

THE ORAC OUTLOOK

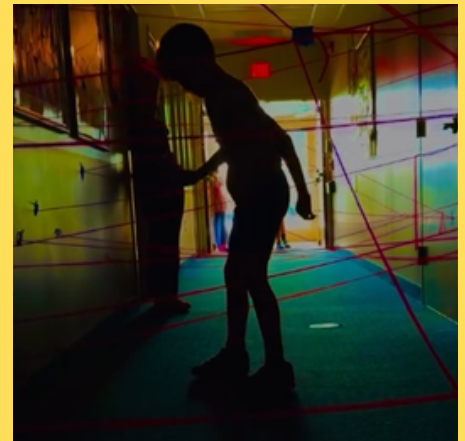
OAK RIDGE ARTS COLLECTIVE'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

A SUMMER TO REMEMBER

It has been a phenomenal summer at ORAC! As the season winds down, let's reflect on the amazing summer programs ORAC brought to life in 2026.

- In **Spy Camp**, students sharpened their problem-solving detective skills, immersed in an environment of intrigue, deception, and mystery.
- In **All-Star Sports**, campers learned the dedication, grit, and sportsmanship it takes to be the best athlete and team player they can be.
- In **Music Discovery**, children experienced the many ways they can express themselves through music, playing their very first notes on a wide assortment of instruments.

A special thank you to all staff and volunteers who made ORAC summer camps a success. We can't wait until Summer 2027!



RIDGEFEST 2026

We are honored to announce that ORAC has been chosen to headline at Ridgefest 2026! Support our students by joining us for a night of music and community on **Friday, September 11th at 5:30 PM @ Oak Ridge Town Park.**



PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: MARK HIBSHMAN

ORAC is very fortunate to have Mark Hibshman as its trumpet instructor. Mark has been a staple in orchestras and brass bands throughout the Piedmont Triad and beyond for 20+ years. The ORAC Outlook caught up with Mark and learn about his journey to becoming a professional musician, his teaching style, and his excitement for ORAC's mission!

Outlook: For starters, what inspired you to become a professional musician?

Mark: I think it was the first time I heard an orchestra live - I saw the Philadelphia Orchestra play Mahler 2 and I was hooked from there.

Outlook: Aside from musical skills, what new abilities have your students gained through taking music lessons?

Mark: I teach my students in ways that will help them in life and other studies. For example, when tackling a problem, cut it into smaller, bite-size pieces. You can't climb a mountain in one step, it's a path of many smaller ones.



Outlook: What are some of your interests and hobbies when you are not busy teaching trumpet lessons?

Mark: Outside of music, I enjoy astronomy, 3D printing, and golf.

Outlook: Lastly, what does ORAC mean to you?

Mark: ORAC is an amazing place to have in our community. You don't have to necessarily go to the "big city" to find quality arts instruction and having that instruction be more accessible and convenient means that more students will hopefully take advantage of and benefit from it. Helping students express themselves through the arts is something we shouldn't take for granted.

ORPC COMMUNITY TABLE

ORAC teamed up with Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church twice this summer to provide programming for the church's intergenerational Community Table events. Click on the music note to see the fun for yourself!



EMPOWER FITNESS & OAK RIDGE ARTS COLLECTIVE

Gentle Yoga & Sound Healing



THURS, SEPTEMBER 3
6:00PM-6:45PM

\$15

Pay at the door-cash or venmo
No need to reserve spot
Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church
2614 Oak Ridge Road

  Come enjoy stretching and a sound bath!

Question or more info
please scan QR Codes 

Upcoming Signups

Music Together Triad (Music Classes for Children Ages 0-5 with Caregiver):

Fridays at 4PM starting 9/4

Yoga Classes (Adults): **Thursdays @6PM** and **Fridays @12PM** starting 9/3

Contact Mary Boudreault at info@oakridgeartscollective.org to sign up!