



AMBASSADORS' CONCERT CHOIR

Community Outreach

Ambassadors' Concert Choir seeks to increase interest in and involvement in the arts for children in grades 4-12 in Northeast Oklahoma County. Its Children/Youth Choir provides opportunities for choral rehearsal and performance throughout the metro.



ARTS COUNCIL OKLAHOMA CITY

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities are available during Arts Council OKC's flagship event, Festival of the Arts, which is a community celebration of the visual, performing and culinary arts. Volunteers are needed for every aspect of the event from set up to tear down. Sign up to volunteer by visiting arts councilokc.com/volunteer or by calling (405) 270-4848.

Community Outreach

All Access Arts (AAA) provides participatory arts enrichment activities to vulnerable populations in Oklahoma County. Students in elementary through high school and older adults with Alzheimer's and Dementia are served through AAA's core initiatives: Arts in Schools, Arts in the Park, Neighborhood Arts, Teen Arts Council and Creative Aging. Professional teaching artists and performers are hired to work for AAA initiatives year-round, offering stable, consistent employment for working artists.



CANTERBURY VOICES

Volunteer Opportunities

Canterbury Voices seeks high school interns for Camp Canterbury each June (applications due in April). The organization also seeks volunteer assistance in the office as needed. For more information, call (405) 232-7464 or email Sing@CanterburyOKC.com.

Community Outreach

Canterbury provides full and partial scholarships for students enrolled in Canterbury Youth Voices' year-round after school choir program and Camp Canterbury. Tuition is significantly lower than the true cost per student. It is Canterbury's mission and commitment that students from all economic backgrounds benefit from choral music education regardless of their ability to pay.



CARPENTER SQUARE THEATRE

Volunteer Opportunities

Carpenter Square Theatre seeks volunteers to serve as ushers during performances – sign up forms are available on the carpentersquare.com website. Other volunteers should inquire about opportunities by emailing business@carpentersquare.com or calling (405) 232-6500.

Community Outreach

Carpenter Square Theatre has Educational Outreach programming for at-risk teens in central Oklahoma. Students may attend a special matinee at the theatre, followed by drama or creative writing workshops at their school site. Typically, we find funding so that the programs are free for students and faculty.



CIMARRON OPERA

Volunteer Opportunities

Cimarron Opera offers a variety of volunteer opportunities including ushering, putting up posters for events, coordinating a group trip to a performance, and serving on the board. Contact Alex Johnson at alex@cimarronopera.org for more details.

Community Outreach

The Scholastic Opera Tour visits elementary schools and libraries across Oklahoma with a short educational opera. Cimarron Opera's Festival of Spirituals is a free event celebrating the African American Spiritual. This event has been free since its inception in 1970 and the past four festivals are available at cimarronopera.org.

In partnership with the Adult Wellness and Education Center in Norman, Cimarron offers a monthly Opera Club where community members can watch and discuss opera performances and the AWE-pera Chorus where adults over 50 come together to sing as part of a community chorus, culminating in a performance alongside guest soloists from Cimarron Opera. All of Cimarron's programming is designed to be enjoyable for first time opera goers as well as longtime opera fans.



DEADCENTER FILM (dC)

Volunteer Opportunities

deadCenter Film works with more than 400 volunteers throughout the year. Opportunities include watching and rating movies for the festival, helping with screenings and events, or working at the annual film festival in June. Opportunities are available for both individuals and groups. To participate, sign up here: deadcenterfilm.org/volunteer.

Community Outreach

In recent years, deadCenter (dC) has prioritized efforts to become more inclusive, reach more diverse audiences and feature works by filmmakers from marginalized communities. deadCenter's FREE Continuum programming has become a centerpiece for fulfilling these goals, forging new partnerships, increasing community conversations and sharing the love of film with new groups throughout the OKC Metro. Community discussions generally precede or follow the screenings, enhancing the connection between creators and audiences. For recent screenings, dC has partnered with Afro Cinema Nights, OKC Latino Young Professionals, Matriarch, Oklahoma Pride Alliance, Respect Diversity and First Americans Museum.



**FIREHOUSE
ART CENTER**

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Volunteer Opportunities

The Firehouse hosts a variety of community programs that are great opportunities to engage with the public and promote visual arts education. Please email casey@normanfirehouse.com for upcoming event volunteer opportunities.

Community Outreach

The Firehouse's outreach programming strives to make arts education available to all individuals, regardless of age, ability or socioeconomic status. We pursue this goal through accessibility programming for underserved communities, including the Healing Studio for adults with disabilities, Healing Outreach for individuals at assisted living homes, Firehouse Equality Club for 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and their families, and Art Forces for U.S. Military Veterans and active service members. The Firehouse also provides drawing instruction at the OKC Zoo through ZOO Sketch, as well as visual arts experiences at local events to encourage visual arts learning, creative thinking and self-expression. Finally, the Firehouse provides free art experiences and programming through the Firehouse Gallery, which presents three in-house exhibitions and three culturally relevant exhibitions each year. Each exhibition provides opportunities for additional community programming, such as musical performances, guest lectures, and artist demonstrations and workshops. All accessibility and outreach programming is offered at no cost to the participants.



LYRIC THEATRE

Volunteer Opportunities

Lyric Theatre utilizes volunteers for ushering at the Plaza Theatre performances each spring and fall, and during its summer performances at the Civic Center. As a thank you for volunteering, you will get a ticket to see the show for free. Additional details and available shifts can be found at: lyrictheatreokc.com/about-lyric/volunteer. For questions, contact: info@lyrictheatreokc.org.

Community Outreach

Lyric's Musical Interactive is a touring musical production created by Lyric featuring an original script with select songs from an established Broadway musical. The program is offered free of charge to schools statewide. During the 2024–2025 school year, Lyric visited 391 schools, performed 510 times, and served 149,837 students. Musical Interactive was able to visit 61 out of 77 counties in Oklahoma this year.



MABEE-GERRER MUSEUM OF ART

Volunteer Opportunities

The Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art is always seeking enthusiastic individuals to join our volunteer team, including those interested in becoming docents. Beyond docent opportunities, we rely on volunteers for many of our signature events, such as our annual gala (first Friday in December), Mummy Day (first Saturday in November), and Art Mania during spring, summer and fall school breaks. For more information, please email spartyka@mgmoa.org.

Community Outreach

The Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art proudly participates in a wide variety of community events throughout Pottawatomie County, serving families of all ages. We maintain strong partnerships with Community Renewal, PoGo, the Shawnee Public Library and the City of Shawnee. Our newest outreach effort includes a collaboration with Uplift Mentoring's PACE after school program. The museum provides a weekly art class for students ages 6-10, bringing creativity and hands-on learning directly to local youth.



METROPOLITAN SCHOOL OF DANCE

Volunteer Opportunities

Metropolitan School of Dance (MSDI) offers a number of volunteer opportunities. Volunteers are invited to apply to serve on the Board of Directors at Metropolitan School of Dance. Contact Frances Pitts at metroschooldance@gmail.com for more details.

We also need volunteers for one of our largest fundraisers, working the Dippin' Dots booth at the Festival of the Arts.

Additionally, Metropolitan needs volunteers when we host the Annual OKC Tap Festival. Areas of volunteerism during this event include vending sales, registration desks, hospitality and security (if possible, potential volunteers must have some prior experience and qualifications in these areas). Volunteers can also assist at in-house performances in the areas of ticket sales at our will call booth, ushering, costume changes, stagehand, hospitality and security.

Community Outreach

Outreach programming for Metropolitan includes dance workshops, lecture demonstrations and performances in area public schools featuring visiting master artists and team-building presentations with local companies. In public school settings, these projects allow students to have the opportunity to gain insight into the history and origin of dance as well as an introduction to affordable training in classes taught at MSDI. Community outreach for school aged students allows participants to personally meet the presenting artists, connect with them, and learn more about their lives and the benefits of a professional career in the thing that they love.



NATIONAL COWBOY & WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM

Volunteer Opportunities

The Museum's success and guest experience depend upon the generous time, effort, energy and expertise of volunteers. The Museum accepts volunteer applications on an ongoing basis for annual and seasonal service opportunities. For more information, visit nationalcowboymuseum.org/volunteer.

Community Outreach

The Museum's educational enrichment programs offer a comprehensive view of the American West, from the cowboy era to Native American cultures and Western art. With hands-on activities and interactive displays, students will gain a deeper understanding of historical events, cultural traditions and artistic achievements. The Museum supports current academic standards in the arts and social studies for each field trip program.



OK CITY CHORUS

Community Outreach

During the school year, our A Cappella Rocks program may be offered to schools throughout the central Oklahoma area, to educate students about the American art form of barbershop harmony. We also offer our annual Youth In Harmony Workshop, a day-long event available to middle and high school students, where they can learn elements of barbershop harmony and perform a full-length song. Our Journeys In Harmony program, originally developed for the Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma to earn a Musician badge and a Harmony patch, is now offered by the Sweet Adelines International organization as a model for scouting organizations worldwide. We also provide entertainment/education visits to senior living centers in the metro area.



OKLAHOMA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Volunteer Opportunities

Our teen volunteers are crucial during our seasonal and summer camps, helping with a variety of tasks like stocking and running the Camp Store, creating weekly programs, assisting classes and Fun Time hours, escorting late/early campers to and from activities, and supporting our before- and after-care teachers. They also help with additional tasks as needed throughout the year. Many of our volunteers have been OCT campers for years and aspire to become teachers' assistants when they are old enough. We also welcome volunteer ushers for our productions, helping greet families, scan tickets, and create a positive theatre-going experience.

In addition, we host an annual volunteer day at our prop and costume warehouse, an opportunity to roll up your sleeves and help us organize, build and refresh the tools that bring our shows to life. Our next warehouse volunteer day is tentatively scheduled for April 17, 2026.

Community Outreach

Oklahoma Children's Theatre's outreach efforts are vital to the organization's mission, delivering arts education and theatre performances to schools entirely free of charge through two major programs. Our in-school residencies build foundational performing skills, confidence and teamwork in a supportive, creative setting. Our rural tours bring the magic of live theatre to children across the state who typically lack access to arts education.

OKLAHOMA CITY BALLET

Community Outreach

Oklahoma City Ballet's community engagement programs serve over 20,000 youth and seniors within Oklahoma. We're committed to providing experiences that increase the understanding and appreciation of ballet, as well as a lifelong interest in the arts. These programs provide our community with beauty, inspiration and art that enriches lives and comforts souls.

Programming includes Dance Discovery – on-site dance instruction at underserved schools and the Boys and Girls Club of Oklahoma County; ArtsReach – an arts education program offered to all Oklahoma schools that culminates in a live performance of The Nutcracker at Civic Center Music Hall; Golden Swans – ballet classes for older adults; and Dance for Parkinson's – a special class geared towards people with Parkinson's disease.

OKC Ballet also offers free performances for schools and other organizations across the community. All Community Engagement programs are offered at no cost to the participants.

OKLAHOMA CITY MUSEUM OF ART (OKCMOA)

Volunteer Opportunities

If you like talking to people and want to invest in the Oklahoma City community, consider volunteering at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art as a docent! The Museum seeks curious and flexible community members to help us engage with our visitors. Docents help OKCMOA provide important programs by guiding groups on tours through the Museum, answering questions about the artwork on display and so much more! If you have always enjoyed learning and would like to share your knowledge with visitors, apply to become a volunteer docent at OKCMOA. Please contact Tori Waldron, Manager of Teacher and School Programs, at twaldron@okcmoa.com for more information about the application process.

Community Outreach

Since 2012, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art has partnered with local hospitals to bring artmaking and creative connection to those unable to visit the Museum in person. Through Healing Arts at SSM Behavioral Health in Midtown and Midwest City, a Museum Teaching Artist leads monthly art sessions for approximately 100 children, teens and adults. Each visit provides a welcoming space for creative expression, conversation and reflection inspired by artworks from OKCMOA's permanent collection and special exhibitions. The Museum also partners with OU Children's Hospital to offer Museum Mondays, a monthly come-and-go artmaking program, as well as several annual atrium events designed for pediatric patients and their families.

Making Memories is OKCMOA's program designed for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia and their caregivers. The program connects participants with art – and with one another – through conversation and creative artmaking inspired by the Museum's permanent collection and special exhibitions. OKCMOA also offers a Virtual Field Trip program for teachers and students which brings free gallery experiences live to their classrooms. Babies at the Museum offers a fun-filled thirty minutes in front of the month's featured work of art, ending with playtime in the Family Space.



OKLAHOMA CITY PHILHARMONIC (OKCPHIL)

Volunteer Opportunities

The OKCPHIL utilizes the help of volunteers for education programs, concert support and event assistance. Information about specific roles and volunteer sign-up is available at okcphil.org. Please reach out to education@okcphil.org with questions.

Community Outreach

Each year, the OKCPHIL shares the joy of music with more than 100,000 individuals of all ages through our Education and Community Engagement programming. One of our oldest and most loved programs is the Youth Concert Series, which invites elementary and middle-school-aged students to the Civic Center to enjoy a free orchestral performance. The concert experience is enhanced through participation in the We've Got Rhythm and Rhythm on the Road programs, which include a visit to the school by OKCPHIL musicians.

OKLAHOMA CONTEMPORARY ARTS CENTER



Volunteer Opportunities

Oklahoma Contemporary welcomes volunteers of all ages and skill sets to support exhibitions, programs, events and behind-the-scenes projects. Volunteerism plays a vital role in keeping Oklahoma Contemporary free and accessible year-round. For more information, call (405) 951-0000.

Community Outreach

The Veterans and Active Military Initiative offers free, recurring arts experiences for veterans and active-duty service members. Programs include ceramics, printmaking and other studio-based workshops led by professional teaching artists. These sessions center on creative exploration, wellbeing and connection within the veteran community.

Classrooms can schedule a free field trip that includes transportation, a guided exhibition tour and a hands-on art-making experience. These visits are part of ARTS LAB programming, which focuses on arts integration and was developed in partnership with educators.

We also offer free and low-cost public programs throughout the year, including artist talks, performances, family activities and seasonal events. More information is available at oklahomacontemporary.org.



OKLAHOMA OPRY

Volunteer Opportunities

The Oklahoma Opry's Granville Community Music School is looking for volunteer music instructors that can commit to once a week, 30-45 minute lessons on weekday of choice between the times of 4-6:30 pm. Instruments are provided and lessons currently take place at ACM@UCO. The Oklahoma Opry is also looking for volunteers to help with greeting guests as well as merchandise and concession sales Saturdays 5:30-9:30 pm at ACM@UCO. Email kelcie@okopry.org or call (405) 297-9773 to sign up.

Community Outreach

The Oklahoma Opry provides artist development and songwriting workshops to up-and-coming performers at no charge, giving vocalists an opportunity to perform for a live audience and receive constructive feedback from an industry professional. The Granville Community Music School provides quality music instruction to children from low-income families for 50 cents per lesson. Oklahoma Opry is happy to partner with the national Guitars for Vets organization, Department of Veteran Affairs and the OKC VA Hospital to share the healing power of music by providing free guitar instruction to veterans who, upon completion of 10 lessons, receive a new acoustic guitar and accessory kit.



OKLAHOMA SHAKESPEARE

Volunteer Opportunities

Join the Oklahoma Shakespeare community by sharing your time and talents. From board membership to hands-on support, there are many ways to get involved. For current opportunities, please contact info@okshakes.org or visit our website at okshakes.org.

Community Outreach

Oklahoma Shakespeare is committed to inspiring audiences of all ages through year-round educational programs. Student Matinees bring Shakespeare's works to life for classrooms. The Young Company Theatre Camp provides immersive training for aspiring performers. Tours & Residencies deliver Shakespeare directly to schools and communities. The NeverYounger Program offers a limited number of free tickets to productions for our younger patrons, thanks to the generous support of Allied Arts and American Fidelity. Learn more about our educational outreach programs at okshakes.org/shakespeare-alive.



OKLAHOMA VISUAL ARTS COALITION (OVAC)

Volunteer Opportunities

Throughout the year, Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition (OVAC) offers volunteers numerous opportunities to engage with programs that support the visual arts community. Whether it's serving on planning committees for the annual 12x12 Art Fundraiser and MOMENTUM – a dynamic two-day exhibition showcasing the creativity of artists under 30 – or helping distribute Art Focus magazine across the metro, there's a role for everyone. For more details, call (405) 879-2400 or visit ovac-ok.org.

Community Outreach

OVAC offers numerous opportunities for communities across the state to engage directly with the visual arts and supports Oklahoma's working artists through four key areas: Education, Promotion, Connection and Funding. Our educational programs are designed to equip artists of all backgrounds with the essential tools needed to build and sustain a successful career. Through grants, awards, honoraria and sales commissions, we offer crucial financial support, empowering artists to pursue their creative visions and reach their fullest potential. Programs that include curated exhibitions, gallery shows, studio tours and Art Focus magazine make the visual arts accessible to a wide audience and foster a deeper appreciation for the arts.



OKLAHOMA YOUTH ORCHESTRAS (OKYO)

Volunteer Opportunities

Oklahoma Youth Orchestras (OKYO) needs rehearsal volunteers on Monday nights to check in students at Oklahoma City University. They also need concert volunteers to serve as stage crew, ushers and box office helpers. Details at: okyomusic.org/help.

Community Outreach

Beyond developing their musical skills, OKYO students actively "Play It Forward" through community outreach. Our chamber ensembles perform free concerts throughout the metro including performances at assisted living centers and hospitals. OKYO's artistic staff also support local school music programs by offering free clinics, classroom visits and complimentary concert opportunities for educators and their students. Together, these efforts strengthen community connections, expand access to the arts and empower young musicians to make a positive impact through music.



PRAIRIE DANCE THEATRE

Volunteer Opportunities

Prairie Dance Theatre has the following volunteer opportunities: board members, annual spring performance, photography/videography and fundraising. For more information, email dancertonya@gmail.com.

Community Outreach

Prairie Dance Theatre offers two public school outreach programs – Smart Moves In-School and AfterSchool – that provide opportunities for artistic and self-expression to children who might not otherwise have such experiences. High energy, high expectations and inclusive programming is offered on school grounds at no charge to the schools or students. Highly motivated dancers are invited to continue training with Team IMPACT on Saturdays. Other outreach includes Forever Fit for senior adults and professional development opportunities for classroom teachers.



RED EARTH

Volunteer Opportunities

The Red Earth Volunteer Program offers a chance to celebrate and support the Native art and cultures of Oklahoma. Volunteers are needed year-round for various events, including the annual Red Earth Fall Fest in October and the award-winning Red Earth Festival in August. To become a Red Earth Volunteer, visit redearth.org/pages/volunteer. For other opportunities call (405) 427-5228 to learn more.

Community Outreach

Working to serve as a resource to the entire community, Red Earth is dedicated to increasing awareness and appreciation of Indigenous arts and culture. Through arts education and outreach programs, Red Earth provides classes that connect K-12 students as well as civic and senior groups with Native heritage. Red Earth works in partnership with other Native Arts & Cultural Organizations and Tribal Governments. This has created a great sense of pride among tribal communities, especially among all Oklahoma citizens.



SCIENCE MUSEUM OKLAHOMA

Volunteer Opportunities

Science Museum Oklahoma appreciates the support of volunteers! From special event days like Tinkerfest and Space Day to assistance with day-to-day operations, volunteer experiences range from helping with exhibits and demonstrations to guest assistance and administrative support. To learn more about the volunteer program and opportunities, please visit: smo.org/volunteer.

Community Outreach

As an advocate for strong STEAM programs in every community, each year SMO provides hands-on science programs to schools, libraries and community centers across the state. This year SMO intends to reach up to 100 Title 1 elementary schools, many across rural Oklahoma, with live educational performances that show the wonder and relevance of STEAM! The museum also provides free curriculum and professional development opportunities for teachers. Information about these programs may be found at sciencemuseumok.org/educators.



SOONER THEATRE

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are always needed to help with set construction and painting, prop-making, costume sewing, ushering and working in our sweet shoppe during shows! To sign up, email brandon.adams@soonertheatre.com and put "VOLUNTEER" in the subject line.

Community Outreach

Each year, The Sooner Theatre gives back by offering scholarships to students who otherwise would not be able to participate in performing arts through its scholarship program. Last year, the theatre gave \$63,389 in scholarships to 339 students. The theatre's mission-driven work also includes classes for special needs students and performances throughout the metro area.