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## 2022 Campaign for the Arts

With the new year quickly approaching, Allied Arts is gearing up for the 2022 campaign for the arts.

The campaign receives support from thousands of corporate partners, foundation supporters and individual donors. Campaign funds are directed to more than 40 leading cultural nonprofits to support their efforts in making arts programming accessible to more people. The 2022 campaign is chaired by **Sody and Robert Clements** with **Cathy and Phil Busey** as Honorary Chairs.

A campaign donation at any giving level ensures that art can help meet the diverse needs in our community. For example, a gift of \$25 provides art supplies for one Creative Aging class, connecting professional teaching artists with senior living facility residents suffering from dementia, Alzheimer's, and other physical and cognitive challenges; a contribution of \$100 purchases four pairs of ballet slippers for low-income students participating in afterschool dance lessons where they can be active and receive mentorship; and a \$250 donation enables one student from a financially disadvantaged family to enroll in a summer musical theatre camp on scholarship because every child deserves the opportunity to shine on stage.

Local businesses can partner with Allied Arts by hosting employee giving campaigns in 2022, enabling their employees to collectively make a difference in the community through their support of the arts. Employee giving donors who contribute \$150 or more receive the OKCityCard, the Allied Arts entertainment discount card, and can choose from one of two 11"x15" framed prints, signed and hand-embellished with acrylic ink by Allied Arts artist of the year, Denise Duong. You can read more about Duong on page 2 of this newsletter.

Companies that commit to hosting an employee giving campaign before January 15 will receive special recognition as Headliners. To join them and the more than 100 companies that annually engage their employees in the arts, email [shannon.lockwood@alliedartsokc.com](mailto:shannon.lockwood@alliedartsokc.com).



(Top to bottom) Robert & Sody Clements, 2022 campaign chairs, and Cathy & Phil Busey, 2022 honorary chairs



Your support makes programs like deadCenter University a reality for Oklahoma high school students.

If you would like to make a personal or corporate donation before the end of the year, you can donate securely online at [AlliedArtsOKC.com](https://AlliedArtsOKC.com), or call the Allied Arts office at (405) 278-8944. Thank you for your support!

## 2022 Step-Up Artist | Meet Denise Duong

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### INSIDE OUT BRIGHT EYES

We have a bright-eyed future. This piece is a look into ourselves from all directions that inspires us to live life with inspiration and excitement.



### TO SEE THE TERN

When sailors see a tern (bird) at sea, it is a good indicator that there is land ahead. We all metaphorically sail on this vast ocean and seeing a tern sparks anticipation and hopes for land.

Born and raised in Oklahoma City, local artist **Denise Duong**'s first memories are of her creating art and always wanting to be an artist. She became interested in painting in high school and studied fine arts at the University of Central Oklahoma. But it was during her time at the School of the Arts Institute of Chicago studying printmaking and sculpture when she really found her artistic self.

Duong would draw and sketch as she waited for public transport in Chicago, taking in the urban sights and sounds. When she returned to Oklahoma City from Chicago and her extensive travels abroad and across the country, Duong refocused on her painting, fell in love with mixed media and began creating murals. Her art in all media is influenced by her deep love for nature, adventure, exploration and working with her hands.

Allied Arts is thrilled to announce that Duong will serve as the Allied Arts featured artist for 2022. Donors who contribute \$150 or more through their company's employee giving campaign can opt to receive one of two 11"x15" framed prints, signed and hand-embellished with acrylic ink by Duong.

Her murals can be found throughout Oklahoma City - you've likely seen her whimsical work in the Plaza District - and in the West Village, North Carolina, Colombia and India. Her paintings can be found at JRB Art at the Elms and Little D Gallery or on her website: [www.deniseduongart.com](http://www.deniseduongart.com).

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## Leave a Legacy for the Arts

With your support, Allied Arts raised \$132,310 in support of our endowment and to further our ability to support central Oklahoma's cultural community at sustained levels. As part of a matching challenge program, the **Kirkpatrick Family Fund** will contribute \$8,000 toward our affiliated fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped Allied Arts surpass our goal!

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Special thanks to the Kirkpatrick Family Fund for providing the opportunity for matching funds to continue growing the Allied Arts endowment.





# GOLDtini Shines

The 19th annual ARTini, held on October 22 at Myriad Gardens, was one for the record books. Chaired by **Steven Sylke** and **Cooper Tate**, GOLDtini raised more than \$195,000 and had more than 700 people in attendance. Thanks to a record amount of sponsorships led by Presenting Sponsor **Tito's Handmade Vodka**, Allied Arts was in a position to offer 100% commission to artists whose artwork received an auction bid at the event. Other major sponsors of GOLDtini include the **Inasmuch Foundation**, **Paycom**, **Coop Ale Works**, **W&W AFco Steel**, **Devon Energy**, **Freestyle Creative**, **OG&E**, **The Oklahoman**, **Bank 7**, **Heartland** and **Linda Slawson**.

Throughout the night, guests sampled hand-crafted martinis and light bites from 10 local restaurants, viewed 165 pieces of artwork on exhibit, bid on exciting auction packages, and danced to the sounds of **Drive Band**. Special thanks to GOLDtini sponsors, participating restaurants, artists who submitted their work, and the hard-working volunteer planning committee for making the evening possible. Each year, ARTini helps Allied Arts fund programs that touch the lives of more than one million people, including dynamic community performances and events, and valuable arts experiences for children, veterans and the elderly, many in underserved areas.

## Participating Restaurants

**Basin Bar at the OMNI**  
Best ARTini

**Burger Punk**  
Best Theme & People's Choice

**Guyutes**

**The Jones Assembly**  
**Ned's Starlite Lounge**

**Park Avenue Grill**  
Best Food

**Rococo on Western**

**Savor**

**Scratch**

**Whiskey Cake**

**GOLDtini  
Shout Out  
to the  
Presenting  
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**GOLDtini  
co-chairs  
Cooper Tate  
and Steven  
Sylke with  
Best Theme  
& People's  
Choice winner  
Burger Punk.**



**Guests enjoy  
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artists at  
GOLDtini.**



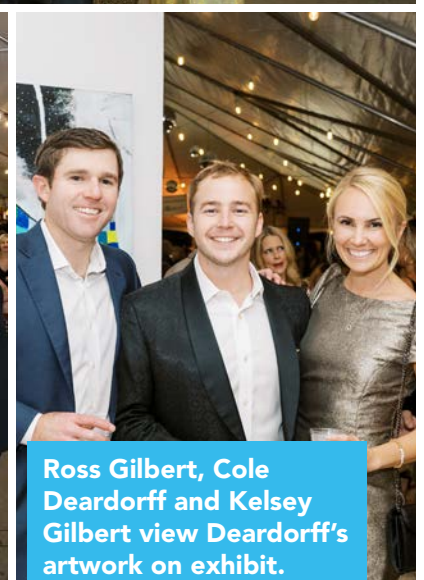
**Friends gather for a group photo at GOLDtini.**



**Kevin Davis, Kelvin Reyes  
and friends stop for a  
photo during GOLDtini.**



**Celina Harrison,  
Aimee Harlow  
and Cindi Shelby  
enjoy GOLDtini.**



**Ross Gilbert, Cole  
Deardorff and Kelsey  
Gilbert view Deardorff's  
artwork on exhibit.**

## Member Agency Holiday Art Programming

Thrilling audiences with its spirited musical offerings since 1979, **Ambassadors' Concert Choir** presents its annual Christmas Eve concert at St. John Missionary Baptist Church at 7 pm. The concert is offered at no charge; however, donations are accepted.



Ring in the New Year at OKC's largest family-friendly New Year's Eve celebration, **Arts Council Oklahoma City's** Opening Night 2022. Wristbands cost \$8 and grant access to live entertainment throughout the evening including music, a mural competition and a children's area with themed hands-on art projects. Kick-start the evening by running the Finale 5K which begins at 3 pm outside Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark.

A musical rite of the holiday season, **Canterbury Voices** presents Handel's Baroque-period oratorio Messiah. On December 5 at 7 pm at the Civic Center Music Hall, Canterbury Voices joins with the OKC Philharmonic, bringing to life this beloved masterpiece. Tickets are on sale now.



Find the perfect gift for those on your shopping list at **Norman Firehouse Art Center's** holiday art gallery. Open until December 23, you can shop from Wednesdays to Saturdays. Over 90% of the featured artists are from Oklahoma!

Oklahoma's favorite holiday tradition, **Lyric's A Christmas Carol**, returns for its 11th year - running until December 23. In Charles Dickens' timeless tale, three magical ghosts whisk the miserly Ebenezer Scrooge away on an unforgettable adventure of transformation and redemption. You'll go from humbug to happy in one magical night under the stars. As featured in The New York Times and BBC News, the immersive production returns for its second year at the historic Harn Homestead. Tickets are on sale now.



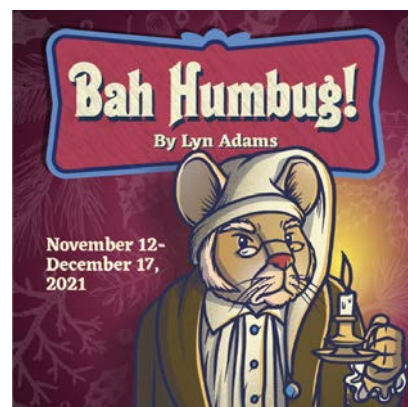


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On December 4, celebrate the season with Santa in Prosperity Junction, the **National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum's** turn-of-the-century frontier town. In addition to taking photos with Santa and dropping off your wish list, you can craft Western-inspired ornaments, pinecone birdfeeders, Christmas tree decorations and more. Free for members or with Museum admission. Available while supplies last.

Recommended for children ages five+, **Oklahoma Children's Theatre** puts a fun take on the holiday classic A Christmas Carol with Bah, Humbug! As Ebenezer Scrooge leaves his office on the eve of Christmas, the creatures that inhabit it scurry out and work together to teach him the true meaning of friendship and family. The show runs on December 5, 18 and 19 at 2 pm at OCU's Children's Center for the Arts. Tickets are now available.



In its 50th year, the **Oklahoma City Ballet** presents Oklahoma City's favorite holiday production, The Nutcracker, at the Civic Center from December 11-19. Featuring the Oklahoma City Philharmonic and Canterbury Voices, Tchaikovsky's familiar score and Artistic Director Robert Mills' delightful staging come together as Clara and the Nutcracker Prince journey to adventurous places beyond anyone's wildest dreams. Tickets are now available.

In between performances of The Nutcracker on December 18, join the Oklahoma City Ballet for Nutcracker Tea in the Kingdom of Sweets presented by Britta Thrift, Engel & Völkers. Guests will enjoy cocoa, treats and tea while also meeting characters of The Nutcracker and Santa himself. Tickets are now available.

On December 3 and 4, the **Oklahoma City Philharmonic's** The Christmas Show returns after a one-year pause. The Broadway-style production features singers, dancers, beautiful costumes and lighting plus a special visit from Santa. In addition, the Christmas Show is headlined by Rachel York, a dynamic and versatile actress most recently seen on Broadway in the musical Head Over Heels. You can catch the Christmas Show on December 3 at 8 pm and December 4 at 2 pm and 8 pm at the Civic Center Music Hall. Tickets are now available.

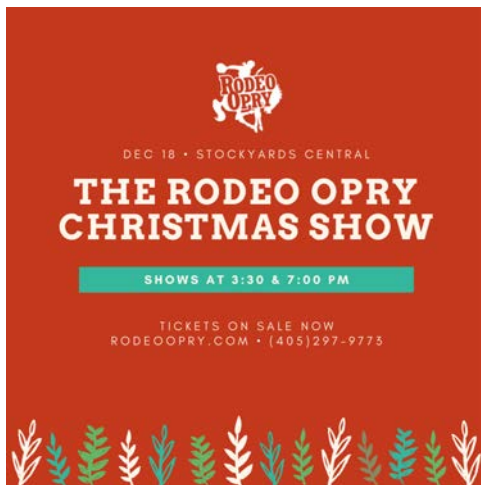
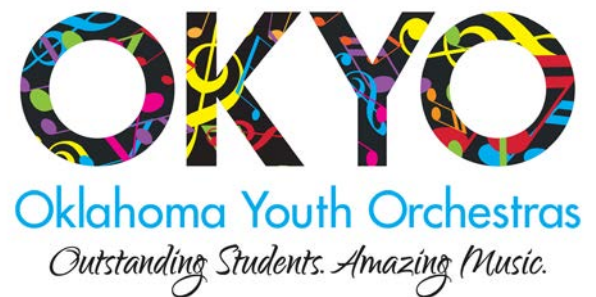


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Brighten up your holiday season with art experiences at **Oklahoma Contemporary**! Visit their main building on N Broadway on December 11 from noon to 4 pm for Second Saturday: Season of Light. You can create your own colorful lantern to light up your home; explore light projections and color mixing in the Light Studio; and learn about the current exhibition, Open World: Video Games & Contemporary Art. Second Saturdays are free and open to the public; tickets are not required.

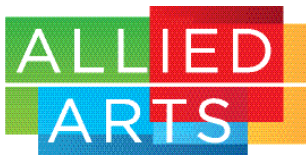
Grab a mug of hot cocoa at Higher Grounds Coffee Shoppe on December 16 as **Oklahoma Youth Orchestras'** Studio Rockestra performs favorite Christmas Carols. The informal concert starts at 7 pm and is free and open to the public.



Featuring performances by Owen & Kelcie Pickard, Cindy Scarberry, Darlin' Darla Morgan, The McCumbers, Maddox Ross, Ashley Osborn, Dustin Jones, Tara Scarberry, & the Rodeo Opry Band, the **Rodeo Opry** Christmas show is the perfect way to get in the holiday spirit with the whole family. Tickets are on sale now for the matinee and evening shows on December 18 at Stockyards Central.

**Sooner Theatre** brings the beloved holiday film White Christmas to Norman from December 10-19. The stage production's score includes the well-known standards "Blue Skies," "I Love A Piano," "How Deep Is the Ocean" and the perennial title song, "White Christmas." Tickets are on sale now.





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The holiday season can be hectic. Use the OKCityCard to treat yourself while you endlessly search for the perfect gift for others! While shopping in Midtown OKC, stop by **Coffee Slingers Roasters** and get **10% off** a handcrafted beverage. If you're along Western Avenue, have a leisurely lunch at **Rococo** and **receive free cookies with the purchase of two entrees**. Looking for a sugar rush in the Plaza District? Get **10% off** slices of pie at **Pie Junkie**.

You can also use the OKCityCard to find thoughtful gifts for friends, family, teachers and other special people on your shopping list. Get **20% off** the purchase of one in-store item at **chirps & cheers**. Receive **10% off** the purchase of handcrafted Fruit Creations and Chocolate Dipped Fruits at **Edible Arrangements**. Shop at **Learning Tree Toys, Books & Games** for 15% off specialty toys for kids of all ages.

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