

ART MATTERS

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ANNOUNCING 2026 CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

Allied Arts is thrilled to announce that **Susan Davis Jordan** and **Farooq Karim** will serve as Co-Chairs of the 2026 campaign. This dynamic duo will spearhead Allied Arts fundraising efforts, including serving as the faces of the campaign, leading a team of leadership volunteers, and generating new and additional support to enhance arts access for all.



Susan Davis Jordan

A Private Wealth Banker with **Bank of Oklahoma**, Jordan is passionate about giving back to the community. She has held leadership roles with numerous organizations, including serving as Chairman for Westminster School Capital Campaign events, Junior League Board Member and Public Relations Chair, and Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumni President and House Board Member. Jordan's volunteer work extends to many Allied Arts-supported agencies including the Beaux Arts Ball benefiting the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, Winter Ball benefiting Oklahoma Contemporary, Oklahoma City Ballet and Arts Council Oklahoma City's Festival of the Arts.

Senior Vice-President & Design Director with **REES**, Karim has served as a board member for 20 nonprofits and has also volunteered for more than 40 nonprofit programs that address education, health, mentoring and social services. His extensive involvement with the arts includes Allied Arts and many of our agencies including Lyric Theatre, Metropolitan School of Dance, Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition, Sooner Theatre and Arts Council Oklahoma City where he served as co-chair of the 2023 Festival of the Arts. A practicing artist since 2016, Karim is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma City Class XXVIII, Leadership Norman 2016 and Leadership Oklahoma Class XXX.



Farooq Karim



Leslie and Cliff Hudson

Joining Jordan and Karim on the campaign leadership team are **Leslie and Cliff Hudson** as the Allied Arts 2026 Honorary Chairs. The Hudson's talent and philanthropy have been directed to many important issues, most notably education, social and economic quality, public health and the arts. Leslie has served as a board member with Allied Arts and the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, while Cliff is currently board chair of Oklahoma City Repertory Theatre. As part of the campaign, Allied Arts will recognize the Hudsons in the spring at the Honorary Chair Event. Donors who contribute \$1,500 or more to the 2026 campaign are invited to attend.

The Allied Arts 2026 campaign kicks off on February 3 as the official start of "Allied Arts Month." A donation at any giving level makes a real difference. For example, a gift of \$25 provides supplies for a student receiving financial assistance to participate in visual art afterschool programming; a contribution of \$50 offsets the cost of offering a dance and movement class for people suffering with Parkinson's disease; and a \$250 donation purchases a guitar for a veteran learning to use music as a tool for healing and finding purpose again.

The arts inspire, educate and bring our community together, and your donation makes it happen. Thank you!



Scan to support the 2026 campaign today.

LEAVING A LEGACY FOR THE ARTS

Allied Arts has accepted a special challenge from the **Kirkpatrick Family Fund**, an opportunity to strengthen the future of the arts in our community for generations to come. Through this challenge, every \$3 donated to the Allied Arts endowment – up to \$45,000 – will unlock an additional \$1 from the Kirkpatrick Family Fund, potentially adding \$60,000 to our endowment at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation.

Endowment gifts provide lasting support for arts programming and outreach, ensuring creativity, access and inspiration continue to thrive across central Oklahoma. By participating in this challenge, your contribution has an even greater impact – helping build a sustainable foundation for the arts today and well into the future.



To leave your legacy for the arts, please scan the QR code or donate online at alliedartsokc.com/endowment.



ARTS IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

"My experience at deadCenter was incredible. I got to work with so many like-minded people and get a firsthand experience of the work field such as film. I had great mentors, equipment, and tools learned at this camp, and would highly recommend this to anyone who is interested in working in the film industry."

"My experience was amazing and gave me a crash course on filmmaking that prioritizes hands-on learning. I was an electrician through the duration of the production and would feel confident enough to fill that position on an actual film set."

An Allied Arts member agency, **deadCenter Film** is a hub for arts education, workforce development, community connection and storytelling that inspires, promotes, and celebrates creativity and community through film. In addition to its annual summer festival which serves as an Oscar®-qualifying event, deadCenter has engaged more than 50,000 students through its Statewide Education Tour which serves rural and underserved middle and high schools and technology centers, by introducing filmmaking as both a creative outlet and a viable career path in Oklahoma's expanding film industry.

An arm of its educational outreach, deadCenter University (dCU) brings students together to create short films, under the guidance of professional mentors, which premiere during the Film Festival. The first dCU film has already won multiple awards and was named an Official Selection of the prestigious All American High School Film Festival in New York City.



OPUS XIII: A NEW YORK NIGHT

On November 8, Allied Arts brought lively New York City districts to the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club with **OPUS XIII Club Cabaret: A New York Night**. Chaired by **Dominique C. & Travis C. Mason** and **Katie & Taylor Shinn**, the 2025 biennial OPUS event brought together more than 450 guests and raised \$630,000, the most generated in any Allied Arts fundraising event.

OPUS immersed guests in Big Apple flair with a Statue of Liberty stilt walker, a street saxophonist, piano jazz lounge and Met-inspired dining room. The extensive cabaret lineup showcased the incredible local talent of Allied Arts-affiliated groups, **Sooner Theatre**, **Oklahoma City Ballet**, **RACE Dance Collective** and **Lyric Theatre**, alongside special guest performances by Broadway star **Meghan Picerno** and **OK3**, the local trio who earned a four-chair turn on *The Voice*.

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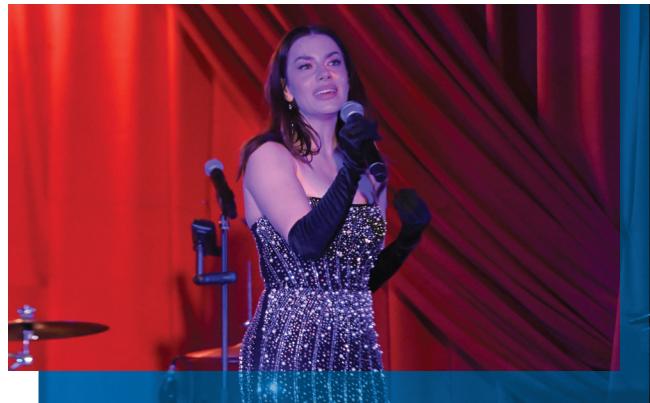
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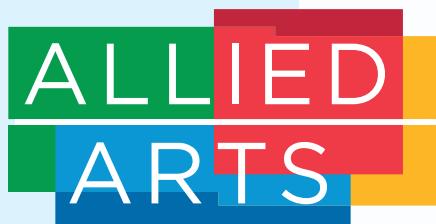


SAVE THE DATE: ARTINI

The date is confirmed. The theme is set. We just need you there for **ARTini: Shaken Not Stirred** on May 2 at the Oklahoma City Convention Center!

Chaired by **Mason Archer Maidt** and **Kenton Shaw**, this year's ARTini is inspired by the sophisticated and stylish world of the most suave secret agent, James Bond. The evening will feature espionage- and adventure-inspired martinis from local restaurants and lounges, interactive performance art and an auction exhibiting art works from local and Oklahoma-affiliated artists.

Sponsorship opportunities and ticket sales are available now. Visit ARTiniOKC.com for more information or email sarah.frank@alliedartsokc.com to learn more.



FEBRUARY IS ALLIED ARTS MONTH!

Help us celebrate by attending a theatrical performance, touring a museum or gallery, or taking a dance class!

Share how you celebrate by tagging us on social media.



OKCityCard

New year, new ways to explore the best of arts, culture, entertainment, cuisine, shopping and more in Oklahoma City and beyond with the 2026 OKCityCard.

With a \$60 gift, Allied Arts donors unlock 12 months of discounts like 2-for-1 admission to museums, 50% off performance tickets, and free appetizers and desserts with purchase of entrees at your favorite restaurants. Below are some ideas to use your OKCityCard this winter.

Trying to stick to those healthy New Year resolutions? Our newest OKCityCard partner makes it easy! Visit one of the **Bee Healthy** locations across the metro for a **buy any smoothie, get one half off** when purchasing in-store.

Visit okcitycard.com to view the comprehensive list of 2026 partners and offers.

With spring break around the corner, keep your kids entertained and educated with engaging, hands-on arts learning. Use your OKCityCard to get **10% off classes and camps** at **Edmond Fine Arts Institute** and **Oklahoma Children's Theatre**, and a class registration fee waiver at **Lyric Theatre Thelma Gaylord Academy**.

Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition celebrates 25 years of **MOMENTUM**, a dynamic exhibition featuring the creativity of visual artists ages 30 and under from across Oklahoma. This year's event takes place on March 28 at the Yale Theater. With your OKCityCard, you get **50% off MOMENTUM tickets**.

