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## Allied Arts Welcomes New Board Class

Allied Arts welcomes 10 new members to the board of directors as part of the 2021-2024 class. Each brings unique skill sets and experiences to Allied Arts, lending new perspectives and insight to the organization's short and long-term strategies.



**Jerry Chenoweth**  
Retired, Shell Oil Company,  
US



**Amy Davis**  
Mansions Senior Living



**Ashley Gockstetter**  
Love's Travel Stops



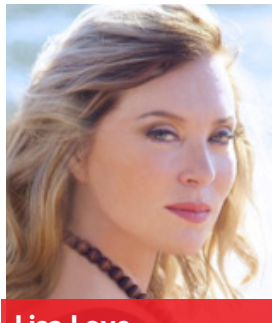
**Jorge Hernandez**  
Tango Public Relations



**Tommie Johnson**  
Oklahoma County Sheriff



**Steve Keenan**  
Omni Oklahoma City Hotel



**Lisa Love**  
Community Volunteer  
& Professional Vocalist



**Tori Perry**  
Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.



**Debbie Thompson**  
Community Volunteer



**Jeff Wilson**  
Devon Energy

### Board officers for the 2021-2022 year:



**Steve Mason**  
Chairman



**Glen Maynard**  
Vice Chairman



**Aimee Harlow**  
Secretary

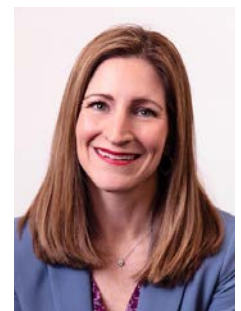


**Max Myers**  
Treasurer

### New to the executive committee this year:



**Jim Kessler**  
Candor



**Heather Wilson**  
SagePros

## Allied Arts Board Orientation

As part of its annual board orientation, Allied Arts invites new board members to participate in a bus tour to visit Allied Arts-supported art facilities and to hear from arts leaders. On September 16, members new to the Allied Arts board of directors visited four unique art venues and heard from 12 art directors representing a variety of artistic genres including choral music, contemporary art, theatre and dance.

A traditional stop on the tour includes **Science Museum Oklahoma** where board members have fun getting hands-on with exhibits intersecting art and science. This year, board members interacted with the newly-installed, 25-foot outdoor sculpture in the outdoor gathering space named Founder's Plaza near the museum's main entrance. Artist **Tom Shannon's** stainless steel sculpture depicts the five Platonic Solids, the only shapes in nature that have equal angles and edge lengths. Board members also saw first-hand **Oklahoma Shakespeare's** new outdoor performance space, Shakespeare Gardens, in the historic Paseo District and learned of **Aspiring Attitudes'** work in ensuring accessibility to the joy of dance and movement for youngsters of all abilities.



Board members and staff stand in front of Tom Shannon's Finit sculpture outside of Science Museum Oklahoma.

## 2022 Campaign for the Arts



Robert and Sody Clements

Although the 2021 campaign came to a close only three months ago, the Allied Arts team is already hard at work preparing for 2022 fundraising efforts, including the confirmation of next year's leadership. We are thrilled to announce that **Sody & Robert Clements** and **Cathy & Phil Busey** will serve as campaign co-chairs and honorary chairs respectively.

Currently the mayor of Nichols Hills, Sody has been a longtime community advocate, serving in leadership positions with many arts nonprofits including Allied Arts member agencies **Lyric Theatre** and **Arts Council Oklahoma City** as well as with **YWCA**, **Leadership Oklahoma City** and **Junior League of Oklahoma City**.



Phil and Cathy Busey

Executive Vice-President of **Clements Foods**, Robert is the current board president of Allied Arts member agency **Oklahoma Contemporary** and has served on the board of other member agencies **Oklahoma City Philharmonic** and **Science Museum Oklahoma**. He is also a volunteer leader with **Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma** and **United Way of Central Oklahoma** as well as a trustee of the **Kirkpatrick Foundation**.

Phil Busey is founder, chairman and CEO of **Delaware Resource Group**, and Cathy Busey serves as executive vice president of the company. Together, they founded **El Sistema Oklahoma** – a free, after-school program that transforms children's lives through music instruction.



## Allied Arts Awards More than \$147,000 in Grants

As part of the more than \$2.5 million to be distributed this fiscal year, Allied Arts recently approved 35 educational outreach and capacity-building grants totaling \$147,682. Open to qualified central Oklahoma cultural nonprofits, the educational outreach program focuses on increasing access to arts experiences for underserved K-12 Oklahoma students while also broadening outreach to veterans, hospitalized adults, developmentally disabled adults and the elderly. The capacity-building program assists nonprofit arts and cultural organizations in building organizational capability to better serve their constituencies and fulfill their missions.

Educational outreach projects supported in this cycle include in-school visual art classes, financial assistance for low-income students to participate in extracurricular music programs, theatre camps and instrument lessons, and concerts for entire classes of schoolchildren. Capacity-building funding supports technology upgrades to enhance the delivery of remote/virtual programming as well as professional development for art administrators.

Chaired by **Mims Talton**, grant review committee members are: **Matthew Denman, Dana Harper, Janet Hudson, Amanda Kirkpatrick-Lawler, Debbie Nauser, Usha Turner and Marcus Whitworth.**

For the comprehensive list of grant awards and to see past recipients, visit [alliedartsokc.com/grants](http://alliedartsokc.com/grants). The deadline for the next round of educational outreach and capacity-building applications is **January 21**. For questions regarding eligibility, please contact [jennifer.bryan@alliedartsokc.com](mailto:jennifer.bryan@alliedartsokc.com).



Allied Arts grantee **Aspiring Attitudes** ensures youth of all abilities experience the joy of dance.

## Leave a Legacy for the Arts

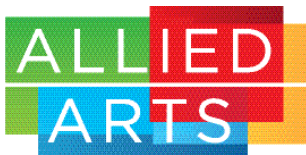
One of the long-range goals of Allied Arts is to build its endowment to a higher level, ensuring a sustainable future of programming and outreach for K-12 schoolchildren, adults, seniors, veterans, and Oklahomans hospitalized and living with disabilities. As such, the **Kirkpatrick Family Fund** has issued Allied Arts an endowment match challenge – for every \$3 Allied Arts raises, the Kirkpatrick Family Fund will contribute another \$1 when Allied Arts raises at least \$24,000.

The first donation for this year's endowment match challenge was made by Allied Arts board chair **Steve Mason**. Mason contributed through his newly-created donor-advised fund at the **Oklahoma City Community Foundation**. The Mason Family Fund provides the opportunity to fulfill his long-standing commitment to improve and support our community, and to continue that commitment in the future. Additionally, the fund enables Mason to partner with his

children during his lifetime to financially support the arts and other important causes. Through the donor-advised fund and by giving to the Allied Arts endowment, Mason provides vital, consistent support that is critical for arts nonprofits that have been hit hard over the last 18 months due to the COVID crisis.

Steve Mason invites you to join him in making a lasting impact for the arts - make a gift to the Allied Arts endowment by **November 15!** You can donate by returning the envelope enclosed in this newsletter, or make a secure donation online at [alliedartsokc.com/endowment](http://alliedartsokc.com/endowment).





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### Fall into savings with the OKCityCard!

It's officially fall, which means sweater weather (fingers crossed) and spending more time outdoors enjoying all that the metro has to offer! With your OKCityCard, you are able to support local businesses that support the arts.

There's no better way to savor OKC's food scene than dining al fresco. Present your OKCityCard at **Barrios** where you can enjoy fresh Mexican fare on a great patio and get **10% off your meal** (limited to two guests per card). Or catch all of the action along Western Avenue at **Flip's Wine Bar & Trattoria** and use your OKCityCard to receive a **free order of Italian Nachos** with the purchase of two lunch or dinner entrees.

With the autumnal season comes the need to rearrange your closet and dust off those cardigans. Be sure to bring

your OKCityCard to **Legacy Cleaners & Laundry** for **15% off** dry cleaning, laundry, household items, leather cleaning and alterations, or **Scott's Cleaners** to receive **15% off** dry cleaning and laundry services.

No matter the season, it's always an ideal time to experience the arts. With your OKCityCard, you can take a class at **ARTSPACE at Untitled** and receive **20% off** any class or workshop with a fee of \$75 or more. Or visit the new **First Americans Museum** and receive **2-for-1 admission**.

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