



2022

Annual Report



VISION

Creative activism is honored as a human right, and a source of social change.



MISSION

Build creative programs for activist artists promoting human rights around the world.



WHO WE ARE

IHRAF is an international arts and human rights organization. We have presented over **1500** artists from **97** countries and **37** US states in live performances, on literary and book publishing platforms, through hosting International and youth fellowships, and by opening the IHRAF African Secretariat, with offices in Ibadan, Nigeria; Gweru, Zimbabwe; and Nairobi, Kenya.

The next three years will be even more ambitious. IHRAF will expand our book publishing platform, increase the frequency of our literary magazine publishing and pay the writers (moving us into the **top 8%** of literary magazines which do so), and broaden our reach through global partnerships, fellowships, ambassadorships, direct-action grants to artists-at-risk, awards, and creative support to help artists when help is needed most. We will expand our interactions with politicians, government agencies and non-art activists, so creative activists' voices ring louder in the halls of power. And we will continue our work producing live events, classes, workshops, and partnerships which expand audiences, engagement, and outlets for creators around the world.

Through amplifying artists' voices on a global scale, we will make our shared vision of positive social change a reality.



OUR INITIATIVES

- IHRAF Publishes
 - Book Publishing
 - Literary Magazine
 - Translations
- Fellowships & Awards
 - 2 International Fellowships and 2 Youth Fellowships
 - 12 Creative Awards
- Live Events
 - Annual Festival
 - Multiple interim events across the world, both in person and online



OUR IMPACT IN 2022

2022 Recap

I want to thank everyone for another great year! We couldn't have done it without our artists from Algeria to New Zealand, Uganda to Macao and everywhere in between. And we especially want to thank you, for being a part of our outreach, growth and international impact. We hope to see you in the new year,

Founding Executive Director
International Human Rights Art Festival

IN 2022 WE . . .

- [IHRAF Publishes: Books](#) — Published four books with content generated from our programming— including writers from 30+ countries.
- [IHRAF Publishes: Literary Magazine](#) — Published 60 literary pieces (poetry, short story and essay) from 70+ countries.
- [IHRAF Publishes: Translations](#)— Continued IHRAF's translation program to further highlight works from around the world — with pieces in Arabic, Romanian, Hindi, Ukrainian, Dutch, Spanish, Chinese, Russian and more.
- [IHRAF African Secretariat](#) — Inaugurated two more offices in our African Secretariat, adding Kenyan and Zimbabwean offices to our original seat in Nigeria, which published 50 interviews with creators from around Africa, initiated writing prizes, literary collections, award-winning videos, teen and youth workshops and worked with creators from Somalia to Ghana to Uganda.
- [Youth Fellows](#) — Supported youth fellows who provided writing on issues of concern, collected three anthologies of youth writers opining on the most pressing social issues, and sponsored a youth art exhibit. IHRAF also published pieces from youth writers around the world.
- [IHRAF International Fellows](#) — Supported fellows from Tunisia and Kenya who presented online programming, video works, literary submissions and initiated and edited writing works from within their networks.
- [IHRAF Art of Unity Award Creative Award](#) — Received 278 entries from 52 countries and 26 US States, including more than 90 from creators under 21.
- [IHRAF Creators of Justice Award](#) — Received over 228 submissions, from 58 countries and 29 US States, including 45 from creators under 21.

Phew!

And we're excited about continuing and expanding our programming, working with artists from Tunisia to Bangladesh, Kenya to Indiana (USA) and everywhere in between in 2023!

WHAT WE ARE DOING IN 2023

IHRAF has grown from its humble beginnings as a once a year performance festival into an international movement for activist artists promoting human rights. We've developed a strong network of artists who are ready for their voices to be heard. Now, it's time to scale our resources to spread artists' messages more broadly.

In 2023 we will become **the International Human Rights Arts Movement**. In line with our growth, we have an ambitious plan to continue to scale our initiatives to impact more artists around the world. In turn we provide the platforms for social change through the arts.

- IHRAF strengthens our platforms
 - Plan to be in the 8% of literary magazine publishing platforms that PAY our artists
 - More translated works – bringing unheard voices from around the world
 - More books from authors around the world
 - Go global with IHRAF's message – expanding into Africa, Asia, Central and South America and Europe – in person and through publishing
- Scaling our organization, sustainably
 - Hire a Director of Development
 - Transform from a volunteer organization into a multi-staff member organization

SUPPORT US NOW AS WE BECOME THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ARTS MOVEMENT

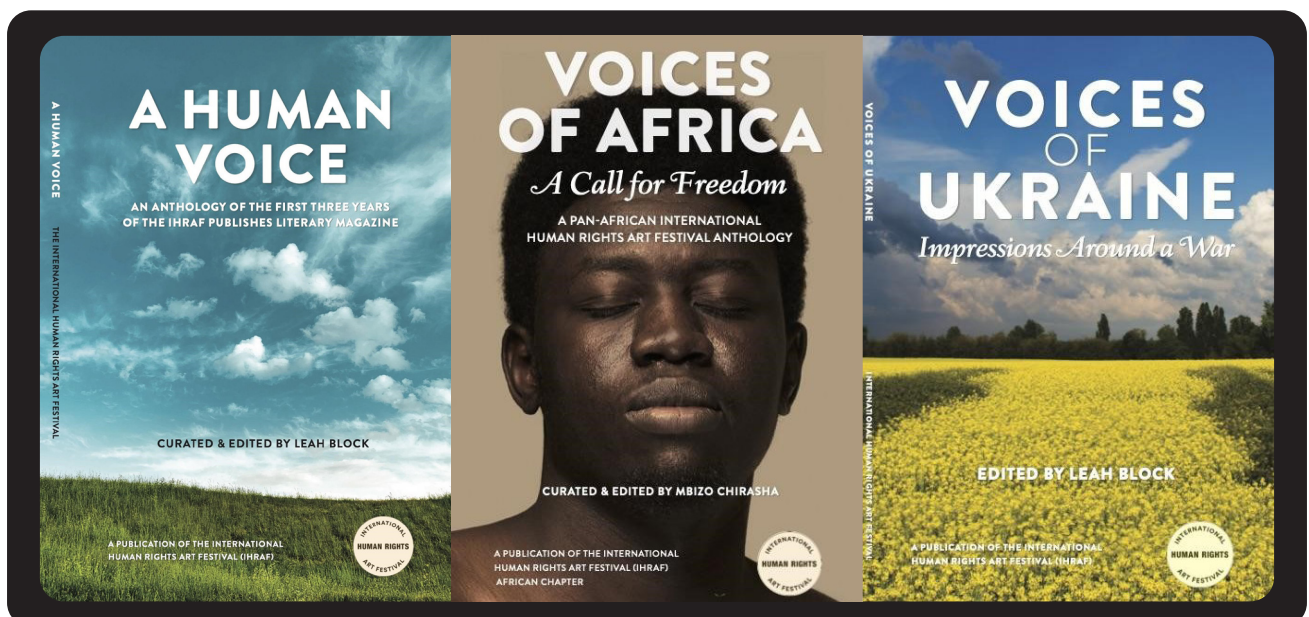
We've reached over 1000+ artists so far, help us make their message have an impact.

This year we received our first 2 government grants totalling \$25,000. We also met our Giving Tuesday Goal of \$5,000. But to meet our ambitious goals for 2023, we will need your help!

Our growth campaign fundraising goal is \$25,000. Can you contribute to help us reach our goal?

Donate now at ihraf.org/donate

YOU CAN CHECK OUT OUR LATEST BOOKS HERE



CONTACT INFO

 hello@ihraf.org

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Click on the question-mark icons to display help windows.
 The information provided will enable you to file a more complete return and reduce the chances the IRS will need to contact you.

Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form
 Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

2022

Department of the Treasury
 Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)
 Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.
 Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.

**Open to Public
 Inspection**

A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, **2022, and ending** _____, **20**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization _____ Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) _____ Room/suite _____ City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code _____	D Employer identification number _____ E Telephone number _____ F Group Exemption Number _____
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G Accounting Method: Cash Accrual Other (specify): _____ **H** Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990).

I Website: _____

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) – 501(c)(3) 501(c) () (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other: _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B)) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ \$

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events:		
	6a	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	
6b	b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b		
6c	c Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c		
6d	d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d		
7a	7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a		
7b	b Less: cost of goods sold	7b		
7c	c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c		
8	8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8		
9	9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9		
Expenses	10	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	
	11	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	
17	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17		
Net Assets	18	18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	
	19	19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	
	20	20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	
	21	21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O. See instructions
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes" to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee; or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II, and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955:
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed:
42a The organization's books are in care of: Telephone no. Located at: ZIP + 4
42b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the United States? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. See instructions

		Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	46		

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

		Yes	No
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	47		
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48		
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a		
b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 _____

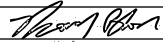
51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 _____

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **Note:** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here		2/17/23
	Signature of officer	Date
Type or print name and title		

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name	Firm's EIN			
	Firm's address	Phone no.			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No