



# Annual Fund Drive 2024

ARTS UNITED

# ART UNITES US

# JOIN US

**ARTS UNITED OF GREATER FORT WAYNE** is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) local arts agency. Founded in 1955 to develop and operate a cultural district in downtown Fort Wayne, Arts United now supports more than 70 nonprofit arts and culture organizations and initiatives across 12 different counties in Northeast Indiana.

## MISSION

Arts United mobilizes resources to develop, coordinate, and support arts and culture, enhancing the quality of life and the economic vitality of Northeast Indiana.

## VISION

Arts and culture are present every day, everywhere, for everyone in Northeast Indiana.

With one gift to Arts United, you support these arts and culture organizations and initiatives:

- all for One productions
- Allen County Public Library
- ARCH
- Arena Dinner Theatre
- Artlink
- Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum
- Audiences Unlimited
- Bach Collegium Fort Wayne
- Believe In A Dream
- Bridge of Grace
- Bunche Montessori Early Childhood Education Center
- Children's Choir of Huntington County
- Creative Arts Council of Wells County
- Creative Women of the World
- Downtown Angola Coalition
- Downtown Fort Wayne
- East Allen County Schools
- Easterseals Arc of NE IN
- Embassy Theatre
- FAME
- Fire & Light Productions
- First Pres Theater
- Fort Wayne Area Community Band
- Fort Wayne Artists Guild
- Fort Wayne Ballet
- Fort Wayne Children's Choir

- Fort Wayne Cinema Center
- Fort Wayne Civic Theatre
- Fort Wayne Dance Collective
- Fort Wayne Museum of Art
- Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation
- Fort Wayne Philharmonic
- Fort Wayne Trails
- Fort Wayne Youtheatre
- Friends of the Third World
- Garrett Museum of Art
- Heartland Sings
- Historic Fort Wayne
- The History Center
- Honeywell Arts & Entertainment
- Japanese American Association of Indiana
- Kekionga Festival
- LaFontaine Arts Council
- LC Nature Park
- Levan R. Scott Academy
- Memorial Park Middle School
- Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana
- Miami County Artisan Gallery
- Miami County Recording Arts Studios
- North Adams Arts Council
- North Manchester Civic Symphony

- Northeast Indiana Public Radio
- Northern Indiana Bluegrass Association
- Overcoming Through Music
- Parkview Huntington Family YMCA
- PBS Fort Wayne
- Peabody Public Library
- Purdue University Fort Wayne
- Community Arts Academy
- Purdue University Fort Wayne College of Visual and Performing Arts
- ReDiscover Downtown Peru
- Rohli Booker / Majorette Dance Camp
- Science Central
- Steuben Arts Scene
- The Art Center / Macknificent Freedom Fest
- The Literacy Alliance
- The Shepherd's Hand Community Outreach Center
- Three Rivers Festival
- Three Rivers Music Theatre
- Unity Performing Arts Foundation
- University of Saint Francis Division of Creative Arts
- Visit Noble County
- Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts
- Whitney Young Early Childhood Center

## GIVING LEVELS

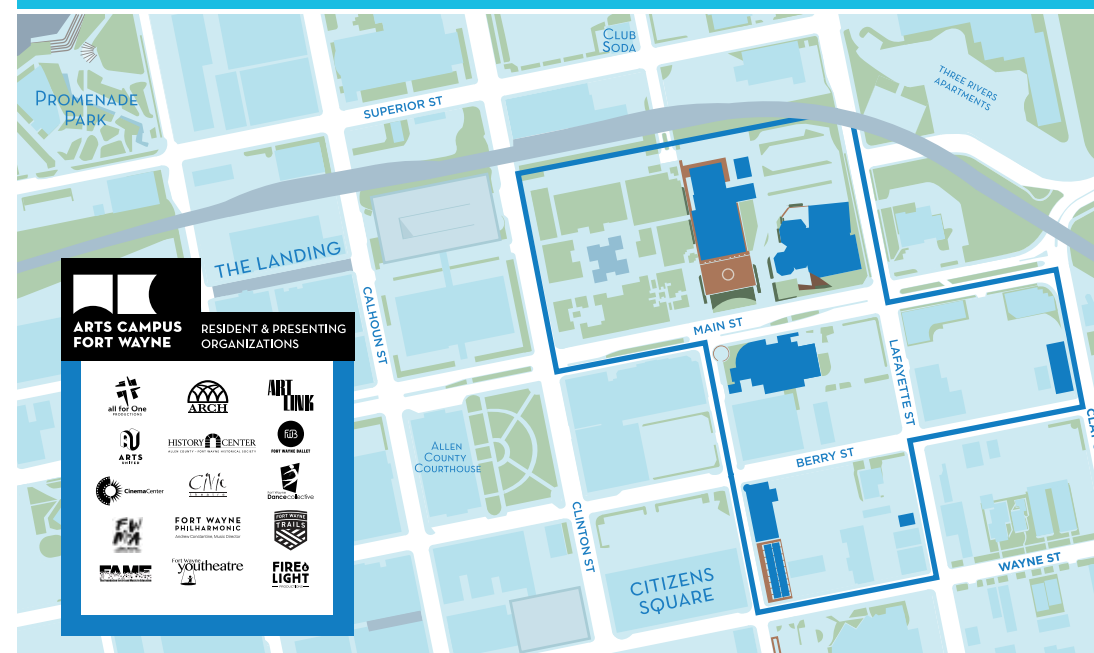
### LEADERSHIP GIVING LEVELS

\$25,000	Sam Rea Circle
\$10,000	Margaret Ann Keegan Circle
\$7,500	John D. Shoaff Circle
\$5,000	Jackson Lehman Circle
\$2,500	Esther Collyer Circle
\$1,000	Bud Latz Circle

### STAKEHOLDER GIVING LEVELS

\$750	Platinum Circle
\$500	Gold Circle
\$250	Silver Circle
\$100	Bronze Circle

## GIVE NOW TO THE 2024 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE



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Artist in Residence Lyndy Bazile paints Whitney Young Early Childhood Center's STEAM Mural

Arts United has a powerful vision for arts and culture to be present **EVERY DAY, EVERYWHERE, FOR EVERYONE IN NORTHEAST INDIANA**. To accomplish this, we advocate, build partnerships, and coordinate resources to support the growth and development of nonprofit arts and culture organizations and initiatives across Northeast Indiana. For nearly 70 years, Arts United has supported the growth and vitality of Northeast Indiana's quality of life. We're passionate about the success of arts and culture and believe that music, dance, fine art, theatre, cinema, museums, historical sites, architecture, artful public spaces, and more are critical to the prosperity of our region.

## Arts United surveyed arts and culture patrons in the greater Fort Wayne area during the 2022-23 season and found that:

**82%** agreed that the venue or facility they were attending was an important pillar within the community.

**85%** agreed that they would feel a great sense of loss if an activity or venue were no longer available to them.

**85%** felt their attendance was a way of ensuring that the activity or venue they attended would be preserved for future generations.

**89%** agreed that the activity or venue they attended was inspiring a sense of pride in their neighborhood or community.

*Findings based on the Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 study in partnership with Americans for the Arts*

## REPRESENTING NORTHEAST INDIANA

Arts United represents Region 3 as an Indiana Arts Commission Regional Arts Partner, serving these counties:

- ADAMS
- ALLEN
- DEKALB
- HUNTINGTON
- LAGRANGE
- MIAMI
- NOBLE
- STEUBEN
- WABASH
- WELLS
- WHITLEY

Arts United is **COMMITTED TO THE SUCCESS** of our member organizations. We facilitate administrative collaborations and provide funding opportunities, advocacy, and business services support to arts and culture nonprofits.

The **REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL** comprises more than 50 member organizations and provides a networking forum for arts and culture nonprofit administrators, assisting them in achieving their goals and helping to further public awareness of the arts in Northeast Indiana.

The members of the **BUSINESS SERVICES COUNCIL** collaborate to share resources, improve productivity, and minimize operational costs. This includes oversight of shared health, dental, vision, and life insurance, employee wellness and mental health programs, general liability insurance, worker's compensation insurance, and payroll processing. By participating in these services, organizations save a combined \$1.7 million each year compared to what they might pay in the open market.

The 15 members of the **AUDIENCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL** work to coordinate a shared ticketing and fundraising platform for participating member organizations, giving the community a one-stop shop for arts and culture information and tickets. To support this initiative, Arts United operates the ArtsTix Community Box Office at Arts Campus Fort Wayne.



**ARTS CAMPUS FORT WAYNE** was designated as an Indiana State Cultural District in June 2021 by the Indiana Arts Commission. The cultural district serves 725,000 visitors annually, putting it in the top 3 amenities in Northeast Indiana, right beside Parkview Field and the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. Arts Campus Fort Wayne also generates an economic impact of more than \$40 million each year, helping to support local restaurants and retail businesses in downtown Fort Wayne.

### Arts United Center



Designed by Louis I. Kahn, this performing arts theatre hosts community and civic events and productions by Fort Wayne Ballet, Fort Wayne Civic Theatre, and Fire & Light Productions.

### Auer Center for Arts & Culture



The Auer Center for Arts & Culture is home to Arts United, Artlink, FAME, Fort Wayne Ballet, Fort Wayne Youtheatre, and Fort Wayne Trails.

### Barr Street Market



This historic space adjacent to The History Center hosts the YLNI Farmers Market on Saturdays from May to September.

### Fort Wayne Museum of Art



This visual art museum features national touring exhibitions, a permanent collection, gift shop, events, and classroom space.

### Hall Community Arts Center



This home to Cinema Center and Fort Wayne Dance Collective includes an independent film theatre, a multi-functional screening room, three dance studios, and administrative offices.

### The History Center



This is home to a museum collection of 23,000 artifacts that tell the story of Fort Wayne and Allen County through the decades.

### Parkview Physicians Group ArtsLab



ArtsLab hosts productions, events, and concerts, and shares access to lobbies, restrooms, and more with the Auer Center.

### Alexander T. Rankin House



This historical house is the only standing structure in Fort Wayne that is known to be connected to the Underground Railroad and is home to ARCH.