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OPUS
is back!
10.14.23

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New Board Members

At the start of the new fiscal year, Allied Arts welcomed eight new members to the Allied Arts board of directors. With a diverse set of professional skills and volunteer experience, they bring invaluable perspectives and expertise to Allied Arts operations, grantmaking and long-range planning.

2023 New Board Members:



Dan Boren
The Chickasaw Nation



Tracy Enloe
Oklahoma Heart Hospital



Peter Farrell
Farrell Consultants



Christy Gillenwater
Greater OKC Chamber



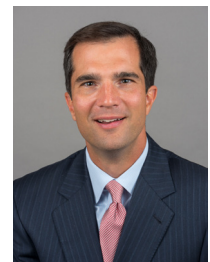
Brooke Haneborg
Manhattan Construction



Curtis Hayes
Bob Moore Auto Group



Leah Roper
Center for Employment Law



Jeff Starling
Lagoon Water

New to Executive Committee

In addition, Allied Arts welcomes **Dana Harper**, Retired, FBI, and **Usha Turner**, Vice President, Chief Sustainability Officer with Chesapeake Energy, to the Executive Committee. For the fiscal year 2024, Harper will chair the OKCityCard committee working to strengthen the donor benefit program, while Turner will oversee the Allied Arts Educational Outreach and Capacity-Building Grants task force as part of the Agency Relations committee.



Dana Harper
Retired, FBI



Usha Turner
Chesapeake

2024 Step-Up Artist



(Above) The late artist Benjamin Harjo Jr.
(right) The 2024 Step-Up artwork *lightning and thunder*

Allied Arts is incredibly humbled and honored to feature the late **Benjamin Harjo Jr.** as the 2024 Step-Up Artist.

Harjo was one of the nation's preeminent American Indian artists, often referred to as the "Picasso of Native American art." He received dozens of prestigious honors and awards during a career that spanned more than 40 years. Internationally known, his work has been displayed in Oklahoma at Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art, National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma Contemporary and Red Earth – all of which are Allied Arts member agencies. Harjo passed away in May 2023, and his final project was hand-signing 1,100 prints in support of Allied Arts.



Donors who contribute \$200 or more through their workplace's Allied Arts employee giving campaign can receive one of the limited edition, framed and hand-signed prints of Harjo's *lightning and thunder*.

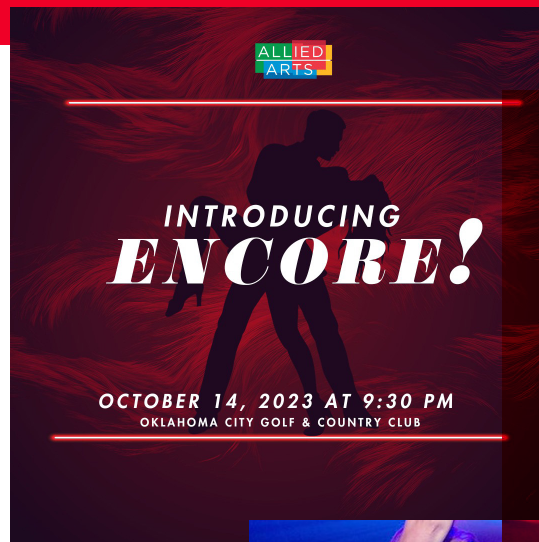
To schedule your company's employee giving campaign to support Allied Arts, contact shannon.lockwood@alliedartsokc.com.

OPUS

Although this year's OPUS is sold out, chairs **Janie & Max Myers** and **Katie & Taylor Shinn** invite you to join Allied Arts for **Encore**, a nightcap to the wildly popular OPUS event on **October 14** at the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club. Starting at 9:30 pm, Encore guests enjoy libations, late night bites and dancing to a 10-piece band playing modern cabaret tunes. Tickets are \$125 per person; for Allied Arts Circle Club and Catalyst members, Encore tickets are \$85 per person.

If you can't make the event, there's still an opportunity to participate in the silent auction and win a weekend escape to Dallas or courtside seats to an Oklahoma City Thunder game. Visit opusokc.com/auction to view the full lineup of both live and silent auction items as well as how to access the silent auction.

For more information, contact courtney.lavender@alliedartsokc.com.



New this year, Encore is the ultimate OPUS nightcap! Space is limited, so don't miss out on your chance to celebrate with us! Tickets are on sale now at [OPUSOKC.com](https://opusokc.com).



SAVE THE DATE: ARTini

Save the Date! The metro's favorite martini tasting and art auction will be back at the Oklahoma City Convention Center on **May 4**. Chaired by **Janelle Archer** and **Rachel Benbrook**, planning is well underway for the highly anticipated event! More information to come.

Allied Arts Grantmaking

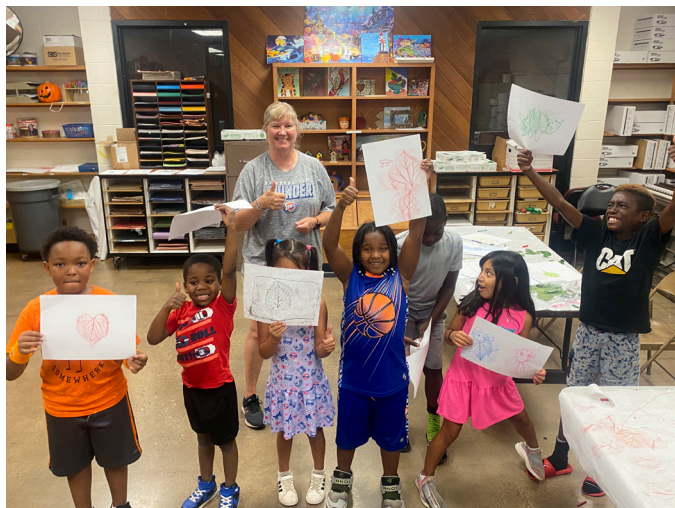
In its first funding cycle of the fiscal year, the Allied Arts board of directors approved \$199,443 in Educational Outreach and Capacity-Building grants. The awards support 45 unique projects expanding arts education opportunities for K-12 schoolchildren statewide, offering healing arts experiences for hospitalized youth and veterans, and capacity-building efforts focused on long-range planning, staff infrastructure, technology and local professional development.

The Allied Arts Educational Outreach and Capacity-Building task force is chaired by **Usha Turner**. Task force members include **Gabrielle Butler, Debra Kos, Debbie Nauser** and **Tori Perry**. For a comprehensive list of recent awards, please visit the Allied Arts website at alliedartsokc.com/grants.

Over the course of the fiscal year, Allied Arts will grant nearly \$2.8 million in awards to nonprofit arts agencies, excluding distribution of Oklahoma County and State of Oklahoma ARPA funding.

Allied Arts member agencies and other qualified cultural nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for Educational Outreach and Capacity-Building grants. The application deadline for the second funding cycle is **January 12**.

Questions about Allied Arts grantmaking can be directed to jennifer.bryan@alliedartsokc.com.



(Clockwise from top)

Arts Council OKC's All Access Arts

Sooner Theatre student performs on stage

Oklahoma Youth Orchestras rehearsal

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/or 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 \$39,000.

Please join the Allied Arts board of directors in making a lasting impact for the arts and contribute 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.



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in exploring all that our local
cultural landscape has to offer!*

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With 154 participating local businesses ranging from restaurants to boutiques and from art venues to service providers in Oklahoma City and neighboring cities, there's something for everyone. Below are some fun ways to use your OKCityCard this fall.

Anchoring the new Horizons District, **First Americans Museum** is the one place where visitors can experience the collective histories of 39 distinctive First American Nations in Oklahoma today. Take advantage of the OKCityCard's **2-for-1 admission** discount to keep your kids engaged and learning during Fall Break or introduce visiting friends and families to the state's rich indigenous history and present.

Explore our community's dynamic performing arts scene with your OKCityCard. The **Oklahoma City Philharmonic's** season includes two nights featuring classic songs from Hollywood films like *Chinatown* and *La La Land* as part of

its Pops Concert Series. **Oklahoma City Ballet's** season includes the reworking of the classic story of *Hamlet* in a contemporary ballet, with costumes inspired by Giorgio Armani. With your OKCityCard, you receive **50% off** up to four OKC Phil and OKC Ballet tickets in select seating areas.

Pumpkin spice is in the air! Restock your pantry with fall-inspired herbs and spice blends at **Savory Spice Shop**, where you receive **10% off** your purchase with the OKCityCard. For more immediate fall foods gratification, stop by **Pie Junkie** for a slice of one of their seasonal pies. You save **10% off** your purchase with your OKCityCard.



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