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2023 Campaign for the Arts

Allied Arts is thrilled to announce that **Hillary and Peter Farrell** will serve as co-chairs for the 2023 fundraising campaign. The husband-wife team will spearhead Allied Arts campaign efforts, including serving as the faces of the campaign, leading a team of volunteers and generating new support to meet the \$3.6 million budgeted goal.

The Farrells are long-time Allied Arts donors and local art enthusiasts, with Hillary currently serving on the Allied Arts executive committee of the board of directors and chairing the marketing committee. Principal of strategic marketing firm **Farrell Consulting**, Hillary is a board and executive committee member of **United Way of Central Oklahoma** and **Arts Council Oklahoma City**. She also previously served on the board and executive committee of **Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition**. An alumni of the **Art**

Institute of Boston (now The College of Art & Design at Lesley University), Peter is an executive with a career built on developing integrated strategic plans and creative solutions for brands such as **Chesapeake Energy, The Chickasaw Nation, Delta Faucets, Gillette, HP, Hunter Douglas, INTEGRIS Health, Keurig, Monster.com, NEC, OG&E, Reebok** and **WPX Energy**. Together, Hillary and Peter have held volunteer roles with several Allied Arts member agencies and non-arts nonprofits. Their daughter **Rowan** is a second grader who enjoys spending her summers at Camp Contemporary.

Joining the Farrells on the campaign are **Sherri and Bill Lance**, who will serve as honorary chairs. The Lances are also steadfast Allied Arts supporters, having co-chaired the 2018 OPUS fundraising gala which raised a record \$550,000. Sherri is president and managing partner of **Gaming Capital Group**, and Bill is Secretary of State for the **Chickasaw Nation**. Together, they chaired the 2019 United Way of Central Oklahoma campaign, raising \$17.5 million for critical social service agencies – many partnering with Allied Arts member agencies to transform lives through the arts.

An Allied Arts 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 supplies

for a student receiving financial assistance to participate in visual art afterschool programming; a contribution of \$50 offsets the cost of offering a dance and movement class for people suffering with Parkinson's disease; and a \$250 donation purchases a guitar for a veteran learning to use music as a tool for healing and finding purpose again.

The arts inspire, educate and bring our community together, and your donation makes it happen. Thank you!



(above) 2023 Campaign Chairs
Hillary & Peter Farrell with
daughter Rowan (right) 2023
Honorary Chairs Sherri & Bill Lance



2023 Step-Up Artist - Meet Lauren Florence

As part of our annual initiative to feature local artists, **Lauren Florence** will serve as the Allied Arts 2023 Step-Up Artist. Donors who contribute \$150 or more through their company's employee giving campaign in support of Allied Arts can opt to receive one of two 12"x12" framed and signed prints, hand embellished by the artist.

A figurative painter, Florence explores the intricate relationships between people and animals in her pieces. Often working from vintage photographs, she combines elements, layers and vibrant color to create a narrative in each piece, working toward moments of awe or wonder.

"I want to create work that is immediately joyful, with narratives that give the viewer pause, pique their interest, and transport them in a positive way," said Florence.

Florence grew up in Bartlesville and was influenced at an early age by the wonderful art collection, both Native and non-Native, at **Woolaroc Museum and Wildlife Refuge** just a few miles away. The wildlife and people of that area still play a substantial role in her work today.

We invite your place of business to join last year's roster of 146 employee giving partners. Allied Arts will tailor a campaign to fit your company's schedule and culture with interactive arts experiences that build employee engagement and inspire support for the arts. To engage your employees with Allied Arts and empower them to build their own art collection, please email Shannon.Lockwood@AlliedArtsOKC.com.

Monarch II

"This piece pairs two iconic Oklahoma creatures: the bison who is considered the king of the prairie, and the Monarch butterfly who is considered the king of the butterflies. I love the juxtaposition of the strength and bulk of the bison and the delicacy of the butterflies. Plus, the detail included in the bison implies a solid stillness, while the lack of detail in the butterflies implies movement and energy."



Flight Patterns V



"The scissortails are another iconic Oklahoma creature. Beautiful from all angles, they are captivating in a group. In this piece, I have used color to create a peaceful yet energetic mood for these lively birds."

– 2023 Step-Up Artist
Lauren Florence

Leaving a Legacy for the Arts



KIRKPATRICK FAMILY FUND

With your support, Allied Arts raised \$45,843 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 \$10,000 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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Fall Circle Club Event

More than 200 Circle Club members celebrated fall with Allied Arts at the **Myriad Gardens** on October 18. Guests enjoyed an afterhours viewing of Pumpkinville – voted number one pumpkin patch by readers of *USA Today*, strolling troubadours from **Oklahoma Shakespeare** and music from cellist **Sam Kahre**, who represented **Arts Council Oklahoma City's** Art Moves program. Circle Club members also had an exclusive viewing of the newly renovated Crystal Bridge prior to the public grand opening.

Special thank you to the staff of Myriad Gardens for hosting Allied Arts as well as merchants representing **Nichols Hills Plaza** for their in-kind donations for a door prize, **WanderFolk Spirits** and **REHCO Downtown Development**.



(from left) Allied Arts events chair Valerie Naifeh, George Catechis and Rachel Peck; Troubadours representing Oklahoma Shakespeare serenade guests as they stroll through Pumpkinville; Erik Salazar and Seth Lewis welcome Sunny Cearley to her first Circle Club party as Allied Arts president and CEO.

National Arts & Humanities Month

On October 10, Oklahoma City **Mayor David Holt**, Council members and local arts administrators celebrated National Arts & Humanities Month at City Hall.



Arts leaders gather on the steps of City Hall to celebrate National Arts & Humanities Month.

Welcome New Staff

Nicole Wayne

joins the team as executive assistant and board liaison. After starting her career at Chesapeake Energy, Wayne soon realized that her heart belonged in the nonprofit sector and has since worked with many nonprofits, most recently with Oklahoma Center for Nonprofits. She graduated in 2011 as a first-generation college graduate with her bachelor's in public relations from the University of Central Oklahoma.



Wayne enjoys spending her free time either climbing aimlessly on the stair stepper or with her husband, Kenneth, and their fur-baby Gracie Mae. Together, they love spending time on their patio, binge-watching shows or movies, and are always planning their next trip.



AMBASSADORS' CONCERT CHOIR

Thrilling audiences with its spirited musical offerings since 1979, Ambassadors' Concert Choir presents its annual Christmas Eve concert on December 24 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church at 7 pm. The concert is offered at no charge; however, donations are accepted.



ARTS COUNCIL OKLAHOMA CITY

Ring in the New Year at OKC's largest family-friendly New Year's Eve celebration, Arts Council Oklahoma City's Opening Night. The fun starts on December 31 at 7 pm at Bicentennial Park. Available at all OKC OnCue Convenience Stores, OKC metro Dunkin' Donuts and the Arts Council website, wristbands cost \$8 in advance (\$10 the night of the event) 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.



CANTERBURY VOICES

An Oklahoma City holiday tradition, Canterbury Voices will deck the halls and fill the Civic Center with joyful, holiday standards on December 4 at 7 pm. Showcasing the talents of Canterbury Youth Voices Cantabile, members of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic and Canterbury Chamber Voices, the event will also feature a visit from Santa and carols in the lobby! Tickets can be purchased at CanterburyOKC.com.



FIREHOUSE ART CENTER

Find the perfect holiday present for those on your shopping list at Firehouse Art Center's gift shop and gallery in Norman. Open until December 23, you can shop from 10 am-5 pm Monday through Friday. Over 90% of the featured artists are from Oklahoma!



LYRIC THEATRE

One of Oklahoma's favorite holiday traditions, Lyric Theatre's A Christmas Carol returns for its 12th year - running until December 23. As featured in The New York Times and BBC News, the immersive production returns for its third year at the Historic Harn Homestead. Limited to 200 patrons per outdoor performance, tickets are on sale at LyricTheatreOKC.com.



MABEE-GERRER MUSEUM OF ART

Running from December 17 to January 22, the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art in Shawnee presents "Messiah: Christ in Art," an exhibit from its permanent collection exploring the different ways Christ is depicted in art through the ages. The exhibit can be viewed with regular museum admission.



NATIONAL COWBOY & WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM

On December 3 from 10 am-2 pm, celebrate the season 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 and interact with a cast of Western characters including Teddy Roosevelt, Abraham Lincoln and Annie Oakley. Free for members or with Museum admission.



OKLAHOMA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Recommended for children ages five+, Oklahoma Children's Theatre presents *The Sugar Plum Fairy* by Lyn Adams. This magical holiday show will delight audiences of all ages as it shares the message that everyone deserves the chance to shine. The show runs from December 3 until December 18 at 10:30 am and 2 pm at OCT's Children's Center for the Arts on the OCU campus. Tickets are available at OklahomaChildrensTheatre.org.



OKLAHOMA CITY BALLET

Oklahoma City Ballet's traditional version of *The Nutcracker* has been enchanting audiences for decades, and this year will feature all new choreography. Running from December 10-18 at the Civic Center, the production will include students from the OKC Ballet Yvonne Chouteau School, plus live music from Canterbury Voices and the Oklahoma City Philharmonic. For tickets or information on the special sensory-friendly performance, visit OKCBallet.org.

OKCMOA

Oklahoma City Museum of Art

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During the month of December, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art invites you to the Noble Theater for a weekly series of timeless classics from the golden age of the Hollywood Christmas film. Museum Films' curated holiday film series, Merry Little Christmas: Classic Holiday Films from the 1940s, screens each Saturday afternoon in December. Tickets can be purchased over the phone, one hour before film start at the box office and online at OKCMOA.com.



OKLAHOMA CITY PHILHARMONIC

On December 2 and 3 at the Civic Center, the Oklahoma City Philharmonic presents "Coming Home for Christmas," a spectacular program of holiday favorites with guest artists, Grammy & Emmy nominee Michael Feinstein and Oklahoma's own Susan Powell along with Maestro Alexander Mickelthwate. Tickets are available at OKCPhil.org for the matinee and evening performances.



OK CITY CHORUS

Join OK City Chorus on December 5 and 6 at 7 pm for its annual Christmas show, "Notes to Santa." Performing at First Methodist Church, chorus members will treat the audience to favorite holiday classics which appeal to all ages. Visit OKCity.org for tickets.

OKLAHOMA CITY
CONTEMPORARY

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Brighten up your holiday season with art experiences at Oklahoma Contemporary! On December 10 from 1-4 pm, the entire family can enjoy Second Saturday – a free afternoon of seasonal art-making, tasty snow cones, face painting and indoor snowball fighting. Stick around to tour the exhibitions on view, including *La casa que nos inventamos: Contemporary Art From Guadalajara*.



OKLAHOMA SHAKESPEARE

Join Oklahoma Shakespeare for Jane Austen's Christmas Cracker, adapted from the works of Jane Austen by Erin Woods. Dance, sing and eat sweet treats amongst wonderful company decked out in their finery for the Christmas holidays. The show runs from December 9-23 at Shakespeare's Paseo theatre. Tickets and more information can be found at OKShakes.org.



OKLAHOMA YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

Stop by Provision Coffee & Bakery in Warr Acres to warm up with holiday tunes by Oklahoma Youth Orchestras' Studio Rockestra ensemble. Free and open to the public, the informal concert starts at 7 p m on December 5.



OKLAHOMA OPRY

Held on December 17 at Stockyards Central, the Oklahoma Opry Christmas Show is the perfect way to get in the holiday spirit with the whole family. Continue the celebration by joining Oklahoma Opry for its New Year's Eve event on December 30 at 5 pm at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. The fundraiser will feature local America's Got Talent winner Darci Lynne, Kyle Dillingham and a special award presentation to the Queen of Rockabilly Wanda Jackson. Tickets are on sale for both events at OHFO.org.



RED EARTH

Red Earth's Treefest features fully decorated trees representing Tribal Nations from across Oklahoma. Ornaments on each tree showcase the distinctive and diverse cultures of the Native nations and tribes that call Oklahoma home. Running until December 30 at the Red Earth Art Center in the lobby of the BancFirst Tower, the exhibition is free and open to the public from 9 am-5 pm weekdays.



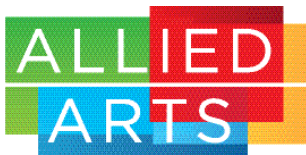
SCIENCE MUSEUM OKLAHOMA

School might be out, but the learning doesn't have to stop! Science Museum Oklahoma offers winter break camps from December 26-30. Pre-kindergarteners to sixth graders will have fun with hands-on activities, live science demonstrations and exploring the awesome power of science! Registration is open at ScienceMuseumOK.org.



SOONER THEATRE

Next month, the Sooner Theatre in Norman presents Disney's Frozen KIDS!, a 40-minute mini musical adapted for young performers and featuring first to third grade students from the Studio of the Sooner Theatre. Join Anna, Elsa, Olaf, Sven and your favorite Frozen characters as they embark on an epic, ice-filled journey of self-discovery, camaraderie and the real meaning of true love. Tickets go on sale on January 6 at SoonerTheatre.org.



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It's the season of giving! The OKCityCard makes the perfect stocking stuffer – simply donate \$50 to Allied Arts on behalf of a co-worker, friend, teacher and family member and they'll receive a passport featuring discounts to the metro's top restaurants, boutiques, service providers and art venues. You and your recipient will support local businesses and the local cultural community, while also saving money as you shop, dine and enjoy the arts! Below is a sampling of ways to use the OKCityCard this holiday season.

As the temperatures drop, warm up while you're out and about with a specialty hot drink at one of many local coffee and tea shops. Use your OKCityCard to receive: **10% off a handcrafted beverage** at **Coffee Slingers Roasters**; **buy one drink, get one ½ off** at **Junction Coffee**; **5% off ready-to-drink tea and bulk tea** by the ounce at **Urban Teahouse**; and **free medium hot coffee** with the purchase of one dozen donuts at **Dunkin' Donuts**.

Looking for the perfect hostess gift as your calendar fills up with holiday parties? Nothing says "thank you" better than gourmet chocolate delicacies! Visit **Bedré Fine Chocolate** with your OKCityCard to receive **15% off your purchase**.

It wouldn't be the Allied Arts OKCityCard without local arts and cultural activities. Many of the holiday programs highlighted in this edition of the newsletter offer discounts with the OKCityCard!

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