

Member Notes

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A note from our Executive Director...

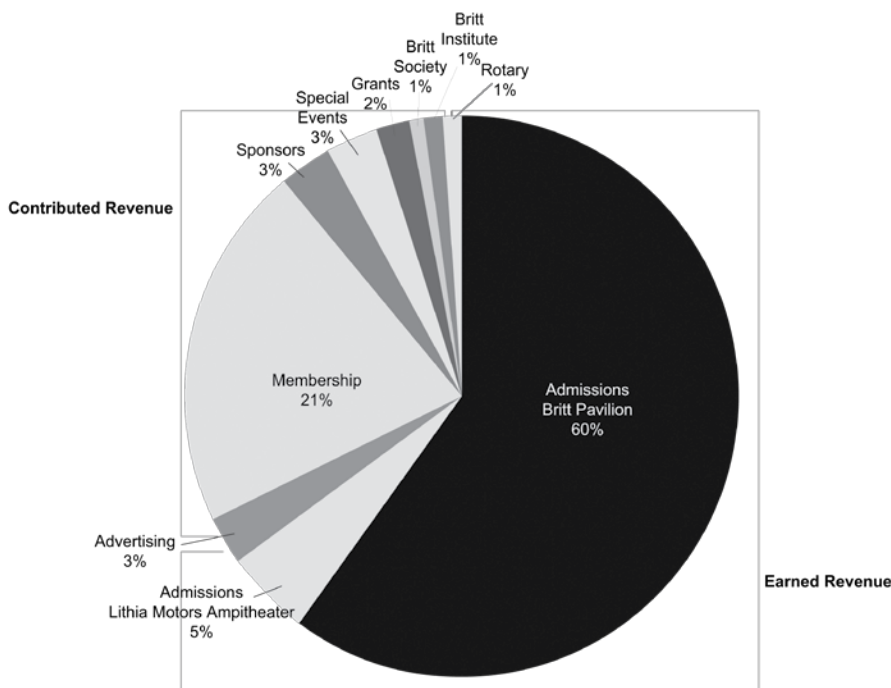
Welcome to the first issue of Member Notes, sent exclusively to current Britt members. In each issue, we'll introduce you to Britt members (it may be you!), and give you information about what a difference your membership contribution makes.

When you renew your Britt membership, you're playing an important role in maintaining a community treasure. Your contribution helps Britt provide the concerts you love to hear, along with education programs that serve thousands of young people. By giving, you help make "the Britt experience" possible.

We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter, and getting to know your fellow members a little better. Let us know what you think! As always, thanks for being part of Britt Festivals.

Rick Hood

Britt relies on a variety of sources for support. Here's a quick look at how your membership plays an important role in keeping Britt sustainable. Your membership contribution is key in helping Britt present world-class performances and education programs.



BRITT FESTIVALS TOTAL REVENUE 2007

Introducing the Britt member forum

Join your fellow Britt members online! Britt's new member forum is a place for members to talk about Britt member topics. We've posted results from the member surveys conducted this summer. Take a look, give us your feedback, ask questions, and discuss topics with fellow Britt members.

Visit brittfest.org/forums to join in the discussions.



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Meet Your Fellow Britt Supporters

Meet Britt members Bob & Linda Turner

Bob and Linda Turner of Jacksonville have been Britt members since they joined in 1998 at the Sponsor level. They have steadily increased their commitment to Britt over the years, and are now Leadership members. Along the way, they've shared their fondness for Britt with others, and introduced new people to the Britt hill.

The couple grew up in the Rogue Valley and graduated from Crater High, but college, work and life took them away from the area for the next 40 years. They always thought they would return some day, and in the mid-80s, bought some land to ensure that they'd have a spot to return to. In 2008, their new home, which is just three miles from the Britt hill in Jacksonville, was completed, and they enjoyed reconnecting with old friends this summer.

Bob and Linda love sharing the Britt experience with the people in their lives. Bob says, "We almost always purchase extra tickets for each show we attend in order to share the phenomenal performances with friends, business associates and family members. Our guests from the big cities around America are amazed that we have such a treasure in Jacksonville."



Meet Britt member Kurt Austermann

Britt is fortunate to have members like Kurt Austermann, who have given to the organization in many ways and contributed to its growth over the years.

Kurt and his wife Valerie moved to Medford from Portland in 1983, and quickly got involved with Britt. Over the years they helped raise money, volunteered on the hill, and remained loyal Britt members. Kurt served on the board of directors, and served as board president in 2000. While president, Kurt established the community relations committee, which he remained involved with after his term as president. He later served on the associate board. His commitment to Britt was strengthened by the relationships he made

with his fellow members and volunteers. He says, "I think one of the compelling things about donating time to any organization is that you work with people who share that same sense of purpose to contribute to a vital part of one's community."

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Although Kurt left the associate board this year because of health and family concerns, he says, "Britt has become part of my soul just as music always has been. Music and the arts are a vital part of any community and should be supported just as much as any part of our education and commitment to giving."

Kurt is currently a Benefactor member, and he remains a strident supporter of Britt. Kurt says, "My love affair with Britt will continue. See you on The Hill."