



It seems hardly possible that Piqua Arts Council (PAC) has been around for over thirty years. And yet, **2024 was the 34th year of our journey to enrich this community with art and culture!**

We have grown from a small committee of the Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce to an active, stand-alone organization offering a variety of programming and an annual budget of \$250,000. One constant through the years has been our mission of making the arts accessible to the community through presentation of a variety of art forms, education in these art forms, and support for other community organizations. We look forward to continuing that mission in 2025 even as we celebrate the successes of 2024!



Members Only!

Kick-Off Celebration



KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

2024 began with a review of the prior year's successes and PAC's goals for the future which was held at the Fort Piqua Plaza in January. More than 50 people enjoyed a catered meal by Mrs. B's and music that was provided by guitarist John Simon. Former director Jordan Knepper shared a short presentation highlighting the accomplishments of the previous year.

Throughout 2023, PAC hosted 6 educational events, 2 fund-raising events, and 10 community events with a total of **over 8,500 patron** interactions. In addition, artists from 40 of Ohio's 88 counties and 19 of the 50 states directly participated. This momentum provided a solid base for beginning 2024's programming.



2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan.
to
Aug.

Sept.
to
Dec.

KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

(Invitation Only)

Thursday, January 30th | 5 - 9pm
Fort Piqua Plaza, Piqua

CHRIS LEEPER WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

PAC MEMBERS - \$375 NON-MEMBERS - \$400
Monday - Thursday, March 24 - 27th | 9am - 4pm
Apple Tree Gallery, Piqua

GROWN-UP PROM: A NIGHT IN THE ARTS

ADMISSION - \$50
Saturday, April 12th | 7 - 10pm
Fort Piqua Plaza, Piqua

8th ANNUAL ROCK N' ROLL CAR SHOW

Saturday, June 28th | Noon - 4pm
Downtown Piqua

GAVIN GLAKAS OIL WORKSHOP

PAC MEMBERS - \$375 NON-MEMBERS - \$400
Monday - Thursday, July 14 - 17th | 9am - 4pm
Apple Tree Gallery, Piqua

ART 4 EVERYONE

Adults - \$25 Kids - \$10 Family (4) - \$55
Thursday, August 14th | 5 - 9pm
The Clubhouse @ The Orrmont Estate, Piqua

33rd ANNUAL FINE ART EXHIBITION - RECEPTION

ADMISSION - \$35
Thursday, September 4th | 6 - 9pm
Apple Tree Gallery, Piqua

33rd ANNUAL FINE ART EXHIBITION - ART SHOW

REGISTRATION - \$40 PAC-MEMBERS - \$35
Friday, Sept. 5th - Friday, Sept. 26th | 10:30 - 4pm
Apple Tree Gallery, Piqua

ROCK PIQUA FOOD TRUCK & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 20th | 4 - 10pm
Lock 9 Park, Piqua

CAROL STROCKWASSON PASTEL WORKSHOP

PAC MEMBERS - \$375 NON-MEMBERS - \$400
Monday - Thursday, October 13 - 16th | 9am - 4pm
Apple Tree Gallery, Piqua

BOURBON AFFAIR

ADMISSION - \$100 VIP EXPERIENCE - \$85
Saturday, November 1st | 5 - 9pm
The Round Barn @ The Orrmont Estate, Piqua

SEASON'S END WORKSHOP

December TBA
Location TBA

DANCING WITH THE PIQUA STARS

Dancing with the Piqua Stars is another long-running event of PAC that is held in the spring. Local residents are invited to strut their stuff to assist PAC in raising funds. This past year's event, sponsored by Hartzell Propeller, was a great success! Five couples delighted audiences with their dancing at both a dessert matinee and a dinner performance. Competitors were performing to raise money, have fun, and win the prized **Mirror Ball Trophy**, and they made sure it was a close competition!

This year's competitors were:

- **Josh and Nicole Landis**
- **Robert and Morgan Crow**
- **Omar Velasquez and Helga Leap**
- **Sabrina Messaro and Ashley Pitcock**
- **Evan Jameson and Meghan Bell**

While the judge's votes were being tallied, Rick & Judy Bowerman entertained the audience with a ballroom routine, and Countess Winfrey performed a solo modern dance. When the evening was over, **more than \$20,000** had been raised for Piqua Arts Council.

The winners were:

- **Most Entertaining:** Joshua and Nicole Landis
- **Technical Merit:** Evan Jameson and Meghan Bell
- **Mirror Ball:** Joshua and Nicole Landis

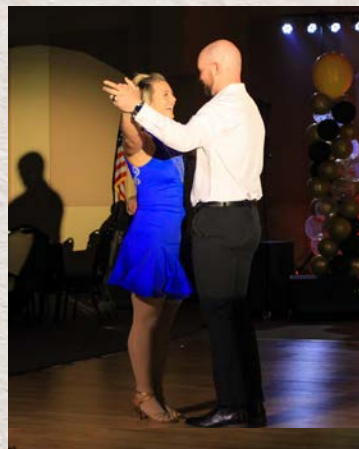
A huge thanks to all who made this such an enjoyable and successful event!



Nicole & Joshua Landis, 2024 Mirror Ball & Most Entertaining Award Winners



Meghan Bell & Evan Jameson,
Technical Merit Award Winners



ARTIST WORKSHOPS

A highlight of PAC's yearly programming is their professional workshop series. Begun in 2014, this was the 11th year of featuring nationally and internationally awarded artists, each of whom taught a four-day workshop in their specialty. These workshops, held in Apple Tree Gallery in Piqua and limited to 16 participants each, are sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. They usually sell out, and this year was no exception.



FRANK EBER WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

The spring workshop, held in March, featured Frank Eber, who specializes in watercolors.

Frank Eber's students worked across various subjects and settings, from Laguna Beach in California to the Grand Canyon! He led those attending towards mastery of watercolors, enabling them to **paint subjects in instinctive clarity** and landscapes with dreamlike appeal.



Frank Eber instructing his students

DAN KNEPPER BASICS WORKSHOP

The summer workshop, planned for July and featuring pastel artist Barbara Jaenicke, had to be rescheduled due to circumstances beyond her control. In her absence, our own Dan Knepper stepped in and offered a workshop of his own, which was very well received.

In the far left picture, he is shown lending an **insightful eye** to a student's work. His experience and great attitude made for a wonderful workshop!



Dan Knepper assisting a pupil in their work



BARBARA JAENICKE PASTEL WORKSHOP

Ms. Jaenicke's workshop, originally scheduled for July, was rescheduled to October. And when the moment came, she did not disappoint!

For several days she tutored her pupils into better artists, using her vast experience with pastels to help her students capture the light and breathtaking **inner beauty** of their subjects. Students even registered all the way from New York for the chance to learn under her.



Barbara Jaenicke shows how to capture value

DAN YOUNG OIL WORKSHOP

This workshop, also held in October, featured Dan Young teaching oil painting techniques.

Dan Young is an oil painter hailing from Colorado, who brought the majesty of mountains to his workshop's students. Pupils learned to turn landscapes and objects into connected planes and forms. They practiced with both the brush and the palette knife, capturing **new vistas and new techniques** for each piece they painted.



Dan Young demonstrates how to capture light on a hillside

ROCK N' ROLL CAR SHOW

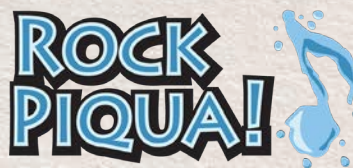
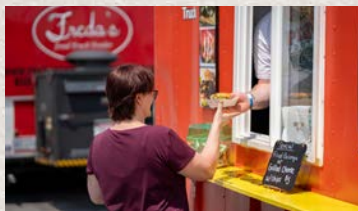
The summer brings visions of fast cars, rock n' roll, and great food – and PAC is on it! In June, PAC and Mainstreet Piqua presented the annual Rock N' Roll Car Show. This year's show featured more than 50 cars, all in beautiful condition!

Winners were:

- **Best in Show:** Scott Bubeck, 1953 Chevrolet 3100
- **Best of 2000-23:** Bill Compton, 2023 Chevrolet Corvette
- **Best of 1980-99:** Robert Gostomsky, 1987 GMC S15
- **Best of 1960-79:** Tom Levering, 1971 Ford Torino
- **Best of 1940-59:** Jon Abbott, 1956 Ford Fairlane
- **Best of 1920-39:** Larry Cromes, 1928 Ford Roadster PU
- **Most Unique:** Eric Bundy, 2009 Ford F250: Harley-Davidson edition
- **Best Paint Job:** Bill Compton, 2023 Chevrolet Corvette
- **Best Motorcycle:** Larry Curtner, 2024 Harley-Davidson Motor Tricycle



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FOOD TRUCK & MUSIC FESTIVAL



Tyler Cochran performing onstage

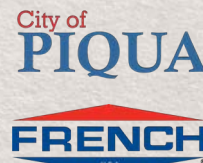
ROCK PIQUA FOOD TRUCK & MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Car Show was followed by the ever-popular Rock Piqua. Performing for an appreciative audience were **the Bucket List Players, the Kid and the Riff Raff, the Tyler Cochran Trio** and **Jamie Suttle**.

Rock Piqua was sponsored by Edison State Community College, Copeland, the City of Piqua, the French Oil Machinery Company, and Park National Bank. And, of course, a concert is nothing without food! Featured food providers this year were **Susie's Big Dipper, BV Eats, the Rolling Lemon, the Brunch Truck, and Freda's Food Truck & Trailer**. Thanks to everyone who made Rock Piqua Food Truck and Music Festival a success!



Jamie Suttle headlines Rock Piqua 2024



32nd ANNUAL PIQUA FINE ART EXHIBITION

Piqua's annual Fine Art Exhibition once again brought the largest art exhibition of its kind to the area. It is the largest non-juried show in the Miami Valley, featuring **over 200 works of art by over 100 artists**. In its 32nd year in 2024, it celebrates the wide range of diversity and vibrancy of the art world. The gallery was filled to the brim with art from six categories: drawing, oil and acrylic, water media, photography, 3-dimensional, and a miscellaneous category.

Although every single piece of art could be termed a winner, the pieces that took home official prizes were:



BEST of SHOW

224 - STEVE WOHLER

ST. SIMON'S ISLAND MORNING



St. Simon's Island Morning by Steve Wohler

DRAWING

1ST DRAWING

201 - KATHERINE TAYLOR-GREEN
GRANDMA'S HANDS

2ND DRAWING

212 - JOANNE VON SOSSAN
THEY SING OUTSIDE MY WINDOW

3RD DRAWING

95 - PAM HARTFORD
BASKING IN THE SUN

HONORABLE MENTION

202 - KATHERINE TAYLOR-GREEN
THE TEAL PITCHER

3-DIMENSIONAL

1ST 3-DIMENSIONAL

101 - SUZI HYDEN
SISTER STRENGTH

2ND 3-DIMENSIONAL

215 - DENNIS WALKER
GLASS PIECE 1

3RD 3-DIMENSIONAL

38 - BILL DANZIG
THE OLD FISHERMAN

HONORABLE MENTION

37 - BILL DANZIG
WATER BUFFALO



Sister Strength
by Suzi Hyden



Shut-In
by Thomas Schroeder

WATER MEDIA

1ST WATER MEDIA

181 - THOMAS SCHROEDER
SHUT - IN

2ND WATER MEDIA

137 - FRAN MANGINO
PREPAREORE LA CENA

3RD WATER MEDIA

94 - YUKI HALL
VINTAGE TRAM IN MILAN

HONORABLE MENTION

165 - DONNA PIERCE-CLARK
SERENITY

HONORABLE MENTION

62 - JEANETTE FERGUSON
POMEGRANATES AND A PEAR

HONORABLE MENTION

187 - KEITH SHEBESTA
COLLECTOR'S COLLECTION

MISCELLANEOUS

1ST MISCELLANEOUS

196 - TAMIKO STUMP
MOTTLED OWL

2ND MISCELLANEOUS

221 - BARB WEINERT-McBEE
IRELAND 1

3RD MISCELLANEOUS

179 - CAROLE SCHAFER
FORGOTTEN SPARE KEYS

HONORABLE MENTION

31 - DEBBIE COSENZA
BENEATH THE SURFACE

HONORABLE MENTION

54 - MARSHA ELLIOTT
WINTER OF LIFE

HONORABLE MENTION

47 - JANE DIPPOLD
LONELY WINTER



Basking in the Sun by Pam Hartford



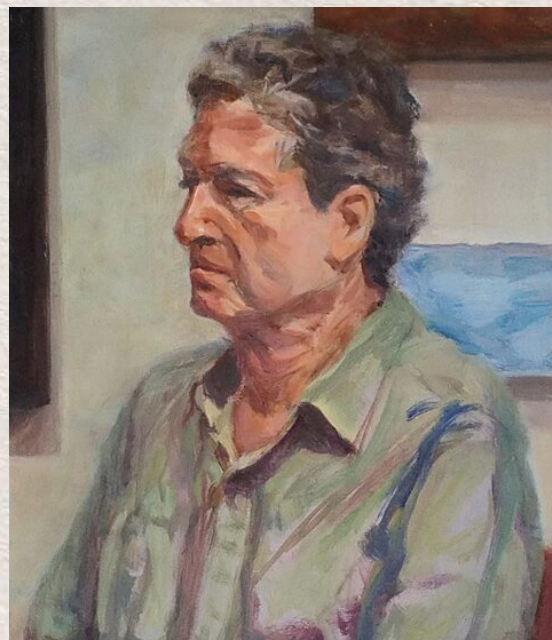
Mottled Owl by Tamiko Stump



Saying Goodbye by Diane Wagner (Photo on Right)



Sheen by Austin Ranly



Tim Sitting In by Jane Flewellen



Waiting for Otis by Tessa Kalman



SPECIAL AWARDS

**THELMA ANDERSON
AWARD - BEST PIQUA**
71 - AUSTIN RANLY
SHEEN

**KATHY ODA
MEMORIAL AWARD**
213 - DIANE WAGNER
SAYING GOODBYE

1ST PHOTOGRAPHY
164 - MATTEO PHILIPPI
THE GAME

2ND PHOTOGRAPHY
27 - TIM COLLETTE
FISH

3RD PHOTOGRAPHY
49 - JEFF DOSECK
LOOKING UP

HONORABLE MENTION
28 - TIM COLLETTE
CLEVELAND ARCADE

HONORABLE MENTION
20 - JUDY BELVO
DOUBLE TAKE LONDON, ENGLAND

HONORABLE MENTION
109 - TESSA KALMAN
WAITING FOR OTIS
HONORABLE MENTION
150 - THOMAS MINUTOLO
***SCARLET CATCHFLY FLOWERS IN
BLOOM AT ISLAND PARK IN TROY
OHIO***

WATER MEDIA

OIL & ACRYLIC

1ST OIL & ACRYLIC
226 - PHIL WOOD
MYSTIC

2ND OIL & ACRYLIC
66 - JANE FLEWELLEN
TIM SITTING IN

3RD OIL & ACRYLIC
135 - EVELYN MAHRT
DISTANT SOLITUDE

HONORABLE MENTION
186 - KAY SELKE
JEN'S POND

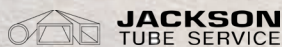
HONORABLE MENTION
200 - MICHELLE SWEARINGEN
VANCE'S BOAT

HONORABLE MENTION
122 - JOHN KISER
REMY

HONORABLE MENTION
86 - ANN GRIMALDI
STILL LIFE WITH SPIDER MUMS

HONORABLE MENTION
119 - MARK KINGREY
NORTHERN PINTAIL

HONORABLE MENTION
156 - ANNA MORLIGHT
SHELLY



BOURBON AFFAIR

The Bourbon Affair was held for the third year in 2024, and it was a huge success once again. Held at The Gallery Venue and Event Center, the Bourbon Affair featured a five-course menu of gourmet food, each course paired with a distinctive bourbon or wine.

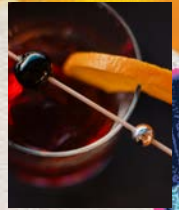
Many of the bourbons and wines served are not locally available, and it was a wonderful opportunity to sample these hard-to-locate drinks. **162 attendees** enjoyed not only the wines & bourbons, but also the good company, a delicious dinner, and one of the largest silent auctions in the Miami Valley featuring local experiences and entertainment opportunities.

Thanks to Rich Taste Catering, Bourbon Affair attendees enjoyed the following five course tasting menu with specially curated bourbon or wine:

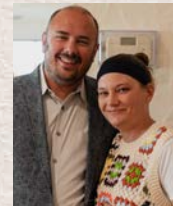
- **Watermelon Spinach Salad** | Paired with 1792 Small Batch Bourbon OR Château Léoube Côtes de Provence Rosé 2023
- **Pan-seared Mahi Mahi** | Paired with Green River Wheated Bourbon OR Poseidon Vineyard Estate Grown Carneros Chardonnay 2023
- **Parmesan Crusted Mini Filet** | Paired with Knob Creek 9 Year Small Batch OR Burgess Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2018
- **Garlic Sesame Chicken** | Paired with Blanton's Single Barrel Bourbon OR Willamette Valley Vineyards Pinot Noir Whole Cluster 2023
- **Warm Apple Crisp** | Paired with A.M. Scott Single Barrel OR Marcarini Moscato D'Asti 2022

For an additional fee, a **VIP package** was available that offered additional bourbon tastings, custom glasses and coasters, and a variety of chocolates from Winan's Chocolate and Coffee.

BOURBON Affair

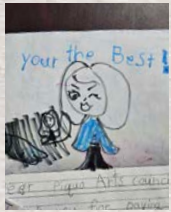
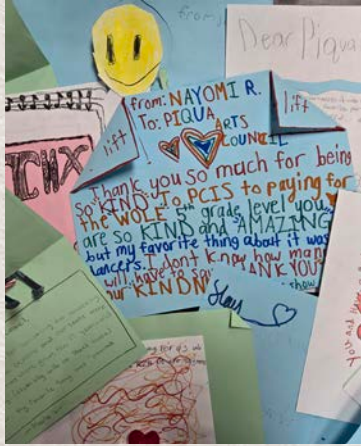


Sara Wilson talks with attendees





CREATIVE CLASSROOMS



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The Piqua Arts Council successfully funded a variety of enriching arts events for **local schools and students** through partnerships with Dayton Live, Dayton Performing Arts Alliance, and Dayton Contemporary Dance Company. Highlights included performances of *The Rainbow Fish* for Washington and Springcreek Primary Schools, a *Nutcracker* performance for Piqua Catholic School, and tickets to various arts events for over 280 students. Additionally, the Council supported a Girls' Night event at Piqua Junior High. All of these events were possible through the grant funding awarded to us by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation.

Each year these events are met with enthusiasm and gratitude from students, who expressed their thanks with **heartfelt cards**. With increased funding for the 2025 season, the program will expand to cover additional costs such as transportation, ensuring even greater access to these valuable cultural experiences.

ART 4 EVERYONE : 4 ADULTS

Art 4 Everyone: 4 Adults was held this year at the Clubhouse at the Orrmont Estates. This event for adults offered heavy appetizers and drinks, as well as the opportunity to **experiment with art forms** that were new to them. This year's event featured origami, cookie decorating, sleight-of-hand tricks with playing cards, pastel or watercolor painting, acrylic work, drawing, and printmaking. The 35 participants were given 20 minutes at each section to learn and create. (Think speed dating with different art mediums!)

Art 4 Everyone was supported by grants from the Ohio Arts Council and The Duke Foundation, as well by our sponsors: Comfort Inn, Greeneville National Bank, and the Yannucci Family.



Breanna Parker teaching origami



ART 4 EVERYONE



Jerry Smith teaching pastels



Dave Davis teaching magic



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PROGRAM CHANGES

Holidays are a historically busy time for PAC board members and volunteers. This year was much quieter, since two holiday events were not held.

The location of the Poetry Out Loud regional competition, which has been held in Piqua for the past several years, was changed to the Springfield area.

The Sounds of the Season concert was cancelled when unfortunately, several of the featured performers were unable to perform. Next year, a festive seasonal workshop will be hosted in December.

Piqua Arts Council did, however, join in this year's **Holiday Parade** that was sponsored by **Mainstreet Piqua**. PAC board member Melanie Walker graciously volunteered to drive her golf cart, decorated in the Polar Express theme. New Executive Director Sara Wilson greeted parade viewers as she joined Melanie in the golf cart. The sound of sleigh bells was provided by long-time PAC volunteers Fred and Lynn Labs, who also braved that day's cold on the golf cart.



Biker's cruising through the **Piqua Holiday Parade**



2024 GRANT BREAKDOWN

2024 was an exceptional year for grants for the Piqua Arts Council. The **Ohio Arts Council** continued to provide us with support for our Art 4 Everyone program, sustainability funding, and also more than \$25,000 annually for general operations. We also received substantial local support from the **City of Piqua** and the **Piqua Community Foundation** with the G. William Hartzell Community Grant and Kathryn Johnston Family Fund. The **Martha Holden Jennings Foundation** additionally contributed over \$8,000 for our creative classrooms program allowing us to fund seven separate field trips and arts experiences for our local schools.

Become a PAC Member Today!

Piqua Arts Council is setting a lofty goal for membership for 2024 and we need your help to reach our goal. If you haven't already, get your membership today and help us reach the goal of \$19,000 in membership!



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Mike Cox, **President**



Melanie Walker, **Vice-President**



Lisa McGraw, **Treasurer**



Joe Shaffer, **Secretary**



THE BOARD AT PAC - 2025

Every nonprofit needs a board to oversee operations; and that board needs officers. As we enter the new year, the board officers for 2025 are:

- Mike Cox, **President**
- Lisa McGraw, **Treasurer**
- Melanie Walters, **Vice President**
- Joe Shaffer, **Secretary**

Brittany King and Mike McCorkle left the board due to term limits, although Mike McCorkle will remain an active participant with the board as 'past president'. Due to board turn-over, Mike Cox was elected to remain on the board as president for one more 2-year term. The remaining trustees are:

- Nicole Bayman
- Greg Clem
- Mark Greenwood
- Lynn Labs
- Dianne Ruhenkamp
- Chris Spadlin
- Tom Younce.

We are grateful to everyone for their service!

STAFFING CHANGES

Late summer brought a change in leadership at PAC. Executive Director Jordan Knepper, who has been with PAC for the past 11 years, left that position to pursue other opportunities. Program Director Rachael Abbott also left her position to pursue other opportunities. We thank Jordan Knepper for his service and commitment to PAC over the years, and Rachael for her time at PAC.

Sara Wilson, originally from Cincinnati, Ohio, is the new Executive Director. She brings an extensive background in business and communications to PAC, having earned both a bachelor's degree in Communications and an MBA from Thomas More University in Northern Kentucky. She is an accomplished journalist with a background in non-profit organizations. Sara is committed to continuing successful PAC programs and to beginning innovative new ones. If you stop by the PAC office, you can meet both Sara and her therapy dog Maggi.

Daniel Kennedy, Marketing Director, remains with PAC. A graduate of Sinclair Community College's Visual Communications program, Daniel has been with PAC for over a year now and finds joy in creative work both inside and outside of the organization. He also enjoys playing card games and is an avid rock climber in his spare time.



Sara Wilson, **Executive Director**

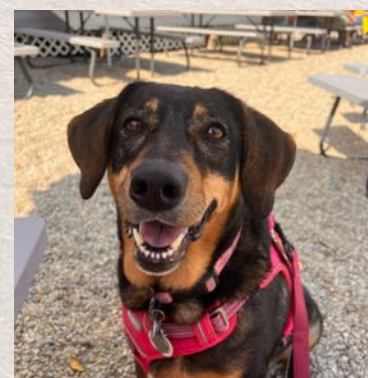


Daniel Kennedy, **Marketing Director**

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Maggi, **Part-Time Office Dog**



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MISSION

We are dedicated to making the arts accessible to our community through presentation, support and education.

VISION

Our vision is to enrich the community by presenting high quality innovative and diverse arts and cultural programming.

PRINCIPLES

High professional standards, inclusion of a diverse population, equitable payment of artists, and recognition of volunteers and supporters.



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