

Arts Spotlight: St. Joseph Community Chorus

Do you love to sing? Do you love to work with others on your craft? Do you especially enjoy the harmonies of choral music? Look no further than the St. Joseph Community Chorus!

The St. Joseph Community Chorus' mission is to share quality choral music and foster the enjoyment of it throughout its membership and the community.

Ultimately, the Chorus is one of a few special places where you are able to participate in choral classics, preserving the sounds of a piece of music history. Members even dress in costume and carol for the holidays!

Singers may join at the beginning of each semester and can take it as a university credit. Rehearsals are Monday nights from 7-9 PM in Potter Hall, and the chorus presents three concerts a year: fall, Christmas, and spring.

SJCC is open to all ages high school and above, and includes 85 singers. For additional information, visit stjoechorus.org.

If you want to see what SJCC is all about, check out their upcoming performance "Sing Me to Heaven" April 19 at the Fulkerson Center!



Sara Markt: Artist, Architect, Designer, Singer

Jack of all trades is one way to describe **Sara Markt**, owner of SMart Architecture and Design. But the talented architect is also a born artist.

"I've always been interested in the arts," Markt said. "I loved to draw and sing as a little girl, even when I was supposed to be taking a nap or going to bed!"

Sara started piano lessons and continued through high school, while exploring other art genres such as weaving, calligraphy, and even wood burning. She also sang in various choirs throughout her youth.

Architecture became Sara's passion at only 8-years-old. Her parent's historic home inspired her, and she began taking classes in high school involving architecture and history, and it ultimately became her career!

"I love what I do as an architect and my goal is to create buildings that make our community look better but also create a better experience for the occupants, whether it be their home or any sort of commercial building," Sara said. "I feel that architecture still lets me be an artist in that I create sculptures of sorts in my building designs."

In addition to being an architect extraordinaire, Sara also sings with the St. Joseph Community Chorus. While she doesn't play the piano anymore, she says the Chorus is an excellent outlet for her passion for singing. She especially enjoys the aspect that she gets to sing in a collective community who shares her love of music.

"The arts enrich my life in every way possible!!" Sara exclaimed.

Letter from the President



Your Allied Arts Council is honored to partner with you for the annual Arts Fund Campaign. Your contribution and commitment toward the preservation and growth of the arts is essential and greatly appreciated.

As you attend or participate in the variety of options the arts community offers, from stage shows to concerts or to small venue gatherings, know that your participation in the Arts Fund campaign is making a difference.

Your contributions open many doors:

- doors for underserved children and youth
- doors for emerging artists to capture ideas and passion
- doors that welcome and bring belonging to new comers to our city
- doors that lead to career paths
- doors that lift hearts and spirits
- doors that advocate
- doors that bring joy to those who perform

We invite you to join us in the days to come as we continue the great legacy and benefits the Arts Fund campaign provides.

We need your help to open more doors to the arts.

Join us – a city inspired, art is the heart–

Dr. Melody Smith

Member Agencies

Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
American Guild of Organists
Creative Arts Productions
Junior League of St. Joseph
Performing Arts Association
RiverSong
Robidoux Resident Theatre
The Runcie Club
St. Joseph Community Chorus
St. Joseph Figure Skating Club
St. Joseph Historical Society
St. Joseph Museums
St. Joseph Youth Chorale
Saint Joseph Symphony

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A Message from the Arts Fund Chairs

When the Allied Arts Council Board of Directors asked us to serve once again as Arts Fund chairs, we both responded with a resolute yes! As patrons of the arts and parents of children who took advantage of the arts education opportunities the arts community provides, helping raise funds to support these valuable programs seems like a small price to pay for all of the positive things the arts have done for our families and our community.

A city inspired. All great communities have a vibrant arts scene, and our arts community is as active and vibrant as ever, thanks to the generous arts patrons like you who contribute annually to the Arts Fund Drive. When you contribute to the Arts Fund you are affirming the importance of the arts in our city; you understand art is the heart.



Thanks to arts patrons like you, the annual Arts Fund campaign has continued to grow allowing our member agencies to better provide our community with diverse offerings from arts education, to workshops to intimate concerts and plays to full-scale musicals and symphonies. In 1983, the first campaign raised \$67,000; last year, thanks to the generosity of our community, we raised \$230,000 to support the programs of seven funded agencies.

This year our goal is to raise \$235,000 but we need your help to make it happen. Please consider increasing your annual gift by 2%. There are many ways to support the Arts Fund. Complete the pledge card on the back of this newsletter or the pledge card you receive in the mail, donate online at stjoarts.org, or simply call the Council's office at 816.233.0231 to make a pledge.

Thank you in advance for your support as our seven funded agencies create art with heart.

Yours in the arts,

Janie Findley
Arts Fund Co-Chair

Denise Meyer
Arts Fund Co-Chair

Beer Walk for the Arts



The Annual Beer Walk for the Arts combines history, beer, food and music into one fun-filled afternoon experience! A new set of beautiful homes in St. Joseph's Historic Museum Hill and Harris Kemper neighborhoods will be open for the Allied Arts Council's 8th Annual Beer Walk Saturday, May 30 from 2 – 5 p.m. Guests are invited to weave through the neighborhoods on a tour of private homes. In each home, guests will sample beers, taste foods from local eateries and listen to the artistry of our local musicians.



All proceeds benefit the Arts Fund, an annual united campaign in support of the activities of Creative Arts Productions, Performing Arts Association, RiverSong, Robidoux Resident Theatre, St. Joseph Community Chorus, Saint Joseph Symphony, and the Allied Arts Council. To stay up-to-date on homes, brews, musicians and more follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/StJoeArts/>.

Tickets go on sale April 1. Tickets are \$25 if purchased by April 30th. Tickets are \$35 beginning May 1. We recommend you purchase tickets early because quantities are limited and we tend to sell out. Get them here: <http://bit.ly/BeerWalk2020>.

Local student wins Poetry Out Loud

Three Northwest Missouri students, **Alanna Bryson**, Central High School; **Caroline Mayes**, Lathrop R-1 High School; and **Allyah Smith**, St. Joseph Christian School competed in the 2020 Poetry Out Loud Northwest Regional Finals hosted by the Allied Arts Council on February 12, 2020 in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, the Poetry Foundation, the Missouri Arts Council and Missouri Association of Community Arts Agencies.

Alanna Bryson from Central High School was the regional champion, and the first runner-up was Allyah Smith from St. Joseph Christian School. Bryson will advance to the state finals March 12, 2020 in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Judges **Brendon Clark**, **Denise Meyer**, **Cheryl Wood** and **Cathy Ketter** presided over the competition and evaluated student performances on criteria including physical presence, voice and articulation, dramatic appropriateness, evidence of understanding, overall performance and accuracy.

Poetry Out Loud is a national arts education program that



From left: Alanna Bryson, Allyah Smith, and Caroline Mayes

encourages the study of great poetry by offering educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition to high schools across the country. Beginning at the school level, winners advance to a regional competition, then to a state competition, and ultimately to the National Finals in Washington, DC.

Gifts to Membership Drive

Artistudio/Lisa Sprague
Bill & Margaret Bangerter
Sharon Beshore
Maggie Parker Bowles
Brendon Clark
Martha Clark
Mary Cornett
Richard & Barbara Crumley
Janann Eldredge
Jeri Fankhauser
Rick Fankhauser
John & Karen Foley
Jim & Judy Galbreath
Pete and Staci Gray
Dr. Karen Hauser
Stacey Hill
Dr. Timothy & Kappy Hodges
Meredith Katchen
Geraldine Lawhon
John & Josie McCarthy
Shana Meyer
Jerry & Sandra Mogg
Drs. Scott & Caroline Clark Murphy
Sheila Murray
Bill & Roseanne Mytton
Shirley Rauckman
Nick & Kris Robb
Larry & Joyce Stobbs

Be a part of the scene---



Save the Date

When: Monday through Friday, August 3-7, 2020.

Where: Potter Hall, MWSU

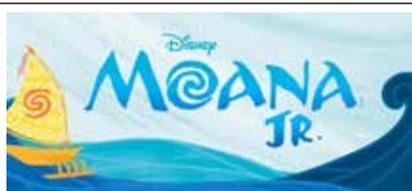
Age: Entering 3rd through 10th grade (fall 2020)

What is Artscape? A five day arts camp sponsored by the Allied Arts Council with support from MWSU Department of Fine Arts. It is designed to give children a hands-on, integrative arts experience under the instruction of professional artists and teachers in many disciplines. This is the 33rd year for Artscape!

Fees: \$100 for full day, or \$75 for half-day, which includes a camp t-shirt.

Enroll by July 2, 2020.

Registration information: Call Cathy Ketter at 816-233-0231, e-mail at cathy.ketter@stjoearts.org; or visit www.stjoearts.org



Creative Arts Productions announced Disney's Moana JR. as their 2020 production. Celebrating its 40th year, Creative Arts Productions continues to provide quality theater arts education to St. Joseph youth.

Registration is currently open for the 2020 Youth Theater Workshop to students in 4th (as of Fall 2020) -12th grades. The workshop runs June 29- July 24 from 8 AM to 12 PM Monday through Friday at Wyatt Park Christian Church for the first three weeks, and then moves to

the Missouri Theater for last week.

Disney's Moana JR. is a 60-minute musical adaptation of the 2016 Disney animated film, bringing the adventures of Moana and her village of Motunui to life onstage. Moana JR. features all the beloved songs from the film, written by Tony®, GRAMMY, Emmy, and Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Lin-Manuel Miranda, Opetaia Foa'i, and Mark Mancina, including "How Far I'll Go," "Shiny," and "You're Welcome."

This thrilling and heartwarming coming-of-age story follows the strong-willed Moana as she sets sail across the Pacific to save her village and discover the truth about her heritage. Moana and the legendary demigod Maui embark on an epic journey of self-discovery and camaraderie as both learn to harness the power that lies within. With empowering messages of bravery and selflessness, Moana JR. is sure to bring out the hero within each of us.

Performances are Saturday, July 25 at 7 PM and Sunday at 2 PM. To learn more or to register your child visit capstjoemo.org.

Sculpture Walk People's Choice Award

The people have spoken! The Allied Arts Council is proud to announce "Maestro" as the winner of the 2019-20 St. Joseph Sculpture Walk People's Choice Award. Located at Felix & 4th St., **Lee Leunig & Sherri Treeby's** sculpture "Maestro" captivated our voters.

It's not too late to own a sculpture from the 2019-20 Walk. For purchasing information please contact the Allied Arts Council at 816-233-0231.

Sculptures will be de-installed during the month of May. Grab a friend or take your family down as the weather gets warmer to enjoy this year's sculptures. Stay tuned for details on the 2020-21 Sculpture Walk.



David H Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts Accepting Applications

The David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts is accepting applications for its annual grant to fund a cultural event.

The fund can award up to \$2,000 to any public or private organization that has received or applied for tax-exempt status. Projects that may be considered for the grant include, but are not limited to, dance, theater, visual arts, media, music, literature, multi-discipline, arts-related conferences, architecture and exhibitions.

Applications are available at the Allied Arts Council office, 118 S. 8th Street, St. Joseph, MO, or online at <http://www.stjoearts.org>. **The application deadline is April 9, 2020.**

The Morton Fund Committee will host the 9th annual Kentucky Derby Party May 2, 2020 at the Benton Club to support the grant program. For more information about the event or for tickets contact grudolph@mortonreedlaw.com or call Ginger Rudolph at 232-8411.

Mayor's Awards for the Arts

The Allied Arts Council celebrates its vibrant arts community with the twenty-ninth annual Mayor's Awards for the Arts. Established in 1992, the Mayor's Awards for the Arts recognizes individuals and organizations that have made significant and lasting contributions in the arts in the greater St. Joseph, Missouri area.

Nominations are being accepted in the following categories: Artist of the Year, Arts Educator of the Year, Youth Artist, Organizational Achievement in the Arts, Individual Leadership and Outstanding Volunteer. A panel of arts leaders from across the state selects the award recipients.

To nominate an artist, arts organization or arts project, please visit the Allied Arts Council website www.stjoearts.org in late April to find a nomination form. All nominations must be received in the Allied Arts Council office by June 10, 2020.

The awards are presented during a special ceremony held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Allied Arts Council on July 16, 2020.



What's Happening in the Arts

April

17
Douglas Shaw Elder Exhibition Opening
Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
4 PM
AKMA
albrecht-kemper.org

19
Sing Me to Heaven
St. Joseph Community Chorus
3 PM
Adults: \$14 Seniors: \$12
Fulkerson Center
stjoechorus.org

23-26
Choral Competition
Sweet Adelines & RiverSong
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
riversongchorus.com

24
Roaring into the 20's: Pot of Gold Fundraiser
Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
\$80
5-10 PM
AKMA
albrecht-kemper.org

24-26
Always, Patsy Cline
Robidoux Resident Theatre
Fri. & Sat. 6:30 PM, Sun. 12:30 PM
\$17-\$43
The Ruby Theatre
rrtstjoe.org

25
Susan Werner Dinner Show
Performing Arts Association
6:30 PM
\$35-\$45
The Metropolitan

saintjosephperformingarts.org
25
Monuments Men AND Women of Music
Saint Joseph Symphony
7:30 PM
\$5-\$45
Missouri Theater
saintjosephsymphony.org

May

1
A Spring Celebration in Song
St. Joseph Youth Chorale
7 PM
Wyatt Park Christian Church
<https://www.sjycsings.org/>

1-3
Always, Patsy Cline
Robidoux Resident Theatre
Fri. & Sat. 6:30 PM, Sun. 12:30 PM
\$17-\$43
The Ruby Theatre
rrtstjoe.org

2
9th Annual Kentucky Derby Party
David H. Morton Memorial Fund
4-6:30 PM
\$50
Benton Club
grudolph@mortonreedlaw.com

3
Nodaway Chorale Spring Show
RiverSong
Maryville, Missouri
riversongchorus.com

6-7
85th Annual Tulip Time Museum Trip
St. Joseph Museums

7 AM
\$250-\$270
stjosephmuseum.org
30
Beer Walk for the Arts
Allied Arts Council
2-5 PM
Museum Hill and Harris Kemper Neighborhoods
<http://bit.ly/BeerWalk2020>

June

12
Sculpture Walk Reception
Allied Arts Council
5 PM
Room 108
stjoearts.org

12
Mexican Muralists Exhibition Opening
Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
4 PM
AKMA
albrecht-kemper.org

16-19, 23-26
Color, Shape, Pattern: Summer Art Camp
Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art
Ages 5-7: 9 AM-12 PM
Ages 8-12: 2-5 PM
\$75-\$90
AKMA
albrecht-kemper.org

29
Moana Jr. Workshop Begins
Creative Arts Productions
8 AM
\$175
Wyatt Park Christian church
www.capstjoemo.org

