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# BUILDING ON SIX DECADES OF VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

2018 Annual Report



## LEADERSHIP

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD CHAIR

# DEAR FELLOW ARTS ADVOCATE,

*When did you discover that you were an advocate for Northeast Indiana's arts, culture, and quality of life?*

Throughout 2018, our board and staff members had many opportunities to listen to our donors, artists, patrons, and community leaders as we coordinated partnerships like Arts Campus Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne Public Art Commission, Taste of the Arts, Arts United Awards, and more.

We were amazed to hear personal stories about how Northeast Indiana's vibrant arts and cultural scene has enriched the lives of the people we serve.

#### Repeated themes included:

- ▶ Feeling proud to play a role in the "rebirth" of our city as an active and vibrant place - one recognized as a great place to live, work, and play;
- ▶ Reuniting families by attracting a "boomerang" generation back home again;
- ▶ Celebrating the achievements of loved ones who are given a platform to share their song, dance, visual art, written word, film, and more;
- ▶ Exploring "hidden gems" of public mural and sculpture in reactivated alleys, parks, trails, libraries, schools, sidewalks, and buildings;
- ▶ Discovering new worldviews, perspectives, and experiences of diverse people in our community.

Perhaps these themes describe your experience? We believe they are expressions of a growing movement of passionate advocates for arts, culture, and our city's momentum.

An energized, vibrant community was the vision of Arts United's founders who in 1955 established Arts United - then known as the Fine Arts Foundation - who recognized a need to re-invent Fort Wayne's identity.

They believed that a mid-sized, Midwestern city lacking oceans and mountains could build a national reputation by playing to its strengths: a robust arts and cultural sector that could rival the amenities of many large cities.

At the time, our city boasted an established art school, growing symphony, thriving community theater programs, historical society, and a fledgling ballet company, yet many of these organizations were struggling to present programming in antiquated and unsafe buildings and lacked coordinated resources and leadership. An arts complex similar to Lincoln Center in New York City was proposed to revitalize Fort Wayne's deteriorating downtown.

Louis I. Kahn, the world-famous architect hired by the Fine Arts Foundation to envision a multi-facility cultural district for Fort Wayne, famously captured the sentiment of the time,

*"These organizations of the arts, when they come together to be a single center - does it mean that something new is born? ... I realized that it does, simply by their being together rather than apart."*

Beyond bricks and mortar, Kahn referred to a higher concept, one of a shared civic experience. Within Arts Campus Fort Wayne - and radiating throughout Northeast Indiana -- a new, shared experience is born with each performance, exhibit, education program, festival, mural, sculpture, and event.

**Arts United was founded to provide coordinated civic planning and centralized resources to fuel the excellence and accessibility of arts and cultural experiences in northeast Indiana - strengthening the national reputation of Fort Wayne.**

Today, we're proudly building on six decades of visionary cultural leadership. That's why we are so excited to share our 2018 accomplishments in this Annual Report. As you review it, reach out and tell us why you became an advocate for arts and culture. We're eager to hear your story!

Onward!

**Doug Wood**  
Board Chair

**Susan Mendenhall**  
President





LADA performer during the Audiences Unlimited Concert

Fort Wayne Ballet Youth Company

Twyla Tharp at the 2018 Indiana Arts Homecoming

Arts United is the driving force for arts and culture in Northeast Indiana, leading the way in initiating collaborative strategies to accelerate community engagement through the arts.

# MISSION

Arts United advances the creative sector by mobilizing resources to elevate our community's quality of life.

# VISION

Northeast Indiana will claim its place as a national destination by driving forward its creative sector with a regionally collaborative, inclusive and innovative spirit.

# VALUES

- In everything we do, Arts United strives to:
- ▶ Create a margin for excellence for arts and culture
  - ▶ Encourage innovation and creativity
  - ▶ Exemplify good stewardship of the community's resources
  - ▶ Operate collaboratively and inclusively



Attendees at Cinema Center's Hobnobben Film Festival

## A SOARING VISION. YESTERDAY. TODAY. TOMORROW.

2018 marked the launch of A Soaring Vision Campaign, a comprehensive fundraising initiative. This isn't a traditional capital campaign. This is a legacy-level, city-building initiative, and it requires visionary leadership and investment. With an eye to the future, we can build lasting results for our community, energizing the arts in Northeast Indiana for generations to come.



Patti Hays announcing the \$2 million AWS Foundation Gift (photo credit: Michelle Davies, Journal Gazette)

## By the Numbers

- \$26.2M** Estimated annual economic impact of the 13 organizations with headquarters at Arts Campus Fort Wayne.
- \$5M** Dollars raised toward the \$40 million goal of Phase 1 of this comprehensive fundraising initiative, anchored by a \$2 million gift from AWS Foundation and the success of the 2018 Annual Fund Drive.
- 527K** Individuals served throughout the region by 13 organizations with headquarters at Arts Campus Fort Wayne.
- 2022** Year we plan to break ground on Phase 1 of the Arts Campus Master Plan focusing on the renovation of the Kahn-designed Arts United Center
- 192** Number of community members who attended Arts United's Backstage Pass event in June 2018 to launch the new Arts Campus Fort Wayne brand and A Soaring Vision Campaign.
- 130** Number of architectural tours of the Arts United Center provided since 2017 with approximately 300 community leaders and partners.
- 7** Number of volunteer-driven committees established to support the development of Arts Campus Fort Wayne by providing strategic leadership and focus to Master Planning, Building and Architecture, Venue Operations, Public Funding, Fundraising, Arts Leadership Engagement, and Audience Development.

## A SOARING VISION GOALS

**GOAL ONE**  
Create the arts campus for the next generation

**GOAL TWO**  
Sustain the Annual Fund Drive

**GOAL THREE**  
Protect our legacy through endowment



# CAPACITY BUILDING FOR ARTS NONPROFITS

## Investing in Projects, Programs, Classes, Events and Social Offerings for Our Community

Arts United partners with more than 3,000 donors to build the capacity of arts nonprofits by providing operational oversight coupled with an efficient business infrastructure. Arts United serves about 40 organizations per year through centralized fundraising; impact-based grant-making; health, dental

and life insurance administration; payroll processing; general liability and worker's compensation insurance administration; and ArtsTix Community Box Office administration. In turn, organizations that receive grants connect more than 776,000 people to more than 23,000 activities throughout Northeast Indiana.

### Grants Awarded in 2018

	Annual Operating Support	Indiana Arts Commission Arts Organization Support	Indiana Arts Commission Arts Project Support	Amplify Art! Sponsored by 3Rivers Federal Credit Union	Nonprofit Arts Internship Initiative Sponsored by Lincoln Financial Foundation	Total
all for One productions, inc.		\$5,834				\$5,384
ARCH	\$12,518				\$2,880	\$15,398
Art This Way				\$2,534		\$2,534
Artlink	\$12,518	\$7,779				\$20,297
Arts Campus Fort Wayne (Barr Street Corridor Creative Illumination)				\$2,074		\$2,074
Audiences Unlimited	\$12,518	\$9,724				\$22,242
Bishop Dwenger High School			\$5,000			\$5,000
Children's Choir of Huntington County			\$5,000			\$5,000
Creative Arts Council of Wells County		\$6,807				\$6,807
Decatur Main Street (Kekionga Festival)			\$5,000			\$5,000
East Allen County Schools			\$4,000			\$4,000
Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana			\$5,000			\$5,000
Embassy Theatre		**				**
FAME	\$12,518	\$6,807			\$3,000	\$22,325
Fort Wayne Ballet	\$83,452	\$18,476		\$1,812		\$103,740
Fort Wayne Children's Choir	\$12,518	\$9,724		\$5,000	\$1,824	\$29,066
Fort Wayne Cinema Center	\$12,518	\$9,724		\$5,505		\$27,747
Fort Wayne Civic Theatre	\$74,129	\$15,558		\$4,285	\$2,998.80	\$96,970.80
Fort Wayne Dance Collective	\$21,308	\$12,641			\$2,880	\$36,829
Fort Wayne Museum of Art	\$110,157	**			\$2,880	\$113,037**
Fort Wayne Philharmonic	\$136,862	**			\$2,997	\$139,859**
Fort Wayne Youththeatre	\$20,863	\$7,779			\$3,000	\$31,642
Heartland Sings		\$12,641				\$12,641
History Center	\$49,420		\$4,500			\$53,920
Honeywell Foundation		**				**
Indiana Center for Middle East Peace			\$5,000			\$5,000
LaFontaine Arts Council			\$5,000			\$5,000
Memorial Park Middle School			\$5,000			\$5,000
Mihsikhinaahkwa Pow Wow			\$5,000			\$5,000
North Adams Arts Council (Decatur Sculpture Tour)			\$5,000			\$5,000
North Manchester Civic Symphony Society			\$5,000			\$5,000
Parkview Huntington Family YMCA			\$5,000			\$5,000
Purdue University (IPFW/Shruti Indian Performance Series)			\$5,000			\$5,000
ReDiscover Downtown Peru (Cole Porter Festival)			\$5,000			\$5,000
Science Central (AWS Special Abilities Days)			\$2,685			\$2,685
The Bach Collegium			\$5,000			\$5,000
Unity Performing Arts Foundation	\$12,518	\$12,641				\$25,159
University of Saint Francis - School of Creative Arts (Jesters Program)			\$5,000			\$5,000
YWCA Northeast Indiana			\$5,000			\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$583,817</b>	<b>\$136,135</b>	<b>\$91,185</b>	<b>\$21,210</b>	<b>\$22,459.80</b>	<b>\$854,806.80</b>

\*\* Received an Indiana Arts Commission Arts Operating Support Grant directly from the Indiana Arts Commission.



# GO. MAKE. BELIEVE.



At the 2018 Taste of the Arts Festival, Arts United launched the official branded version of our cultural district—Arts Campus Fort Wayne. After discussion and planning with campus residents, community members, and staff, Arts Campus Fort Wayne released a new logo and visuals to create an identifying brand.

Arts Campus Fort Wayne is a destination—the heart of arts & culture in our region. It's a place we go to connect with others. We come back here again and again, knowing we'll always find something different, captivating, and interactive.

We create more than art when we're here—we make memories. We collaborate, learn and grow. We convene and evolve. Expect a one-of-a-kind experience at Arts Campus Fort Wayne. Colorful, fearless, and innovative.

Here, we build each other up. We believe in bold ideas—and ourselves. Every day, every person, every experience—this is creativity for everyone. **Go. Make. Believe.**



# ARTS ADVOCACY AND PROMOTION

## Growing Regional Audiences and Deepening Community Engagement with the Arts

Arts United serves as a collective voice for the creative sector to increase community support of arts and culture. Whether we're coordinating the annual Taste of the Arts festival and the Arts United Awards, or keeping our community in the know

with the Arts & Culture Forecast and face-to-face meetings with community leaders, Arts United is working year-round to connect more people to the arts.

## 2018 Accomplishments

- ▶ Initiated the Fort Wayne Public Art Program in partnership with the City of Fort Wayne, passed by City Council on March 20, 2018 with public funding provided by a give back program and private philanthropy shepherded by Arts United.
- ▶ Partnered with the City of Fort Wayne to support the Public Art Commission launch of the Public Art Master Plan—Art for All.
- ▶ Hosted the Indiana Arts Commission Arts Homecoming and Governor's Arts Awards in Fort Wayne on October 18-19, 2018.

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE ARTS

## Supporting Our Region's Momentum

Many communities have a municipal cultural affairs office. Fort Wayne has Arts United. We coordinate with government agencies and economic development initiatives to ensure that the creative sector has a voice in leadership, supporting the advancement of a more attractive, vibrant and thriving community. By collaborating

on programs like a new Public Art Commission, Middle Waves Music Festival, City of Fort Wayne's Downtown Blueprint, Indiana Arts Commission's Homecoming Convention and Creative Economy Studies, Arts United is making a positive and long-lasting impact for our city and region.

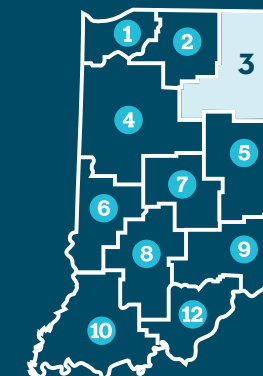
## 2018 Accomplishments

- ▶ Hosted Backstage Pass events to showcase our Louis Kahn-designed Arts United Center
- ▶ Celebrated 10th Annual Taste of the Arts festival
- ▶ Launched Arts Campus Fort Wayne branding
- ▶ Honored Fort Wayne Youtheatre's Young Heroes of Conscience Series and Ben Eisbart with the first ever Mayor's Arts Awards at the 10th Annual Arts United Awards

Attendees at the 2018 Indiana Arts Homecoming  
(Photo credit: Zack Kittaka)

# SERVING A REGIONAL FOOTPRINT

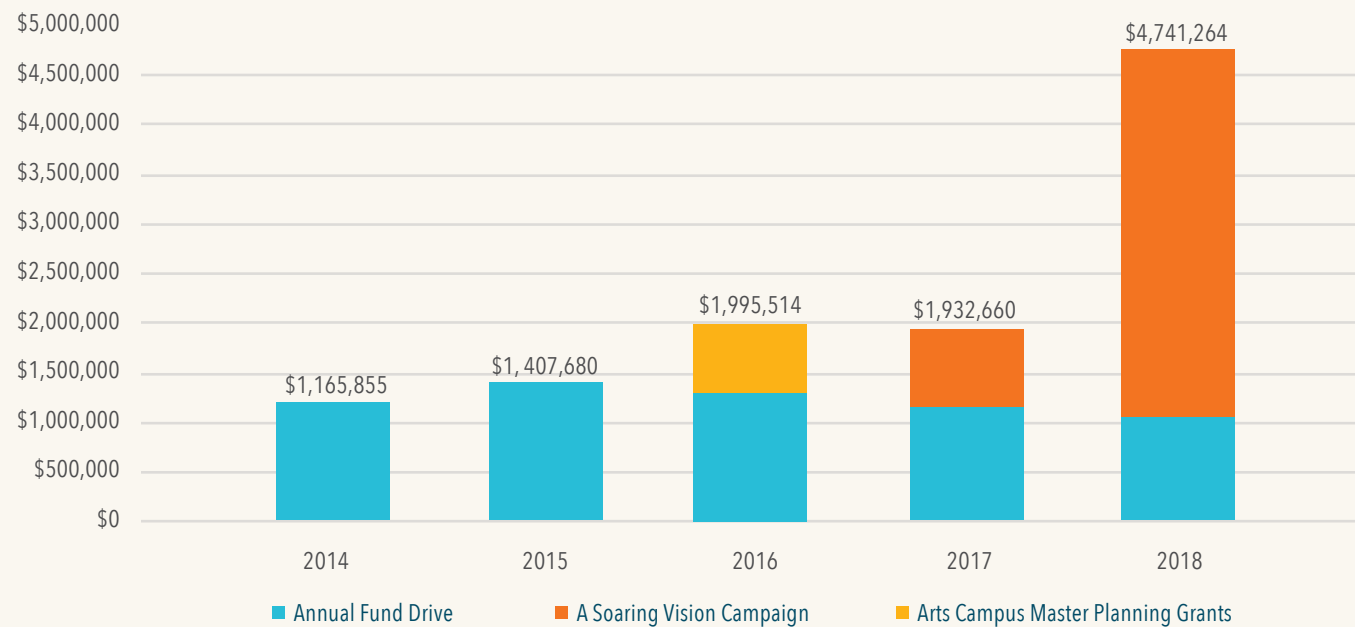
As an Indiana Arts Commission Regional Arts Partner, Arts United represents Northeast Indiana in a statewide network of arts administrators. Arts United administers grant funding to organizations and projects in eleven counties of Region 3 and serves as a source of information, referral and technical services for local artists and creative nonprofits.





# FUNDRAISING HISTORY BY CALENDAR YEAR

In 2017-18, Arts United converted our financial statements to a calendar-year period. Our audited financial statements reflect an activity period from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.



**TOTAL 2018 REVENUE: \$4,741,264**

For Arts United's complete audit, visit [artsunited.org/annualreport](http://artsunited.org/annualreport)



A Soaring Vision Arts Campus Fort Wayne expansion rendering by Westlake Reed Leskosky

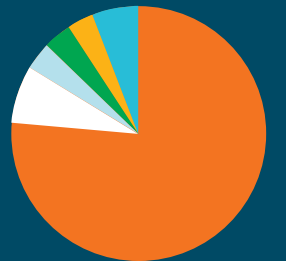
# 2018 FUNDRAISING REPORT



## A SOARING VISION CAMPAIGN & 2018 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE SOURCES

Every dollar raised is put to work in the form of grant funding, arts advocacy and promotion, Arts Campus Fort Wayne operations and development, centralized back-office support and creative community development.

Total Raised:  
**\$4.7 MILLION**



■ A Soaring Vision Campaign	\$3,662,050	■ Workplace Campaigns	\$170,000	■ Individual Donors	\$170,000
■ Trusts and Foundations	\$350,000	■ Local Businesses	\$170,000	■ Project Grants & Sponsorships	\$280,000

## Medici Giving Society

### \$25,000 Sam Rea Circle

- 3Rivers Federal Credit Union
- AWS Foundation\*
- City of Fort Wayne
- Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne\*
- Diane Humphrey\*
- Edward D. and Ione Auer Foundation\*
- Edward M. and Mary McCre Wilson Foundation
- English, Bonter, Mitchell Foundation\*
- Foellinger Foundation
- Fort Wayne Metals Employees
- Fort Wayne Metals Research Products Corp.
- Hayner Foundation
- Jeanne and Michael Mirro\*
- Lincoln Financial Foundation
- Lincoln Financial Group Employees
- Nancy and David Stewart\*
- Parkview Health Employees
- The Rogers Family\*
- Sweetwater and Chuck and Lisa Surack
- Wells Fargo Bank
- The Wood Family\*

- Latz Charitable Remainder Unitrust
- Mimi and Ian Rolland
- NIPSCO
- PNC Bank
- Ruth and Robert Stone\*
- Susan and Derek Mendenhall\*

### \$7,500 John D. Shoaff Circle

- E. H. Kilbourne Trust
- Hagerman, Inc.
- STAR Financial Bank Employees

### \$5,000 Jackson Lehman Circle

- BAE Systems
- Drs. Pamela and Kevin Kelly
- Indiana Michigan Power
- Jeanne and Gabriel Shaheen
- Leonard Helfrich\*
- Mike and Megan Flohr\*
- Parrish Leasing
- Peter Kelly and Patricia Roller\*
- Steel Dynamics Foundation
- Vicki and Rick James

### \$10,000 Margaret Ann Keegan Circle

- Anna and Dan Ross\*
- City of Fort Wayne Employees
- Don Wood and Dar Richardson
- Floyd and Betty Lou Lancia
- Fort Wayne Community Schools Employees
- General Motors Company Fort Wayne Assembly Plant
- GD Productions
- Harry C. and Edna D. McKown Trust
- Journal Gazette Foundation
- Kim and Ryan Lyman\*
- Kristin Marcuccilli\*
- Larry and Wendy Rowland\*

### \$2,500 Esther Collyer Circle

- 4EOS
- Cheryl Rockwell
- Elda A. Albers Trust
- Manchester University
- Franklin Electric Foundation
- Physicians Health Plan
- Ramona and Mark Michael
- Scott and Melissa Glaze
- Sean and Melanie Natarajan

### \$1,000 Bud and Janet Latz Circle

- 1st Source Bank
- Amanda and William LaSalle
- Ambassador Enterprises
- Amy and John Hester
- Anita and Bill Cast
- Anita and Bix Benson
- Audrey Gerson
- Barb Wachtman and Tom Skillman
- Barrett & McNagy Employees
- Ben and Sharon Eisbart
- Betsy and Geoff Gephart
- BKD & BKD Employees
- Charles and Lou Ann Presti
- Christina and Alfredo Perez
- CVC Communications Employees
- David Brumm and Kimberly McDonald
- David Lupke
- Donna and Herbert Snyder
- Mr. and Mrs. Edmund P. Kos
- Eleanor Marine
- Embassy Theatre Employees
- Eric and Maci Doden
- First Merchants Corporation
- Fort Wayne Newspapers Employees
- Fred and Mary Anna Feitler
- Greater Fort Wayne, Inc. Employees
- Greg and Kathy Friend
- Harriett Inskeep
- Herbert W. Wunderlin
- Indiana Signworks
- Ingrid E. Laidroo-Martin
- Irene and Bob Walters
- Ivy Tech Community College
- James C. and Pat Marcuccilli
- James and Laurel Stevens
- Jason Row
- Jeff Sebeika

- Jeffrey S. and Carole E. Slater
- Jolynn Suko
- Dr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Ladowski
- Josh and Cristina Parrish
- Julie Inskeep and Bobby Simpson
- Karl Bandemer
- Kathy Callen
- Kathryn Miller
- Linn and George Bartling
- Lon Braun
- Marilyn Moran-Townsend and Bill Townsend
- Mark Hutchinson
- Melissa Hartman
- MKM Architecture + Design
- Pam and Dan Holocher\*
- Park Center Employees
- Patricia S. Griest
- Phillips Financial
- Pro Resources, Inc.
- Rea Magnet Wire Company
- Richard E. Baker
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ferguson
- Ronald and Marilyn Foster
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Keen, Jr.
- Robert & Nancy Archer and George & Mary Johnson Fund
- Sandra K. Dolson
- Sandy and Jay Habig
- Greg and Kathy Friend
- Harriett Inskeep
- Herbert W. Wunderlin
- Indiana Signworks
- Ingrid E. Laidroo-Martin
- Irene and Bob Walters
- Ivy Tech Community College
- James C. and Pat Marcuccilli
- James and Laurel Stevens
- Jason Row
- Jeff Sebeika

\*This individual has made an above-and-beyond pledge to A Soaring Vision Campaign, a five year comprehensive fundraising initiative.



# OUR CELEBRATED HISTORY

Arts United is the third oldest United Arts Fund in the United States and the only organization of its kind in Northeast Indiana. Our history is deep-rooted in bold, forward-thinking initiatives.

## 1955

**Arts United was established as the Fort Wayne Fine Arts Foundation.** The first member organizations were The Fort Wayne Arts School and Museum, the Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, and the Fort Wayne Musical Society. Sam Rea of Rea Magnet Wire was the first Board Chairman.

## 1958

Chaired by Margaret Ann Keegan, **the first Fine Arts Festival was held at Franke Park.** The annual event was held until 1975.

## 1958

**First Annual Fund Drive raised \$88,900** for five arts organizations.

## 1959

A needs assessment was completed for the arts. **Facilities were identified as a critical community need.**

## 1961

After a nationwide search, **world-famous architect Louis I. Kahn was hired to develop a vision for a multi-venue downtown arts complex** inspired by Lincoln Center in New York City.

## 1964

The **first capital campaign was launched** to fund the initial phase of the Arts Campus plan.

## 1970

**Construction began on the Performing Arts Center,** which was renamed the Arts United Center in 2005 in celebration of Arts United's 50th Anniversary.

## 1972

**Freimann Square Park was dedicated** by Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation with a posthumous gift from Magnavox president Frank Freimann.

## 1973

**Arts United Center was opened.** Architect Louis Kahn attended opening ceremonies and died shortly after. The first performance in the theatre was presented by Fort Wayne Youtheatre.

## 1981

**The Regional Arts Council was established** to provide project grants and networking opportunities for a larger network of arts organizations.

## 1984

**Fort Wayne Museum of Art was dedicated** with proceeds from a 1980 capital campaign.

## 1988

With leadership from Board Chair Anita Cast, **the Fine Arts Foundation was renamed Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne, Inc.** to reflect its expanded membership and multi-county footprint.

## 1989

**Board Chairman Ian Rolland led the Renaissance Campaign, establishing a long-term maintenance fund for arts facilities and supporting immediate capital improvements for the History Center, Arts United Center and Embassy Theatre.** The campaign also established the Hall Community Arts Center, which houses Cinema Center and Fort Wayne Dance Collective today.

## 1995

**Arts United partnered with the Lincoln Financial Foundation and the Foellinger Foundation to increase arts outreach efforts** to benefit youth and their families through the Creative Alternative Programs grant initiative.

## 2000

**Arts United became a Regional Arts Partner of the Indiana Arts Commission** to distribute state arts funding.

## 2009

The inaugural **Taste of the Arts festival was launched** on Arts Campus Fort Wayne.

## 2010

With leadership from Board Chair Bix Benson, **Arts United led the A Home for the Arts capital campaign** to develop the Auer Center for Arts & Culture, which houses the Fort Wayne Ballet, Artlink, FAME, Fort Wayne Trails and Arts United's administrative offices.

## 2011

**The ArtsTix Community Box Office program was developed.**

## 2014

**Parkview Physicians Group ArtsLab, an innovative black box theatre, was opened to the public.** The first performance was presented by Fort Wayne Youtheatre.

## 2015

**Arts United celebrated its 60th Anniversary** with a special Annual Fund Drive for the arts. Arts United led a major cultural and strategic planning initiative and established a community vision for the arts.

## 2016

**Amplify Art!—an innovative crowdfunding program—was developed** with a grant from the Knight Foundation in partnership with the Community Foundation of Greater Fort Wayne.

## 2016

**Cultural Advancement Projects, LLC. was established** to provide fiscal agencies for programs like Middle Waves Music Festival, Kickstart and Make Music Day.

## 2016

With leadership from Board Chair Doug Wood, **Arts United initiated an inclusive Arts Campus Master Planning effort to prepare for the renovation of the Arts United Center and improvement of Arts Campus Fort Wayne** as a regional destination.

## 2018

**Arts United partnered with the City of Fort Wayne to establish the first-ever Fort Wayne Public Art Program and Commission.** The program is to be funded through an innovative give-back program and private philanthropy.



# REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

Founded in 1988, Arts United's Regional Arts Council (then known as the Community Arts Council) is a program designed to provide a networking forum for area artists and nonprofit administrators, to assist them in achieving their goals, and to help further public awareness of the arts in Northeast Indiana. In 2018, the Regional Arts Council included representatives from 65 arts and culture organizations throughout the region.

## 2018 Regional Arts Council Members

89.1 WBOI NPR News and Diverse Music  
African/African-American Historical Society Museum  
all for One productions, inc.  
Allen County Courthouse Preservation Trust  
Allen County Public Library  
ARCH  
Arena Dinner Theatre  
Artlink  
Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum  
Audiences Unlimited  
Bach Collegium  
Cinema Center  
Creative Arts Council of Wells County  
Creative Women of the World  
Downtown Improvement District  
Embassy Theatre  
FAME  
First Presbyterian Theater  
Fort Wayne Area Community Band  
Fort Wayne Artists Guild  
Fort Wayne Ballet  
Fort Wayne Children's Choir  
Fort Wayne Civic Theatre  
Fort Wayne Dance Collective  
Fort Wayne Maennerchor/Damenchor  
Fort Wayne Museum of Art  
Fort Wayne Parks & Recreation  
Fort Wayne Philharmonic  
Fort Wayne Trails  
Fort Wayne Youththeatre  
Friends of the Third World  
Garrett Museum of Art  
German Heritage Society  
Heartland Sings  
Historic Forks of the Wabash  
Historic Fort Wayne  
Honeywell Foundation

IPFW College of Visual and Performing Arts  
LaFontaine Arts Council  
Memorial Park Middle School  
Middle Waves Music Festival  
Mikautadze Dance Theatre  
Northeast Indiana P.O.E.T.S.  
Old Crown Brass Band  
Plymouth Congregational Church Music & Fine Arts Ministry  
Riverfront Fort Wayne  
Roanoke Beautification Foundation Arts Council  
Science Central  
Settlers, Inc.  
Shakespearemachine  
Shruti Fort Wayne  
String Shift  
Summit City Chorus  
The History Center  
Three Rivers Festival  
Three Rivers Music Theatre  
Towns of Harmony Chorus  
TRIAAC  
Trinity English Lutheran Church Music Program  
Trinity Episcopal Church Music  
Unity Performing Arts Foundation  
University of St. Francis - School of Creative Arts  
WFWA PBS 39  
Wunderkammer Company



# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Arts United is proud to connect with over 200 community partners, including our Regional Arts Council member organizations. Community Partners include 2018 Taste of the Arts participants, special project grant recipients, and organizations utilizing the Arts United Center and Parkview Physicians Group ArtsLab for a performance or special event.

Adam Baker & The Heartache  
Advancing Voices of Women (AVOW)  
Amaneceres de Mexico  
Ambassador Enterprises  
American Legion Band of Fort Wayne  
Art This Way  
B. Antonio's  
BAE Systems  
Bandidos  
Banh Mi Pho Shop  
Beagle & The Rev  
Beers Mellers Backs & Salin  
Believe in a Dream Satellite Strings  
Biaggi's  
Bishop Dwenger High School  
Blue Pluto  
Bob Hart  
BrainFreeze  
Broken Pencil Improv Comedy  
Bruno's BBQ  
Burkebeats Band  
Calder The Band  
Chain Gang Barbershop Quartet  
Chaotic Movement Step Studios  
Chapman's Brewing  
Charm of China  
Children's Choir of Huntington County  
Crackerjack Catering  
Crossroads Kombucha  
CS3/Dlightfuls  
Damon Mitchell  
Dash-In  
Decatur Main Street (Kekionga Festival)  
Design Week  
East Allen County Schools  
East Allen University  
Easter Seals Arc of Northeast Indiana  
Elite Dance Center  
Elle/The Remnant  
En Croix Ballet  
Energy Dance Competition  
Exterminate All Rational Thought  
Federated Media  
Fern Murphy  
First Presbyterian Church  
First Wayne Street United Methodist Church  
Fort 4 Fitness  
Fort Wayne Astronomical Society  
Fort Wayne Ballroom Company  
Fort Wayne Community Schools  
Fort Wayne HeART of the City  
Fort Wayne Scottish Pipes & Drums  
Fort Wayne Sister Cities International, Inc.  
Fort Wayne Suzuki Strings  
Gaslight Playhouse  
Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana - Michiana  
Greater Fort Wayne, Inc.  
Gregg Bender Band  
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Fort Wayne  
Happy Keys Music Together  
Harvest Christian Fellowship  
Hendricksen  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church  
Honeywell Foundation  
Hop River Brewing Co.  
Indiana Arts Commission  
Indiana Center for Middle East Peace  
Indiana Dance Festival  
Ivy Tech Grasshopper  
Jen Fisher & The Foggy Creek Band  
Jimmy's BBQ  
K. Monique's Studio of Dance  
Kerosec  
Kickstart Festival  
Kona Ica  
konverjdans  
Korea Festival  
La Jolla Booking Agency  
Lane Viking Strings  
League of Women Voters  
Mad Anthony Brewing  
Mark Turney  
Memorial Park Jazz Combo  
Mihsihkinaahkwa Pow Wow  
Miss Fort Wayne  
Miss Indiana & Friends  
MMJ Comedy  
Modbar  
Mynett Music  
Next Generation Academy  
North Adams Arts Council (Decatur Sculpture Tour)  
North Manchester Civic Symphony Society  
Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership  
Overlook  
Pangea  
Park Place on Main  
Parkview Huntington Family YMCA  
Patrick Daley  
Pembroke Bakery  
PNC Bank  
Precision Arts Challenge Dance Competition  
Purdue Fort Wayne Faculty Jazz Combo  
Purdue Fort Wayne Saxophone Quartet  
Purdue University Fort Wayne Community Arts Academy  
Raineer Perdue  
Random Change  
Raq the Rivers Belly Dance  
Ratio Dance  
ReDiscover Downtown Peru (Cole Porter Festival)  
Rowe Coffee Co.  
Savannah Soul  
SheeKristyle Academy of Dance Arts  
Shigs in Pit  
Simple Symphony  
Smooth Edge 2  
Southwest Montessori Academy  
St. John Family Band  
Studio 149  
Summit City Brewerks  
Summit City Kettle Corn  
Summit City Music Theatre  
Sunny Taylor  
Sweets So Geek  
Sweetwater Academy  
TekVenture  
The Bach Collegium  
The Giden Girls  
The Jaenicke Consort  
The Moon Cats  
The Murmurations  
The Wailhounds  
The Windows  
Tricia's School of Dance  
Triptych Dance  
Venus in Jeans  
Vera Bradley Foundation  
Visit Fort Wayne  
Vocal Power Academy  
WANE TV  
War On TV  
Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana  
YWCA Northeast Indiana





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