MEMBER AGENCY OPPORTUNITIES

AMBASSADORS' CONCERT CHOIR

Community Outreach

Ambassadors' Concert Choir seeks to increase interest and involvement in the arts for children in grades 4-12 in Northeast Oklahoma County. Our 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, a community celebration of the visual, performing and culinary arts. Volunteers are needed for every aspect of the event, from setup to takedown, with opportunities available for individuals and corporate teams looking to serve together. Sign up to volunteer by visiting **artscouncilokc.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 school 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 and Creative Aging. Through the Teen Arts Council, high school students gain professional development, leadership experience and networking opportunities that deepen their connection to Oklahoma City's creative community. 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 at **carpentersquare.com**. 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 which are typically 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

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 five festivals are available for viewing at **cimarronopera.org**.

The Salon Series presents recitals, concerts and chamber operas in non-traditional venues across Norman and the wider Oklahoma community throughout the fall, winter and spring seasons. The Scholastic Opera Tour visits elementary schools and libraries across Oklahoma with a short educational opera. 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.

DEADCENTER FILM (dC)

Volunteer Opportunities

deadCenter Film works with more than 600 volunteers throughout the year. Volunteers support film review and rating, screenings, hospitality, box office operations, venues, special events, education programs, and the annual film festival in June. Opportunities are available for both individuals and groups, making it possible to participate in ways that match a volunteer's interests, experience and availability. To participate, visit **deadcenterfilm.org/volunteer**.

Community Outreach

deadCenter's free Continuum programming is central to the organization's commitment to accessibility and community connection. Through screenings, workshops, panels and facilitated conversations, deadCenter partners with cultural organizations, schools, nonprofits, funders and community leaders to bring film experiences to new audiences and under-resourced communities. Programs are designed to reduce cost barriers, create meaningful dialogue between storytellers and audiences, and amplify voices and experiences that have historically been overlooked or undervalued.

deadCenter's Education programs introduce students to the power of storytelling and to careers in Oklahoma's growing film industry. Free statewide school programming combines film screenings, conversations with working professionals, workforce awareness and hands-on production experiences. Through the Education Tour, deadCenter University, workshops, mentorship and Festival-based learning opportunities, students are encouraged to see themselves not only as audiences, but also as future writers, directors, producers, editors, crew members and creative leaders.

FIREHOUSE ART CENTER

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 care 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 four 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 our 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

Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art is always looking for enthusiastic individuals to join our volunteer family. Whether you're interested in becoming a docent, assisting with educational programs, greeting guests, helping in the Museum Shop, supporting administrative projects, or volunteering at special events, there is a place for everyone to make a meaningful impact. For more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact Sylwia Partyka at **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 and backgrounds. The museum also actively supports educators by participating in teacher resource events in both Pottawatomie County and the Oklahoma City metro area, helping teachers discover educational resources and opportunities that integrate art into the classroom.

One of our most successful outreach events is Mummy Day, our annual free community celebration. In addition to introducing thousands of visitors to our world-renowned Ancient Egyptian collection, we invite community partners to participate by sharing information about their programs, services and resources.

Through these outreach efforts, the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art continues to expand access to the arts, inspire lifelong learning, and serve as a vibrant cultural resource for central Oklahoma.

METROPOLITAN SCHOOL OF DANCE

Volunteer Opportunities

Metropolitan School of Dance (MSDI) offers a number of volunteer opportunities during our sessions. Areas for consideration include board service, and volunteering during in-house performances including the annual OKC Tap Festival and during our fundraising partnership at the Festival of the Arts each April. Contact Frances Pitts at **metroschoolofdance@gmail.com** for more details.

Community Outreach

Outreach programming for Metropolitan includes dance workshops, lecture demonstrations and performances in area public schools, community celebrations, and senior wellness centers. These activities can also feature 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 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. 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.

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 older adults 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 Boys and Girls Club of Oklahoma County sites; ArtsReach – an arts education program (open to all Oklahoma schools) that culminates in a live performance of The Nutcracker at Civic Center Music Hall; Dance for Parkinson's – classes specially planned for those living with Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders; Golden Swans – ballet classes for older adults; and Move and Groove – adaptive classes for older adults that include both seated and standing movement while exploring multiple dance styles.

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

Additionally, each season features at least one sensory-friendly performance with specially discounted tickets and an accommodating, more relaxed, less stimulating environment. The December 21, 2026, performance of The Nutcracker will be a sensory-friendly production.

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! Please contact Tori Waldron, Senior Manager of School Programs & Tours, 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 art-making 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 and Playdate & Create offer our youngest visitors a fun-filled 30 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 reaches more than 100,000 people of all ages through our Education and Community Engagement programs – most offered free of charge. Highlights include the free Youth Concert Series for elementary and middle school students, complemented by in-school programs like We've Got Rhythm and Rhythm on the Road. From learning opportunities for high school, college and adult audiences to performances in children's hospitals, prisons, schools and community events, the OKCPHIL is committed to making the transformative power of music accessible to everyone.

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 is looking for volunteer music instructors who can commit to once a week, 30–45-minute lessons on weekday of choice to teach at the Granville Community Music School and/or Strings of Valor. Instruments and teaching materials are provided along with support from Opry Director of Development & Education, Randy Goodnight. Email or call (405) 297-9773 for more information.

Community Outreach

The Oklahoma Opry provides artist development and songwriting workshops to up-and-coming performers, allowing 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 proud to partner with the OKC VA Hospital through Strings of Valor, 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.

Community Outreach

Our educational outreach ensures that students across Oklahoma experience live theatre as part of their learning. Student Matinees support curriculum needs, teaching artist residencies deepen classroom exploration, and youth training programs introduce emerging performers to the foundations of classical acting. Our Apprentice Training initiative provides developing artists with hands-on experience in a professional setting, allowing them to practice their craft alongside seasoned theatre practitioners and build the skills necessary for sustainable artistic careers.

Accessibility remains central to our mission. Through our "NeverYounger" initiative, sponsored by Allied Arts and American Fidelity, we reduce financial barriers for patrons 25 and under, cultivating future arts participants and ensuring young audiences can engage with classical theatre regardless of income.

Through year-round performances, school partnerships, and collaborations with universities, OAK OKC, and major arts organizations such as OKC Ballet, OKC Philharmonic, and Lyric Theatre, among others, Oklahoma Shakespeare expands access to the arts, supports local artists, and strengthens the cultural fabric of Oklahoma City.

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. We 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 delivers two public school outreach programs – Smart Moves In-School and Smart Moves After-School – that provide equitable access to high-quality dance education, artistic expression and creative exploration for elementary students. Through high-energy instruction, high expectations and an inclusive learning environment, these programs are offered on school campuses at no cost to schools or families. Students who demonstrate exceptional commitment and potential are invited to continue their training through Team IMPACT, PDT's Saturday performance and leadership program. Additional outreach includes Forever Fit, a creative aging dance and wellness program for senior adults, and professional development workshops that equip classroom teachers with movement-based strategies to enhance learning.

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

We're always excited to welcome dynamic, curious individuals who want to make a difference. At Science Museum Oklahoma, volunteers help bring science to life and support a mission rooted in hands-on learning and community impact. Explore a variety of volunteer roles and find one that fits your skills, talents and interests. We are looking for those who enjoy engaging with guests, supporting exhibits, or helping behind the scenes. To learn more about the volunteer program and opportunities, please visit: **smo.org/volunteer**.

Community Outreach

Many Oklahoma students, particularly those in Title I and rural school districts, have limited access to hands-on STEAM learning due to financial barriers that make field trips and other enrichment opportunities increasingly rare. Science Museum Oklahoma's On the Go Program addresses this need by bringing engaging, standards-aligned science experiences directly into schools and communities, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to explore scientific concepts through performance art and hands-on learning. Each outreach reinforces Oklahoma Academic Standards while providing teachers with classroom resources to extend learning long after the visit. In the past year alone, On the Go reached more than 50,000 students in 125 schools, expanding access to high-quality informal science education and inspiring young people to see themselves as future scientists, engineers, innovators, artists and problem-solvers. To learn more about community outreach, please visit: **smo.org/onthego**.

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 **meghan@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 our scholarship program. Last year, the theatre gave $81,168 to 384 students. The theatre's mission-driven work also includes classes for special needs students and performances throughout the metro area.