



FOUNDER, OUTSIDE IN

DAVID LESCHT UNDERSTANDS THE VALUE THAT THE ARTS PLAY IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. HE'S SEEN DISABLED PATIENTS MOVE IN RESPONSE TO DANCERS AND HIGH-RISK KIDS TURN THEIR LIVES AROUND BECAUSE OF MUSIC. IN 1995, HE STARTED OUTSIDE IN, A PROGRAM THAT TAKES THE ARTS TO THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE CONFINED IN HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, DETENTION CENTERS, AND REHAB CLINICS. WITH THE HELP OF NEW MEXICO ARTS PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS, DANCERS, POETS, AND MAGICIANS LIGHT THEIR LIVES WITH MORE THAN 500 PERFORMANCES A YEAR.

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*"The arts have a 'transformative' effect on this population. Music, especially, is a healing experience."*