

ART MATTERS

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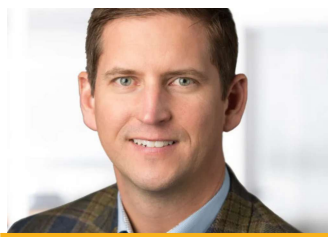
ALLIED ARTS WELCOMES NEW BOARD OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

At the start of the new fiscal year, Allied Arts welcomed a new chapter in board leadership and added new members to the board roster. After two years of steady and strong leadership, Aimee Harlow passed the gavel to Max Myers as board chair. Myers has served on the board for more than a decade in roles including OPUS co-chair, campaign cabinet chair, finance chair and treasurer.

Myers is joined by new officers: Taylor Shinn, Vice Chair and Hillary Farrell, Secretary. Grant DeFehr continues his role as Treasurer.

Allied Arts also welcomes seven new members to the board of directors, sharing their professional expertise, community experience and new perspectives.

NEW BOARD OFFICERS



Max Myers
Humphreys Capital



Taylor Shinn
Entrepreneur, Energy and
Industrial Technology



Grant DeFehr
Annapurna Capital GP

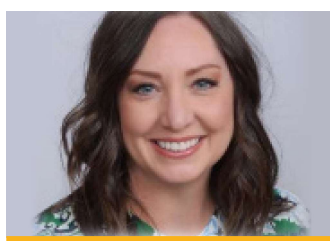


Hillary Farrell
The Chickasaw Nation

NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Amy Bailey
Busey Bank



Debbie Donahue
AT&T



Regina Joy Lane
Love's Travel Stops



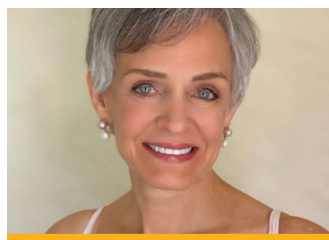
Erin Oldfield
Oklahoma City Thunder



Margaret Freede Owens
Oklahoma Allergy & Asthma Clinic



Paige W. Shepherd
The Chickasaw Nation



Vicki VanStavern
VanStavern Design

ALLIED ARTS INVESTMENT IN ACTION

Allied Arts will award nearly \$3 million in grants through its three grant programs in the 2027 fiscal year. More than \$2.4 million will be distributed to the 25 Allied Arts member agencies as unrestricted grants, enabling organizations to use the funding where it makes the most impact – whether operating, programming or community outreach.

“Allied Arts Allocations supports the Firehouse’s general operations and personnel, which impacts the Firehouse’s entire breadth of education and outreach programming. Because of the changing nonprofit funding landscape, general operating support is the most pressing need for the daily functioning of our programs. This support helps to build a stable, safe, and organized foundation where our programs can grow and our students can creatively thrive.”

The remainder of funds will be awarded through the Allied Arts educational outreach and capacity-building grant programs, open to qualified arts and culture nonprofits in central Oklahoma. In the first grantmaking cycle of the fiscal year, the Allied Arts board of directors approved \$150,950 in educational outreach grants to support youth arts education and community outreach projects, and \$65,813 in capacity-building grants to support infrastructure-strengthening projects.



Norman Firehouse Art Center – Arts After School

GRANT PROGRAMS

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH RECIPIENTS

- Arts Council Oklahoma City
- Aspiring Attitudes Inc.
- Black Liberated Arts Center (BLAC), Inc.
- Canterbury Voices
- Cimarron Opera
- deadCenter Film
- Edmond Fine Arts
- El Sistema Oklahoma
- Jazz in June, Inc.
- Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma
- Mabree-Gerrer Museum of Art
- Metro Youth Theatre of Oklahoma
- Metropolitan School of Dance
- Norman Arts Council
- Norman Firehouse Art Center
- Norman Philharmonic (*A to Z Productions*)
- OK City Chorus
- Oklahoma Children’s Theatre
- Oklahoma City Ballet
- Oklahoma City Museum of Art
- Oklahoma City Philharmonic
- Oklahoma City Repertory Theater (*OKC Rep*)
- Oklahoma Contemporary Arts Center
- Oklahoma Hall of Fame
- Oklahoma Opry
- Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park
- Oklahoma Youth Orchestras
- Painted Sky Opera
- Paseo Arts Association
- Prairie Dance Theatre
- RACE Dance Collective
- Red Earth
- Sooner Theatre
- Southern Plains Productions
- SPARK! Creative Lab

CAPACITY-BUILDING RECIPIENTS

- Carpenter Square Theatre
- Cimarron Opera
- Co.llective Arts Theater Co.
- Culture Hub
- deadCenter Film
- Lyric Theatre of Oklahoma
- Metropolitan School of Dance
- Oklahoma Children’s Theatre
- Oklahoma City Repertory Theater
- Oklahoma Hall of Fame
- Oklahoma Mural Syndicate
- Oklahoma Opry
- Oklahoma Shakespeare in the Park
- Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition
- Paseo Arts Association
- RACE Dance Collective
- Southern Plains Productions
- SPARK! Creative Lab

SAVE THE DATES

ARTINI

Place a hold on your calendar for the 24th annual ARTini on May 1 at the Oklahoma City Convention Center. Chaired by Charity Head and Lauren O' Brien, the 2027 ARTini will feature amazing works by local artists for auction, live entertainment and restaurants concocting custom martinis around the event theme. Be sure to follow Allied Arts on social media for the theme announcement coming soon!



CLUB BUBBLY

Back by popular demand, Club Bubbly will return to The Jones Assembly on June 5. Derek Cohlma and Cooper Tate will chair Oklahoma City's only day party in support of the arts. Sponsorship opportunities will open later this fall. Please reach out to events@alliedartsokc.com for more information and be on the look out for more event details on Allied Arts social media.



EMPLOYEE GIVING



Allied Arts Staff at the Heart of the City Kickoff

Allied Arts is proud to participate once again in the Heart of the City and State Charitable Campaigns. Through these combined campaigns, Allied Arts staff and our Member Agencies present to employees across City of Oklahoma City and State of Oklahoma departments, who can then designate gifts to nonprofits within the Allied Arts, Creating Healthier Communities, Regional Food Bank and United Way federations.

This year, 15 Allied Arts Member Agencies are taking part, giving them the chance to share their missions with the community and raise support for their organizations. To date, presentations have reached departments including Fire, Utilities, Police, Parks and Recreation, the Office of Juvenile Affairs and Service Oklahoma.

Last year, City and State employees raised more than \$100,000 for Allied Arts! Allied Arts looks forward to building on that success and is grateful to every employee who makes these campaigns possible.

If you are an employee of the City of Oklahoma City or State of Oklahoma, please consider designating your gift to Allied Arts using #9100 or to one of the agencies under the Allied Arts federation.

If your place of business would like to engage your employees with the arts, please email campaign@alliedartsokc.com to learn more about partnering with Allied Arts on workplace giving.

NATIONAL ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH



October is National Arts & Humanities Month. Join the celebration by taking an arts class, attending a performance, visiting a museum, or volunteering with the cultural organizations that make our community vibrant.

(Left) Red Earth -
Understanding Regalia

OKCityCard

Fall is the perfect time to make the most of your OKCityCard and explore everything our community has to offer. As the weather cools and calendars fill with seasonal outings, cardholders can enjoy savings on arts, culture, dining and local experiences throughout central Oklahoma.

Add a little music history to your fall plans with a visit to the American Banjo Museum in Bricktown. Home to the world's largest collection of banjos on public display, the Museum offers a fun and fascinating experience for visitors of all ages. OKCityCard holders receive 2-for-1 admission or 50% off admission, making it a cultural outing to share with family or friends.

Make it a day in Bricktown - take in Oklahoma City's fall scenery from a different perspective aboard the Bricktown Water Taxi after your Museum visit. OKCityCard holders receive one free bottled water or soft drink with the purchase of a Regular Service Ticket.

Fall gatherings call for comfort food, and Iron Star Urban Barbeque delivers with award-winning barbecue and a unique twist on Southern favorites. Whether you're dining in after a weekend event or grabbing a meal with family, your OKCityCard provides 10% off, adding extra value to a local favorite.

Make orchestral music part of your fall plans with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic. From beloved classical masterworks to contemporary favorites, the OKCPHIL offers inspiring performances in the heart of downtown Oklahoma City. Whether you're a longtime patron or experiencing the symphony for the first time, the OKCityCard makes it even more accessible with 2-for-1 tickets or 50% off admission for select performances. Call the OKCPHIL box office.

To view the comprehensive list of partners on the 2026 OKCityCard, visit okcitycard.com.

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