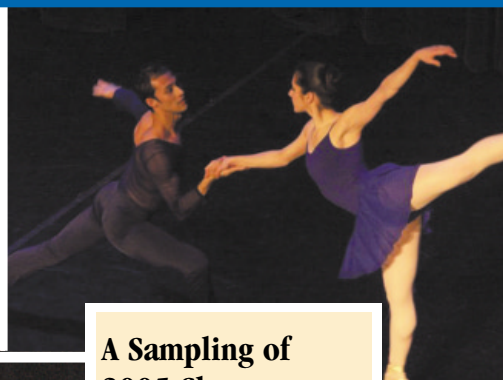


# 2005 HIGHLIGHTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- An estimated 75,500 people enjoyed events at the Historic Avalon Theatre in 2005;
- The Theatre was in use 225 days of the year;
- Over 100 community organizations benefited from use of the Avalon Theatre, MCTV Cable Access station, and Easton Resource Center;
- The Avalon Foundation produced 58 shows, representing a broad range of cultural traditions and artistic disciplines;
- Produced free outdoor concerts, festivals, and other community arts outreach events and celebrations, including live music at the Farmer's Market, Antique Market, Holiday Activities and Parades, and First Friday Gallery Walks;
- Partnered with the Star-Democrat Newspaper and the Talbot County Arts Council to produce and distribute to 30,000 Talbot County residents the quarterly "Passport to the Arts," the community arts and humanities calendar of events;
- Produced the first annual Plein Air Festival (July 2005) in collaboration with Easton Main Street, and in partnership with numerous area arts organizations and businesses;
- Produced Community Access Television broadcasts from MCTV Channel 15 at the Avalon Theatre, including live coverage of Town of Easton and Talbot County Council Meetings—reaching over 20,000 households;
- Provided volunteer opportunities in fulfillment of student community service learning requirements;
- Successfully launched the Avalon's Producers Guild, welcoming 43 contributing members at the \$1,000-\$25,000 level.



## A Sampling of 2005 Shows

*Clockwise from right: Preservation Hall Jazz Band, O'Malley's March, Rockapella, Radio from Downtown, Maryland Ballet Theatre, Wynton Marsalis & Ellen Watne General*



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## 2005 ANNUAL REPORT

### *Dear Friends of the Avalon,*

The year 2005 was a stellar one for the Avalon Foundation, filled with outstanding performances, special events and community celebrations—a host of marvelous memories.

We thank you for helping to make the magic happen—inside our beautiful, historic Avalon Theatre, at our free concerts in the parks and streets of Easton, at the popular First Friday Gallery Walks, the Saturday Farmers' Market, the Antique Walk, the Plein Air Festival, First Night Talbot and other holiday celebrations.

Perhaps you were among the many who enjoyed a marvelous evening's entertainment with the Preservation Hall Jazz Band of New Orleans, Wynton Marsalis, Ladysmith Black Mambazo from South Africa, Boys of the Lough from Ireland, or the remarkable outdoor production of Maryland Shakespeare Festival's "Much Ado About Nothing."

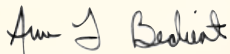
The Avalon's outreach activities in 2005 included the many free events associated with Easton Main Street; the shared use of the Welcome Resource Center; our community access television station, MCTV Channel 15; and volunteer opportunities extended to area students earning "Learning Service Hours."

Many non-profit organizations and schools in our community continue to benefit from having access to the historic Avalon Theatre for presentations of concerts and plays, fundraising events, debates, and films. In 2005 these included the Town Creek Foundation, Eastern Shore Chamber Music Festival, Talbot County public schools, Country School, Saints Peter and Paul School, Bay Country Chorus, Hugh Gallagher disAbility Coalition, Talbot Cinema Society, the Waterfowl Festival, Easton Choral Arts Society, Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, Community Alliance for the Performing Arts, and many more.

With the support of our generous donors and volunteers, the Avalon continues to build on its strong foundation, providing a host of cultural offerings, enriching the lives of area residents and visitors, while also supporting the economic development of our town and Talbot County. The Avalon remains one of the jewels in our Eastern Shore crown, and a major reason for Easton's proud designation as one of the "Top 10 Best Small Towns in America."

We appreciate the vital role you play in making the arts a vibrant part of our community—and we look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,



Ann Bedient, President  
Avalon Foundation, Inc.

*P.S. Please visit our new and improved web site for a preview of coming attractions and other features: [www.AvalonTheatre.com](http://www.AvalonTheatre.com). We hope you will join our email list, too, for advance notice of special events.*

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\*\* We also extend our sincere thanks to all those who supported our fundraising events in 2005.

# AVALON FOUNDATION, INC. FINANCIALS

## Summary Statement of Activities for the Years ended December 31, 2005 & 2004

### Audited Financials

	2005	2004
<b>Summary of Income</b>		
Earned Income	553,924	464,576
Contributed Income	480,551	362,655
Net Assets Released		
From Restrictions	12,709	8,728
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,047,184 *</b>	<b>\$835,959</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		
	<b>\$932,873 *</b>	<b>\$805,739</b>
Increase (Decrease) in		
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(12,069)	1,272
<b>Excess of Income over Expenses</b>	<b>\$102,242</b>	<b>\$31,492</b>

\* In 2005 the Avalon Foundation absorbed the operation of Easton Main Street Events which accounted for \$173,907 of our increased income and \$141,858 of expenses.

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