT IT MEANS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW.

## VISION

THE NORTHWEST AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM CONNECTS SEATTLE AND THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST WITH THE WORLD BY DISCOVERING, HONORING, AND CELEBRATING OUR AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY'S TRADITIONS AND INNOVATIONS IN ART, EDUCATION, HISTORY, AND CULTURE.

Dear Friends,

2009 has been an exciting year for all of us at NAAM. We ended 2009 on a positive economic note as we kept our eyes on the prize by keeping the Museum economically viable in the midst of an economic crisis. We were heartened to be able to count on your ongoing support. We know that NAAM's success rests on the dedication of our communities, so ending the year with a record number of members and donors lets everyone know that NAAM is a community-supported Museum.

As you know our exhibitions are at the very core of our mission and purpose. In March 2009, NAAM completed its first exhibition *Making a Life, Creating a World*, featuring the major works of Jacob Lawrence and James Washington Jr. rarely seen by the public. We followed this stellar exhibition with the visually stunning display in *Stories That Cover Us*—an exhibition of dramatic quilts by women of the Pacific Northwest African American Quilters. The stories woven into the quilts tell of an African American community living at this particular time in history, in this particular place. NAAM was alive with visitors throughout the run of these exhibitions, welcoming over 15,000 visitors and 2500 school children in 2009 who left inspired by a shared human story that connects us all.



*Silhouettes of My People*, 2008 by Patricia Batiste-Brown exhibited in *Stories That Cover Us*, March 18, 2009–October 4, 2009; photo by Jawara O'Connor

2010 promises to be an even more exciting year as our exhibitions tell the stories of Ethiopians in our community, of Northwest artists, and the history of our vibrant musical scene from the 30s to the 60s. With your support NAAM is swiftly becoming an institutional force in the region. Please join us, celebrate with us, and keep the dream alive!

With love and gratitude,

Barbara Earl Thomas  
Executive Director

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