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## 2024 Campaign for the Arts

Allied Arts is thrilled to announce that Jill and Sean Trauschke will serve as 2024 campaign chairs. The Trauschkes are loyal Allied Arts donors and long-time members of the Allied Arts patron group, Circle Club. In addition to Allied Arts, Jill's leadership volunteerism includes the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma Single Parent Scholarship Program, Girl Scouts of Western Oklahoma and the Arts Council of Oklahoma City's Festival of the Arts. Sean serves as chairman of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber and on the boards of the United Way of Central Oklahoma, Oklahoma State Fair and the Myriad Botanical Gardens.

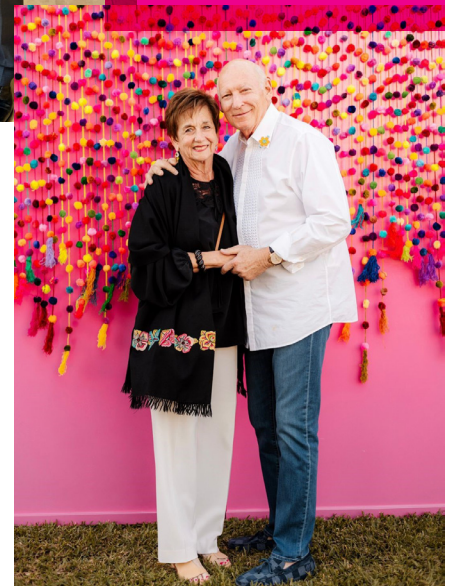
Joining the Trauschkes on the campaign are Glenna and Dick Tanenbaum, who will serve as 2024 honorary chairs. Dick is principal owner and CEO of Gardner Tanenbaum, and Glenna is an interior designer. They have provided volunteer leadership to the Greater OKC Chamber, Oklahoma City Philharmonic, Oklahoma City Jewish Federation, Oklahoma Contemporary and the Foundation for Oklahoma City Public Schools; together, they have been steadfast champions for the arts and education.

The Allied Arts campaign will launch in February 2024 with the annual Campaign Kickoff; however, Allied Arts accepts donations year-round. You can take advantage of year-end giving by donating online at [alliedartsokc.com](http://alliedartsokc.com). Your gift of \$25 provides visual art supplies for one creative aging class at a senior living facility. Your \$100 contribution sponsors a classroom from a rural school district to tour a museum and participate in a critical thinking project. Your donation of \$250 provides financial aid for a low-income child to find her voice through a school break theatre camp. Your gift in any amount helps change lives through the arts.

Thank you for your support.



*(left)* 2024 Campaign Chairs  
Jill & Sean Trauschke



*(below)* 2024 Honorary Chairs  
Glenna & Dick Tanenbaum

## Allied Arts at the Oklahoma Arts Conference

Allied Arts staff joined hundreds of fellow arts leaders from communities across the state in Lawton last month for the Oklahoma Arts Conference. Over three days, staff participated in an array of sessions and events including a summit on arts and the military, artist talks, evening receptions and breakout sessions covering a wide range of professional and organizational development topics. Jennifer Bryan, Allied Arts campaign & grants director, and Jenyann Roig, Allied Arts communications manager, served as panelists on a session covering application logistics regarding the Oklahoma Arts Sector ARPA Grants. Allied Arts president & CEO Sunny Cearley was a keynote speaker during a luncheon on arts advocacy.



Amber Sharples, Oklahoma Arts Council executive director, and Sunny Cearley, Allied Arts president & CEO

# OPUS Club Cabaret XII

On October 14, more than 375 guests joined chairs Janie & Max Myers and Katie & Taylor Shinn at the Oklahoma City Golf & Country Club for OPUS Club Cabaret XII. The record-setting event raised more than \$560,000 for Allied Arts through sponsorships, ticket sales and competitive bidding for auction items.

In an intimate, cabaret style, guests enjoyed live performances from Allied Arts partner groups RACE Dance Collective, Sooner Theatre, Oklahoma City Ballet and Lyric Theatre along with a special appearance by Darci Lynne, America's Got Talent Winner.



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(clockwise from top) Matt & Caroline Lowery and Amanda & Dan Lopata; Friends pose at the OPUS SNL Booth; Darci Lynne steals the show at OPUS Club Cabaret

## Save the Date – ARTini

On May 4, chairs Janelle Archer and Rachel Benbrook invite you to join them for the 21st ARTini at the Oklahoma City Convention Center. The annual event features unique martinis crafted by the metro's most popular restaurants and lounges plus an auction featuring artwork from Oklahoma artists. In 2024, the event theme will be "the world of toys."

Sponsorships – ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000 – are now available. To redeem the full suite of sponsor benefits, commitments must be received by April 5. Tickets can be purchased on the Allied Arts website in 2024. For more information, please contact Courtney Lavender, Allied Arts events manager, at [courtney.lavender@alliedartsokc.com](mailto:courtney.lavender@alliedartsokc.com).



# Agency Bus Tour

Nearly 50 board members, donors and employee giving coordinators participated in the annual Allied Arts bus tour to gain a first-hand view of the impact of our member agencies and grantees. The half-day itinerary included site visits at Lyric Theatre, Oklahoma Contemporary and the Douglass Theatre where participants heard from speakers representing those organizations as well as from Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition (OVAC), Oklahoma City Repertory Theater, Ambassadors' Concert Choir and Metropolitan School of Dance.



*Allied Arts board members, donors, staff and reps from OVAC, OKC Rep Theatre and Oklahoma Contemporary*

## Leaving a Legacy for the Arts

Allied Arts has raised \$34,908 in support of our endowment – just short of our \$39,000 goal for 2023. If you have not contributed yet, it is not too late! The Kirkpatrick Family Fund will match your gift 1:3 and contribute an additional \$13,000 to the Allied Arts affiliated fund at the Oklahoma City Community Foundation when we meet the \$39,000 goal. You can leverage your gift today at [alliedartsokc.com/endowment](http://alliedartsokc.com/endowment).

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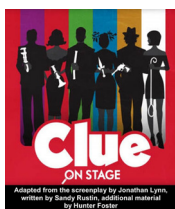
### ARTS COUNCIL OKLAHOMA CITY

As part of the Arts Council OKC Art Moves program, The Mistletones will perform holiday carols at the Midtown Holiday Pop- Up Market on Friday, December 15th from 12-1 pm. Grab a bite to eat, shop local and enjoy some holiday cheer!



### CANTERBURY VOICES

On December 3 at 7pm, Canterbury Voices brings the awe-inspiring majesty of George Frideric Handel's masterpiece *MESSIAH* to the Civic Center stage. Joined by the OKCPHIL, Canterbury Voices presents this timeless masterpiece which intertwines biblical texts with exquisite melodies, stirring the emotions and illuminating the human experience. Tickets available at [canterburyokc.com](http://canterburyokc.com).



### CARPENTER SQUARE THEATRE

Running until December 17, Carpenter Square Theatre presents *Clue On Stage*, based on the iconic 1985 Paramount movie which was inspired by the classic Hasbro board game. *Clue* is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery as you figure out...WHO did it, WHERE, and with WHAT! Tickets are available at [carpentersquare.com](http://carpentersquare.com).



### FIREHOUSE ART CENTER

Featuring local artists and artisans, the Firehouse Art Center's annual Holiday Gift Gallery is open until December 23. For more information, visit [normanfirehouse.com](http://normanfirehouse.com).



### LYRIC THEATRE

Lyric's A CHRISTMAS CAROL will take you on a magical journey with Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Future! Running at the Plaza Theatre until Christmas Eve, the production features stunning sets, sparkling costumes and a cast of beloved characters that will get your entire family in the holiday spirit! Tickets are available at [lyrictheatreokc.com](http://lyrictheatreokc.com).



### NATIONAL COWBOY & WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM

On December 2, celebrate the season with Santa at Prosperity Junction, the Museum's circa-1900 frontier town decorated for the holidays. Take a photo with Santa, drop off your wish lists and craft Western-inspired ornaments, pinecone bird feeders and Christmas tree decorations. Free for members or with museum admission.



### OK CITY CHORUS

Members of the OK City Chorus will perform family favorite holiday classics at its annual Christmas Show. There are two performances at First United Methodist Church (131 NW 4th St. in Oklahoma City) on December 11 and 12 at 7 pm. For more information, visit [okcity.org](http://okcity.org).



### OKLAHOMA CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Join Peter, his family and friends as they celebrate the magic of fresh snowfall, the delight of whistling for the first time, and the awe in finding a special treasure. Based on four of Ezra Jack Keats' books including *The Snowy Day*, Oklahoma Children Theatre's uplifting musical play – running from December 1 to 15 – is all about childhood joys and living each day to the fullest. Tickets are available at [oklahomachildrenstheatre.org](http://oklahomachildrenstheatre.org).



### OKLAHOMA CITY BALLET

Audiences will not want to miss Oklahoma City Ballet's traditional version of *The Nutcracker* with choreography by Artistic Director Ryan Jolicoeur-Nye. The *Nutcracker* will include students from the OKC Ballet Yvonne Chouteau School, plus live music from Canterbury Youth Voices and the OKCPHIL. The *Nutcracker* will run from December 8 to 18, with a sensory-friendly performance on the 18th. Tickets are available at [okcballet.org](http://okcballet.org).



# OKCMOA

Oklahoma City Museum of Art



OKLAHOMA  
CONTEMPORARY



## OKLAHOMA CITY MUSEUM OF ART

During Saturdays in December, Oklahoma City Museum of Art visitors can partake in holiday-themed activities from 10 am-2 pm. These come-and-go activities – including making handmade cards and shrinky dink ornaments – are suitable for all ages and provide a perfect opportunity for visitors to connect with the galleries and tap into their creativity. Drop-In Arts activities are free for museum members or with museum admission.

## OKLAHOMA CITY PHILHARMONIC

On December 1 and 2, kick off the holiday season with the all-new A Very Merry Pops at the Civic Center. Maestro Alexander Mickelthwate conducts the OKCPHIL orchestra, as Grammy winners Take 6 and Oklahoma's own Sandi Patty perform holiday favorites guaranteed to get you decking the halls! Tickets are available at [okcphil.org](http://okcphil.org).

## OKLAHOMA CONTEMPORARY

Celebrate the winter weather at Oklahoma Contemporary with cool activities at Second Saturday XL: Snow Glow on December 9. Bring the family for a free afternoon of artmaking and winter fun, including an indoor snowball fight, glow-in-the-dark artmaking, holiday card crafting and more! The first 75 kids will receive a free ticket to Café Contemporary's hot chocolate bar. Additional information can be found at [oklahomacontemporary.org](http://oklahomacontemporary.org).

## OKLAHOMA SHAKESPEARE

From December 7 to 23, join Oklahoma Shakespeare for Jane Austen's *Christmas Cracker*, a celebration of the life and love of Jane Austen, as seen through the eyes of her most beloved characters during the holiday season. At Oklahoma Shakespeare's Paseo theatre, the play is interactive, scripted, full of dance, song and ice cream! Come dressed as your favorite Jane Austen character, or just come as you are. Tickets are available at [okshakes.org](http://okshakes.org).

## OKLAHOMA OPRY

On December 2 at ACM@UCO, join the Oklahoma Opry for its annual Christmas Show. Local artists share the stage with special guests, local celebrities and the professional Opry house band - featuring a full horn section this year - in a family-friendly, live music holiday show. Tickets are available at [ohfo.org](http://ohfo.org).

## OKLAHOMA YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

Join Oklahoma Youth Orchestras' Festival Strings Edmond & OKC to hear your favorite holiday tunes! The winter performance is on December 4 at 6 pm at Full Circle Bookstore – free and open to the public.

## RED EARTH

Red Earth celebrates the holiday season with a decidedly Native Twist during the 9th Annual Red Earth Treefest. Scheduled through December 29, at the Red Earth Art Center in the lobby of the BancFirst Tower, the exhibition features trees decorated with handmade ornaments and art objects created by Oklahoma Native Tribes. Treefest is open and free to the public during regular hours 10 am to 5 pm on weekdays.

## SCIENCE MUSEUM OKLAHOMA

School might be out, but the learning doesn't have to stop! Science Museum Oklahoma offers winter break camps for Early Explorers (pre-K and kindergarten), Explorers (grades 1-3) and Innovators (grades 4-6). Register your kiddos for the December 21-22 and 28-29 sessions for hands-on activities, live science demonstrations, and exploring the awesome power of science. More information at [sciencemuseumok.org](http://sciencemuseumok.org).

## SOONER THEATRE

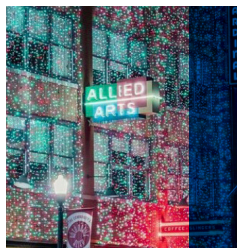
From December 8 to 17, Sooner Theatre presents *Seussical the Musical*, based on the works of Dr. Seuss and *The Cat in the Hat*. Throughout the performance, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged but emerge triumphant. *Seussical* is fun for the whole family! Tickets are available at [soonertheatre.org](http://soonertheatre.org).



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Start a new holiday tradition by experiencing one or many of the arts offerings featured in this newsletter. With the OKCityCard, you'll receive a discount of **50% off VIP price-level tickets** on Wednesday night showings of **Lyric's A CHRISTMAS CAROL** at the Plaza Theatre. That's definitely not a Bah, Humbug deal!

Make sure your vehicle is ready for the approaching winter weather. Use your OKCityCard to get **\$10 off any regular-priced service** at **Pat's Tire & Auto Repair** with locations in downtown Oklahoma City, North OKC and Midwest City.



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