PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

TEMPE ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION
May 8, 2019
6:30 p.m.

Location:
Tempe Public Library Conference Room
3500 S Rural Road, Tempe 85282

AGENDA

Call to Order

1. **Public Appearances:** The Tempe Arts & Culture Commission (Commission) welcomes public comment. According to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, the Commission may only discuss matters listed on its meeting agendas. Matters brought-up by the public under public appearances that are not listed on the meeting agenda cannot be discussed by the Commission. A three (3)-minute time limit per person will be in effect.

2. **Approval:** April 10, 2019 Tempe Arts & Culture Commission Minutes ACTION

3. **Presentation:** Arts Engagement Update

4. **Discussion:** Tempe Arts & Culture Awards Review

5. **Presentation:** 2019-20 Season Programming for Tempe Center for the Arts

6. **Program Reports:** Written reports provided
   a. Arts Engagement
   b. Public Art & Galleries
   c. History Museum
   d. Tempe Center for the Arts

7. **Commission Members’ Announcements / Future Agenda Items**

8. **Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** May 8, 2019 at FABRIC, 132 E 6th Street, Tempe 85281

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Minutes of the Tempe Arts and Culture Commission (TACC) recorded at 6:30pm on April 10, 2019, within the Tempe History Museum Program Room, 809 E Southern Avenue, Tempe 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:
Michael Bennett (by phone until 6:44pm)
Anthony Johnson
Maureen Kobierowski
Peggy Moroney
Kelly Nelson
Michael Rohd
Justin Stewart
Ginny Sylvester
Aaron Thacker – Chair

City Staff Present:
Brenda Abney, Visual Arts & Culture Manager
Eileen May, Managing Director-Tempe Center for the Arts
Joy Higgins, Administrative Assistant-Arts & Culture Division
Rebecca Blume Rothman, Director of Public Art

Guest(s) Present:
None

(MEMBERS) Absent:
Lisa Hobson
Kiyomi Kurooka

Call to Order
• Aaron Thacker, TACC Chair, called the TACC meeting to order at 6:36pm.

Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearances
• David Martin, Artist

Agenda Item 2 - Approval of the March 13, 2019 Commission Minutes
A. Thacker asked the commissioners to review an unapproved TACC minutes document dated March 13, 2019.

• MOTION: Kelly Nelson moved to approve the March 13, 2019 Tempe Arts and Culture Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments.
  SECOND: Maureen Kobierowski seconded.
  AYES: Anthony Johnson, Maureen Kobierowski, Kelly Nelson, Peggy Moroney, Justin Stewart, Ginny Sylvester
  NAYS: None. Aaron Thacker abstains.
  RESULT: Motion passed with an 6-0-1 vote.
  ABSENT: Lisa Hobson, Kiyomi Kurooka

Agenda Item 3 – Commissioner Introductions
The commission went around the room to introduce themselves to the newest commissioner, Michael Bennett, who was present via phone. Michael was appointed to the Tempe Arts & Culture Commission by Mayor and Council on March 28, 2019.
**Agenda Item 4 – Chairperson’s Briefing**

A. Thacker introduced himself and encouraged the commission to consider the question, “why are we serving and what is our impact?”

- Notable efforts by the Arts & Culture Commission include engaging with the community at art festivals, creating the Arts & Culture Awards, focusing on Danelle Plaza, advising City Council on issues, advocate for programs in South Tempe, and supporting staff initiatives.
- It is important that arts & culture be relevant to the area in which it resides. The efforts of the commission contribute to the ways arts & culture are manifested in Tempe. The most successful cities are those which recognize the value that arts & culture contribute.

**Agenda Item 5 – Presentation: Public Art Update**

- **Rebecca Blume Rothman**, Director of Public Art, presented information about current projects in Tempe Public Art. Most project details can be found in the written report. Additional details include:
  - *Sirens of Highway 60* by Michael Maglich is in repair. The faces featured on the sculptural cast birds are based on people of Tempe, including Eric Iwersen and Betsy Fahlman. Original casts will be used to create replicates to replace damaged birds featured on the wall.
  - The *Estrada Park* dedication, with integrated artwork by Mary Shindell was dedicated by Mayor and Council on Saturday, April 6th. She installed floral litho-mosaics in the pathways, and created designs for the rubberized playground surfaces.
  - Goodwin Park *Arts in the Parks* featured artist Ann Morton who collected acts of kindness on wildflower seed infused paper.
  - *Highline Canal Multi-use Pathway* has a section that goes underground called “Auto Loop Link” where landscaping, seating and shade will be placed as an inviting continuation of the pathway. Seattle artist John Fleming was chosen to design public art for this area of the project. Fabrication is underway and should be installed in May. The artwork will be protected until the project is completed near the end of summer.
  - [www.tempe.gov/PublicArt](http://www.tempe.gov/PublicArt)

**Agenda Item 6 – Program Reports: Written reports provided.**

- **A. Public Art & Galleries** – Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempe.gov/publicart](http://www.tempe.gov/publicart) and [www.tempe.gov/tcagallery](http://www.tempe.gov/tcagallery).
- **B. History Museum** – Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempe.gov/museumevents](http://www.tempe.gov/museumevents).
  - DL White will be presenting information about Paul Robeson, an actor, singer and activist who spoke out against racism and fascism. Thursday, April 11th at 7pm.
- **C. Tempe Center for the Arts** – Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempecenterforthearts.com](http://www.tempecenterforthearts.com).
- **D. Arts Engagement** - Current events can be found in the written report and at [www.tempe.gov/arts](http://www.tempe.gov/arts) and [www.tempe.gov/ednaarts](http://www.tempe.gov/ednaarts).
  - Community, Festival, and TCA Excellence Arts Grants are due May 13th.
  - Vibrant Artist Cohort applications are due May 6th.
  - The last Arts in the Parks event is Sunday, April 14th from noon-4pm at Papago Park

**Agenda Item 7 – Commission Members’ Announcements/Future Agenda Items**

- **Kelly Nelson:**
  - Attended Goodwin Park Arts in the Parks event
  - Performed with Wicked Pitch of the West at Scudder Park Arts in the Parks event
- **Peggy Moroney**
  - Future agenda item: Would like to see this group have a relationship with the historical society and historic preservation groups to advocate to save historic structures including the adobe building used by the Tempe Women’s Club.
  - Future agenda item: historic properties in Tempe
  - *Hayden’s Ferry Days* was extremely successful and well attended
• **Maureen Kobierowski**  
  o A Humanities Lab titled “Facing Immigration” will be doing a mural in downtown Phoenix; they are seeking 60 volunteers to help paint and earn community service hours.

• **Justin Stewart:**  
  o [Tempe Screened](#) happened on March 30th at Tempe Center for the Arts, a co-produced documentary with Evan Liggins about Tempe. The evening featured live music and a post-film discussion panel. 115 attended and the panel discussion was spirited. Aiming for five more screenings locally.  
  o Attended Clark Park Arts in the Parks, enjoyed public art project by Bobby Zokaites

• **Michael Rohd:**  
  o [ASU Gammage](#) has a series called “Gammage Beyond” that has been working for two years with Cornerstone Theater and playwright Larissa FastHorse on “Native Nations.” They are building a show that is the largest professional production with a paid cast of indigenous local performers in the US. Performances are at the Gila River Reservation April 20-21, and Indian School Park April 27-28. The ticketed event will also feature food, art stalls and a local gathering of tribal members from the southwest.

• **A. Thacker**  
  o Tempe Playlist: Saturn Sessions is a project with Creative Communities Institute, funded by a grant from the Arizona Commission on the Arts. Members of the Tempe group include Michael Rohd, Gail Shanks, Maja Aurora, Maggie Fontain, and Samuel Pena. The project uses art as a vehicle to create community connection in south Tempe. Two podcasts were created and are available at [www.tempe.gov/tempeplaylist](http://www.tempe.gov/tempeplaylist). The Tempe team was selected for a second grant by the ACA. This year’s objective is to get the music out in the community through live performances.  
  o While out of town for three months, saw much art and many galleries including Baltimore’s art and the influence through war, the Johnny Cash Museum, the National Portrait Gallery, and many others.

• **B. Abney** reviewed suggestions for future agenda items:  
  o Historic properties at risk, include staff that knows city regulation  
  o Focus on history topics, presentation about Walking Mill Avenue  
  o Revisit first A+C awards, discussion about plans for next year

**Agenda Item 8 – Adjournment**  
• Next meeting: May 8, 2019, location to be determined.  
• **Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.**

Prepared by: Joy Higgins  
Reviewed by: Brenda Abney
Tempe Arts Engagement
May-June 2019

Edna Arts
www.tempe.gov/EdnaArts

Summer Camps
Summer camps are open for registration and take place from June 3 to August 2. Camps include Movement, Visual Arts, and Theatre Camps for 6-9 and 9-12 year olds.

Free Art Friday
The final event of the year was on May 3. This year 1000+ young people and their caregivers attended Free Art Friday where they experienced learning and creating art together.

Classes
Summer classes are now open for registration with over 70 classes in ceramics, dance, theater, painting, and more!

Arts in the Parks
www.tempe.gov/ArtsintheParks

Bring arts to your park!
The community survey is now available on the website, share with your friends and neighbors to have the program in your community.

Spring 2019 Events
Arts in the Parks visited 6 parks throughout the city including Meyer, Scudder, Clark, Svob, Goodwin, and Papago. 2500+ people attended Arts in the Parks events where they participated in art-making, community murals, live music, theater, poetry, music jams, and experienced temporary public art.

Music Under the Stars

Studio Artists Program
www.tempe.gov/StudioArtists

Each year, the Studio Artists Program provides visual arts education to over 4,500 students and supports the careers of 6 professional artists. The program is a partnership between Tempe Elementary District #3 and the City of Tempe and is supported by State Farm through Art in Private Development funding from 2016-2021. Champ Styles and Kandice Kardell were recently hired to be the artist for 5th and 3rd Grade students.
Events

The first live event took place on April 29 from 6-7pm at Changing Hands Bookstore and featured students and musicians featured on Tempe Playlist. More events will be coming to South Tempe in local businesses featuring South Tempe artists.

Podcasts

Two podcasts are now live and available to stream or download on the website. They feature 11 bands, 3 poets, 7 musicians, and 5 school groups from South Tempe.

Arts Grants

The City of Tempe Arts Grants program supports non-profit organizations, schools and individual artists by providing funding for community-initiated, quality and innovative arts programming, and creates opportunities that support the long-term growth of the arts in Tempe. The Arts Grants program supports a commitment to advancing Tempe as a vibrant and progressive community for cultural and artistic activity.

- Grants Due May 13th
- Community Arts Grants
- TCA Excellence Grants
- Arts Festival Grants
Tempe Public Art
April 2019

Streetcar
https://www.valleymetro.org/project/tempe-streetcar
- Track and groundwork has begun. As for the stations, Notice to Proceed is expected to be issued in spring 2019. The stops and then artwork would be installed in summer/fall 2020 and revenue service would begin in 2021.

Rio Salado – Koryn Rolstad
Mill Avenue – Ben Olmsted and Simon Donovan

Gammage curve – Mary Lucking
Apache – Bobby Zokaites

Highline Canal
Artist: John Fleming

- The Highline project is expected to be completed by June 2019
IN FLUX
Influxaz.com

Kyllan Maney Proposal for the Edna Arts Center

- Tempe Beach Park Plinth and Daley Park Plinths: Artist: Daniel Foushee (beach Park) and Perrin Gilbert (Daley Park). Both pieces will remain up for the next year through April 2020, allowing us to focus on sculpture for next FY as a theme in the temporary projects
- The IN FLUX bus tour was a great success! We had approximately 20 people visit the Edna Arts Center and meet with Kyllan on Saturday 4/27.

Arts in the Parks
www.tempe.gov/artsintheparks

- Artist Erin Sotak completed a performative piece for Papago Park, April 14th in the afternoon. It was a lovely day!

McCIntock Rio Salado Underpass

- Artist Zach Valent (AZ) has begun the design process for the McCIntock Underpass
- The design is intended to be created out of aluminum or steel bolted to the wall with concrete relief elements in the center of the “honeycomb” areas
- The design is currently on hold pending the contracting of the General Contractor for the overall project. Design and fabrication will take place through the spring of 2019 assuming contractor is able to begin working as planned.
Conservation / Maintenance
Public Art works that have been recently refurbished or will are currently in process include:
1. 12 purple Benches, former TCA – in process
2. Titled Landscape at the Tempe Library Complex - being reviewed now
3. Sirens on the 60 – currently under renovation

Neighborhood Grants (Arts)
www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodgrants
Three neighborhood associations have been awarded Public Art related grants through the Mary Anne Corder Grant program this cycle. All are meeting with the artists now and beginning to develop concepts.
1. Daley Park – Artist: Jake Early, 2 standpipes
2. Hudson Manor – Artist: Joan Baron, 3 standpipes
3. Broadmor – Artist: Nina Solomon, 1 standpipe

![Images of mosaic art pieces]

Oliverio Balcells “In Harmony with You” at Wilson Arts and Gardens

We have an “extra” project this year due to the generosity of DL Horton, a developer who through Council review process has agreed to pay for an additional art standpipe. Artist Oliverio Balcells will be completing a tile mosaic in the Wilson Arts and Gardens Neighborhood this spring. He was selected by the neighborhood association through the prequalified artist list.

Art in Private Development
www.tempe.gov/AIPD
These projects are in various stages of design and completion. Those listed do not include developments that have opted to pay in lieu of developing an artwork on their site:
1. Beyond Self Storage – Artist: Daniel Moore, project is in design
2. Discovery Business Campus – Artist: Ilan Averbuch, Phase II is in the works, at an early design phase level.
3. The Grand at Papago Park Center – Artist: Mary Lucking, in design and installed in part
4. Guitar Center/Emerald Center – Artist: Theodore Troxel, project completion is expected in spring 2019
5. IDEA campus – Project artist selection is in process now, expected to begin art design in spring 2019
6. 100 Mill Ave (+ Rio Salado) - early stage, no artist selected yet
7. Precision Fleet – Artist: David Brandt
8. RIO 2100 – Artist: David Brandt, multi-phased project in design and fabrication now
9. RKAA Self Storage/ Cube Smart – Artist: Brian Schader, currently in permitting process
10. Tempe Market Station – early stage, no artist selected yet
11. Watermark – Artist: Joe Campbell, under construction now
12. The Westin – no artist selected yet
13. 7th Street Mixed-Use/OPUS – Artist: John Randall Nelson
14. LA Fitness/Baseline 101 Storage – early stage, no artist selected yet
15. 206 S Farmer – early stage, no artist selected yet
16. Playa del Norte – early stage, no artist selected yet
17. University Business Campus – early stage, no artist selected yet
18. 6th street Hotel – early stage, no artist selected yet

www.tempe.gov/publicart

Tempe Galleries
Spring 2019

Gallery at TCA:
WATER
May 24-August 31, 2109
Opening reception | May 31 | 6pm
PLEASE JOIN US!
The water theme is open-ended and is expected to include artworks that reflect a wide range of topics such as water in the desert, sustainability, mythology, history, science, beauty and more.

Three artists in residence include Laura Spaulding Best, Brandi Cooper, and Jerry Jacobson. All three will be on site working in studio at the gallery this summer. Please come and say hello!

Arts & Sciences Saturday Workshops
Free, No RSVP | 11am-2pm | June 1-July 27
Featured exhibiting artists lead hands-on art projects, art demonstrations and discussion sessions for all ages.

DRAW-A-Thon
June 22, 10am-10pm
A free indoor festival that celebrates the arts and sciences of drawing.
10am-2pm: Families
2-6pm: Teens
6-10pm: Adults (w/ happy hour and live music)

Post Office
Retro Reaction II
January 25 – May 29, 2019
Artists: Lex Gjurasic, Adam Mendelsohn, Kristin Bauer, George Penaloza

Connections Café
A Thousand Words
January 4 – May 1, 2019
Artist Pairing: Nicholas Mansfield and Tom Stephenson

Youth Library
GIRL POWER: Sisters of the Technological Revolution
February 15 – June 3, 2019
Artists: Susan Prosser and Malena Barnhart

www.tempecenterforthearts.com/gallery
PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM

We3
May 3 | 7 p.m.
We3 features Renee Grant Patrick on vocals, Suzanne Lansford on violin, and Nicole Pesce on piano. When vocalist Renee Grant Patrick, daughter of the late George Grant (who traveled the world singing lead tenor for the Ink Spots in the 80s & 90s) lost her father in January of 2016, she combined talents with her band mates to pay tribute to some of their favorite Ink Spots’ songs. Free and family-friendly.

PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM

Clarinetists Katie Palmer and Jonathan Robinson
Azure Family Concert with Tetra String Quartet
May 4 | 3 p.m.
Tetra welcomes guest clarinetists Katie Palmer and Jonathan Robinson for a fun-filled program featuring music for strings and winds. Presented by the Tetra String Quartet, Azure Concerts are fun, friendly and engaging performances tailored to children and young adults who are on the autism spectrum or have similar challenges. Azure concerts are approximately one hour in length. Family members and caregivers of all ages are welcome to attend. The performance will be followed by an instrument petting zoo. Free tickets are available at www.tetraquartet.org/azure

FEATURED EXHIBIT OPENING

Walking Mill Avenue
Exhibit Opening
May 14 | 6:30 p.m.
A New Look at Tempe’s Main Street
Music by Hans Olson
Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Horse-parking was a must-have feature at all the very best 1890s Tempe saloons. There were public parades that celebrated diversity long before Tempe was a city or Arizona a state. And, of course, there was that one time two wacky Gila monsters got in a fight and trashed a downtown bar. Discover the origins of Mill Avenue, Tempe’s main street. Enjoy music by Hans Olson, who was inducted last year into the Tempe Music Walk on Mill Avenue. There will also be remarks from Mayor Mark Mitchell. Free admission and refreshments will be provided by the Tempe Historical Society.

3rd Thursday at the Museum

An Evening with Casual Alien – Synthesizer, Vocals & Cosmic Drumming
May 16 | 7 p.m.
Casual Alien began as a recording project of Don “Doc” Boles; the live band began as a rave act and outdoor feature in the Tempe university entertainment district. Now the band features Amy Andrews, female vocalist and dancer, and Dave Marshall, percussionist. With influences of psy-trance and EDM, the band is gravitating (get it?) towards playing festivals. Stage personas are tongue-in-cheek as the band performs as aliens. The music is beyond conventional. Enjoy dessert and coffee at this community-hosted event.
PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM
Unity Through Community presents “U-Nite at the Museum”
May 19 | 5 – 9 p.m.
Join non-profit group Unity Through Community for U-Nite at the Museum: A spring art & music event. Engage in an interactive art walk, education stations, live local music and family activities. Hear local bands and solo artists on an indoor and outdoor stage. Musicians include Dr. Delicious, Japhy’s Descent, Ghetto Cowgirl, the Sugar Thieves Duo, Sara Robinson and Tim White. Artists of all ages will display their works in a range of media. Families will enjoy sidewalk chalk, face-painting, make & take friendship bracelets and pet rocks, gardening demos and bike repair. Food and drinks available for sale. Free, fun and family-friendly!

African American Advisory Committee Presents
AAAC Book Club – Becoming by Michelle Obama
May 21 | 6 p.m.
This is the final session for reading and discussing the book “Becoming” by Michelle Obama. Book club members may join at any time. Meetings are free and held at Tempe History Museum. Discussions are facilitated AAAC member Carol Stewart.

PERFORMANCES at the MUSEUM
Sonora Marimba Band
May 24 | 7 p.m.
The Sonoran Marimba Band is a quartet comprised of long-time veteran percussionists Sonja Branch, Jeremy Muller, Douglas Nottingham and Brett Reed. Each have been active in the Phoenix area as performers, teachers and composers in all genres of percussion ranging from classical, jazz and rock to world music. Meet the band in a Q&A session after the show. Free and family-friendly.
May

Stray Cat Theatre presents
*Let the Right One In*
through May 4

Scottsdale Musical Theater Company presents
*Thoroughly Modern Millie*
through May 5

DEBx
May 9 | 6 pm | $30
16 aspiring speakers will take the stage to share their personal and inspirational messages. These individuals are not professional speakers. They are regular people, like you and me, who have a commitment to make a difference in our world and see public speaking as their access.

Tempe Diablos presents
Excellence in Education Awards 2019
May 10 | 7:30 pm | FREE
Every year the Diablos award scholarships to deserving students and award teachers for their excellence in the classroom.

Miss Gay Arizona America 2019
May 11 | 6 pm | $22.50

*Vivartana – Dance Tranforms*
May 12 | 4 pm | Free
Silambam Phoenix and Fine Arts Association of Arizona present *Vivartana – Dance Transforms*
A Bharatanatyam Presentation by Rama Vaidyanathan and group

A Special Mother’s Day Concert featuring
Dr. Kaveh Karandish & Maz Karandish
May 12 | 5 pm | $25 & $35
Join Jazz Fusion pianist and composer Dr. Kaveh Karandish and Maz Karandish for a special Mother’s Day concert joined by vocalist and multi-instrumentalist saxophone virtuoso Farzin Farhadi, percussionist Eric Zang, and dancer Sonia Ochoa. A cancer benefit.

Performance with a View – Eterna Sirius:
Jessica Yam and Elias-Axel Pettersen
May 14 | 10 am | FREE
Guest artist Elias-Axel Pettersson joins ASU faculty member Jessica Yam to perform duo piano music by Saint-Saëns, Rachmaninoff, and Lutoslawski.

Lakeshore Music presents
The Return of The Bonedaddys
May 18 | 7:30 pm | $20 - $30
Fasten your seat belts for what promises to be a rollicking Lakeshore Music season finale with The Return of The Bonedaddys. The Bonedaddys still take a wide stance stylistically, claiming influences from Charles Ives to Burl Ives and much in-between, with the common musical denominator being a fun, danceable party ambience.

Arizona Wind Symphony – An Afternoon of Chamber Music: featuring the Paradise Winds
May 19 | 2 pm | FREE

Walk-in Wednesdays Open Mic Night
10 Year Anniversary Celebration
May 22 | 5 – 10 pm | Free
Join us for a special evening of GREAT music, friends, food, cocktails, cake and celebration of the region’s BEST Open Mic Night hosted by Arizona Hall of Fame Inductee and Tempe favorite, Walt Richardson, II. Complimentary snacks & cake will be served. Beverages and cocktails will be available for purchase in the lounge.

The Gallery at TCA

**WATER**
*Life *Art * Science*
May 24 – August 31, 2019
Water is on a lot of peoples’ minds these days, from concerns about conservation to plans for summer recreation. This exhibition explores water as seen and interpreted through the eyes of artists. The artworks and displays reflect a wide range of water-themed topics including sustainability, mythology, history, science and beauty. The exhibition also includes interactive activities, live artist demonstrations and multiple workshop opportunities for all ages. It may be hot outside, but the Gallery at TCA offers a cool respite for thoughtful and creative experiences.

Free Public Reception
May 31 | 6-9 pm | Gallery

**Exhibiting Artists:** Caroline Estelle, Marianna Foster, Harold Lohner, Abbey Messmer, Ellen Nemetz, Taylor Peak, Emily Ritter, Justin Rodier and Maria Salenger and Kendra Sollars.
Meet Artists-in-Residence (through Aug 3): Meet local artists working in studio spaces right inside the Gallery. Artists: Laura Spalding Best, Jerry Jacobson and Brandi Lee Cooper

EXHIBITION EVENTS
Arts & Sciences Workshops - FREE
Saturdays | 11 am - 2 pm | Gallery | All Ages
Each workshop includes activities, discussions and opportunities for learning for any age group. Families will enjoy the make and take art activities while adult audiences may enjoy artist led discussions and demonstrations.
6/1: Brandi Lee Cooper, Arizona River Ecosystems (clay building activity)
6/8: ASU Panel Talk on Water Resources, Drylab 2023 (recycled bottle art)
6/15: Emily Ritter, Eco Paper Making
6/29: Laura Spalding Best, Creating the Illusion of Water (painting)
7/13: Nickolas Rascona, Moving Water- History of Water Resources in Arizona (Workshop includes hands-on activities and education booths from City of Tempe Water Utilities Services Division and SRP.)
7/20: Water, Chemistry & Photography (Polaroid photography)
7/27: Jerry Jacobson, Rust Farm Prints, (multi-media art prints)

Satellite Exhibition
WATER II
Tempe Post Office 500 South Mill Ave
Artists: Jerry Jacobson, Nicolas Rascona, Emily Ritter and Thomas Strich.

Painted Words Presented By, Jenny Jarnagin
May 25 - May 26 | 7 pm | $18 - $20
Inspired by Jarnagin’s album, Magic, Painted Words depicts love’s many complexities through music, art, and dialogue.

Harmony Project Phoenix
May 25 | 7 pm | $15 adult / $5 child
Harmony Project is a free non-profit music program that builds orchestras, bands and choirs in underserved areas of Phoenix. This performance will present a showcase featuring 100 children on stage with a heartwarming orchestral piece composed by Arturo Marquez paying tribute to the Pakistani activist, Malala Yousafzai.

All About Dance 19th presents
5,6,7,8
May 29 | 6 pm | $15 & $18
All About Dance presents its 19th annual dance production, “5, 6, 7, 8,” The group specializes in all styles of dance: jazz, tap, ballet, lyrical/contemporary, Hip-Hop and pre-school.

June

Tots in Motion/Starz in Motion present
Pure Imagination
June 1 | Noon | $12.50
Join dancers from Tots in Motion and Starz in Motion dance school as they create a world of “Pure Imagination.” Dancers ages 2-16 will perform to songs from all of your favorite fairytales, storybooks, and fantasy worlds in the styles of jazz, ballet, tumbling, hip-hop, and tap.

Cactus Chamber Music Series presents
Musical Nationalism
June 2 | 3 pm | $15
Serenade for Strings, Antonin Dvorak
Appalachia Waltz, Mark O’Connor
Chamber Symphony, Dimitri Shostakovich

Dancers Domain: Don’t Stop Me Now
June 7 & 8 | 6:30 pm

Southwest Youth Ballet Theatre Celebration
June 9

Grand Canyon Men’s Chorale
June 15 | 7 pm
June 16 | 2 pm

AYT Presents Disney’s Newsies
June 19 - 23 | $20 - $30
Set in turn-of-the century New York City, Newsies is the rousing tale of Jack Kelly, a charismatic newsboy and leader of a band of teenaged “newsies.” When titans of publishing raise distribution prices at the newsboys’ expense, Jack rallies newsies from across the city to strike against the unfair conditions and fight for what’s right! Newsies is packed with non-stop thrills and a timeless message, perfect for the whole family and every audience.
DRAW-A-Thon  
June 22 | 10 am - 10 pm | FREE  
A FREE indoor festival celebrating the arts and sciences of drawing.

10 am - 2 pm: Family Focus  
Booths include exhibiting artists Brandi Lee Cooper, Emily Ritter, Abbey Messmer and Maria Salenger and organizations including Crayola Experience Chandler, Edna Vihel Arts Center, Tempe History Museum and Xico Inc. Activities include printmaking, suminagashi floating ink painting, topography map drawing and a fantasy station dedicated to dinosaurs and unicorns.

2 pm - 6 pm: Teen Focus  
Booths include exhibiting artists Jerry Jacobson and Justin Rodier and organizations including Architekton, ASU School of Art, Tempe Public Art, Scottsdale Artists School and FABRIC of Tempe. Activities include virtual reality drawing, portfolio reviews, animation, costume design, fashion design and open studio sessions with a live model and artist Matt Dickson.

6 pm - 10 pm: Adult Focus (with live music and happy hour)  
Booths include exhibiting artist Laura Spalding Best and date night activities including competitive drawing games, fashion show by FABRIC designers and open studio sessions with live model and artist Matt Dickson.

See complete schedule and descriptions online: tempecenterforthearts.com/TCAGallery

Summer Parking: Enjoy free cart rides from your vehicle to the TCA’s front door! TCA’s parking lot during construction is located at Hardy Dr. and Rio Salado Parkway. Just follow the signs.

Thank You: Tempe Water Utilities Services Division, Sky Harbor Airport Museum, Mesa Contemporary Arts Museum, Tempe History

WBFF Arizona Fitness and Fashion Spectacular  
June 29 | 5pm  
The WBFF strives for international recognition as an industry leader by providing the best opportunities for contestants and models to compete, supporting our partners and effectively promoting health and fitness.