MADISON ARTS COMMISSION
Projects, Programs, & Partnerships
2014-2015

Feed the Dream (2015) • Elizabeth Doyle
Photo: Eric Baillies
MAC is proud of our legacy of supporting arts and culture since 1977. Moving forward, we are more committed than ever to supporting the artists and organizations that make Madison the great place it is.

Barb Schrank
Chair, Madison Arts Commission

From *Across the Universe*, ARTspace (2015), Sandra Klingbeil
Introduction

The Madison Arts Commission (MAC) is a municipal commission that funds artistic activities and initiates cultural programs that integrate, support, and advance arts and culture as an essential part of life in Madison.

The Madison Arts Commission is housed in the Department of Planning and Community and Economic Development. In addition to the projects detailed in this program, MAC is also involved in planning and policy matters as they relate to the economic development and urban design goals of the City.

This report highlights individuals and organizations who received City of Madison Art grant funding, exhibited in ARTspace, created public art, partnered with us, or were otherwise an integral part of our programs and mission during the past two years.

For more information about the Madison Arts Commission’s programs and initiatives, to express interest in serving on the Commission, or to contribute ideas about strengthening Madison’s art scene, please email us at Madisonarts@CityofMadison.com

“...It is an honor to serve the artists and organizers that fill our community with art. You MAKE Madison.

Karin Wolf
Madison Art Program Administrator
Annual Grant Program

PROJECT AND ARTworks! GRANTS

The Project Grant provides support to individual artists and non-profit groups for projects that enrich the cultural landscape of the City of Madison.

The ARTworks! Grant provides support to artists, educators and community centers for after-school art programs.

100arts (of 100state)
African Association of Madison, Inc.
Bach Dancing & Dynamite Society of WI, Inc.
Bayview International Center for Education and the Arts
Bettye I. Latimer d/b/a UMOJA Magazine
Boys and Girls Club of Dane County, Inc.
Carol L. “Suni” Caylor
Center for Photography at Madison, Inc.
Chance Cork
Chazen Museum of Art
Children’s Theater, Inc. (CTM Productions)
Cornucopia Inc.
Cycropia Aerial Dance, Inc.
Disability Pride Madison
Dunn’s Marsh Neighborhood Association, Inc.
East Madison Community Center, Inc.
Fermat’s Last Theater Company, Inc.
Forward Theater Company
Four Lakes Traditional Music Collective
Fresco Opera Theatre Company
Friends of WilMar, Inc.
Girls Rock Camp Madison, Inc.
Grace Presents
Greater Madison Jazz Consortium, Inc.
Handel Aria Competition
Kanopy Dance Theatre, Inc.
Lake View Elementary School PTA
Lussier Community Education Center
Lyre Power
Madison Bach Musicians, Inc.
Madison Ballet, Inc.
Madison Blues Society, Inc.
Madison Children’s Museum, Inc.
Madison Museum of Contemporary Art
Madison Music Collective
Madison Music Makers, Inc.
Madison Northside Planning Council, Inc.
Madison Opera, Inc.

Special thanks to the Wisconsin Arts Board for their generous contributions to the Annual Grants Program.
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- Madison Public Library Foundation, Inc.
- Madison Symphony Orchestra, Inc.
- Madison Youth Choirs, Inc.
- Marquette Neighborhood Association
- Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center
- Monroe Street Fine Arts Center
- Music Theatre of Madison
- Opera for the Young, Inc. (OFTY)
- People Building Opportunity Through Grace and Action, Inc.
- Performing Ourselves
- Philip J Salamone
- PlayTime Productions LTD
- Portia Danis
- Safe Community Coalition of Madison and Dane County, Inc.
- Simpson Street Free Press
- Sustain Dane, Inc.
- TAP IT/new works, Inc.
- Theatre Lila, Inc.
- Violet Moran
- VSA Wisconsin, Inc.
- Wisconsin Academy of Sciences Arts & Letters
- Wisconsin Youth Symphony Orchestra, Inc. (WYSO)
- Work Opportunity in Rural Communities
- Zion City International Church Ministries, Inc.

MAC Endorsed Programs

Beyond the annual grant cycle, MAC reviews community projects throughout the year. Some organizations seek MACs partnership, feedback, professional support, or stamp of approval to demonstrate civic and community support for their project.

- WISDOT Verona Road Art Projects (see public art)
- American Institute of Architecture MAD CA+D Pop Up Gallery
- The Design Coalition Institute “An Intentionally Welcoming Community” Art Installation
- The Madison Music Scene Live Documentary Web Series

ARTspace

In the lobby of the Madison Municipal Building and in the Mayor’s Conference Room, ARTspace provides local artists with a prominent exhibition venue.

ARTspace Artists

- Seth Albertson
- Morris Altman
- Mark Buku
- José Guadalupe Ríos Córdoba
- Fabu
- Ben Fleischmann
- Sandra Klingbeil
- Philip Kumah
- Linda Mathis-Rose
- Beth Racette
- Jessica Ruiz
- UMOJA’s 25th Anniversary Exhibition
- Craig Wilson

Back on the Scene! 2014, Penn Park Trilogy, Urban Community Arts Network
Poet Laureate Program

POETS LAUREATE

Oscar Mireles is Madison’s sixth poet laureate serving from January 18, 2016 to January 15, 2018. Oscar has lived in Madison and been writing poetry for almost 25 years. He is the Executive Director of the Omega School, has parented four children here, and has won awards for his tremendous community engagement. He is the editor of two anthologies titled, “I didn’t know there were Latinos in Wisconsin.” He has published dozens of poems and has written chapbooks. His first project as poet laureate will be a children’s book in collaboration with the Madison Children’s Museum.

Sarah Busse and Wendy Vardaman served as the City of Madison Poets Laureate from January 16, 2012 through January 17, 2016. They defined as the vision and mission of their tenure, integration of poetry into the fabric of civic life. They continually placed poetry before the public in surprising places and spaces; creating conversations about poetry, connecting poets and groups of poets to each other and other artists, and building bridges between people using poetry. They initiated a program to open Common Council meetings with poems. They strengthened Bus Lines in Metro Transit Buses, and they published the book “Echolocations, Poets Map Madison.”

In addition to attending and reading poetry at numerous community events, each Poet Laureate creates their own projects and builds on initiatives of previous Poets Laureate*, such as:

- **Bus Lines** creates an opportunity for Madison residents to display their poems in and on Metro Transit buses and brings poetry before City residents in a creative way.
- **Poetry at Common Council Meetings** occurs quarterly when poets open the meeting with a poem to inspire a mood of civility, heighten the consciousness of all who create policy with their words, and remind us of the complexity of experience as embodied in language.
- **Madison Poetry Annual Invitational Marathon at Olbrich Gardens** gathers a great variety of poets to celebrate the diversity and range of local poets in one of the City’s most iconic park settings.

*Past Poets Laureate John Tuschen, Andrea Musher, Fabu, Sarah Busse and Wendy Vardaman.

Donate to the John Tuschen Poet Laureate Memorial Fund at www.madisoncommunity-foundation.org to help support the work of the Madison Poet Laureate.
Any Given Child

Any Given Child Madison (AGC Madison) is a member of the Any Given Child program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. We were selected because of our demonstrated commitment to the improvement of education in and through the arts. AGC Madison seeks to provide equity and access in arts education for all students. This collective impact initiative includes the City of Madison, Madison Metropolitan School District, Overture Center for the Arts, arts and community organizations, higher education, and local businesses.

anygivenchildmadison.org

Mayor Soglin announces the completion of AGC Madison Phase 1 report at Lincoln Elementary School. October 2014

Overture Center for the Arts

The City’s largest investment in an arts organization is the annual grant to Overture Center for the Arts. MAC evaluates the performance of this contract and advises the mayor and Common Council about Overture’s effectiveness in using the City’s funds to enhance Madison’s cultural ecology. For more information about Overture’s events and programming, visit www.overturecenter.org.

We understand the value of arts education in developing the spirit of our future leaders. Madison is committed to equitable arts access for all our children.

Mayor Paul R. Soglin
Madison Music City

Madison enjoys a great reputation as a Music City. In 2012, Livability.Com ranked Madison one of the “Top 10 Cities with the Best Music Scenes Outside of Nashville NYC and LA.” We know our City can do more to enhance our music scene. In the last five years the Mayor and the Common Council have increased funding for the arts by $100,000 to help support Madison Music City initiatives. The rest of the funding to support the many events that are part of Madison Music City are leveraged from private sources, at an approximately 10:1 ratio of private to public support. Below are four of the strategies, related programs, and partners supporting the Madison Music City initiative:

Supporting the Professional Development of Emerging Professional Musicians

BandSwap, a program of SpokesBuzz of Fort Collins, Colorado, aims to foster exchanges of musicians between mid-size market cities. It includes performance opportunities, networking and panel discussions with music industry experts.

- 2014 BandSwap Bands:
  - The Wells Division
  - I Saw the Creature
  - Sam Lyons

- 2015 BandSwap Musicians will perform in KC at Folk Alliance International on the Wisconsin Stage in February 2016:
  - Josh Harty
  - Anna Vogelzang
  - Sims Delaney Potthoff
  - Maggie Delaney Potthoff
  - Jeff Weiss
  - Madison Malone
  - Louka Patenoude
  - Jessica Parvin

- Madison Public Library’s Yahara Music Library*. This collaborative project between the Madison Public Library and Murphie Music provides residents who have a library card with access to a curated on-line library of local music (Yaharamusic.org) and helps support and promote local musicians.
Madison Music City

- **The Madison Songwriting Conference & Festival (MSCF) (Summer 2016)** A professional conference for independent musicians, focusing on songwriting, performance, and promotion organized by Roy Elkins, MSCF will attract musicians and music industry leaders from around the nation.

**Increasing Support for Music Education**
See Annual Grants (pages 4 and 5) and Any Given Child Madison (page 7).

**Increasing Citizen Access to Music Making and Enjoyment**
See Summer Concert Series and Special Events (page 8).

- **Make Music Madison (MMM)** invites residents to participate in a free, annual, neighborhood-based musical celebration on the summer solstice. Now in its 4th year, MMM has already become Madison’s first rite of summer.

**Hip Hop & Music Equity**

- In 2014 the Madison Arts Commission formed an ad hoc **Hip Hop Committee**. Their report, by Committee Chair Chris Taylor, resulted in MAC’s recommendation to the Mayor’s Office to establish a Task Force on Music and Entertainment that will include a wide range of stakeholders from police to venue owners, who should be charged with identifying existing barriers to participation and drafting recommendations to address them.

*Yahara Music Library is a program of the Madison Public Library. It is not funded or evaluated by MAC*
Public Art Program

PUBLIC ART PROJECTS

The Madison Arts Commission administers the development of municipal public art projects through Requests for Proposals (RFP), by encouraging other municipal agencies to integrate public art into their capitol projects and include artists on design teams (Art in City Building - ACB), through the Art In Public Places (AIPP) program which invites community generated projects to come before MAC for funding, and by reviewing and accepting private gifts of art to the City (gift).

WISDOT’s Verona Road Community Sensitive Solutions


Pavement Painting

MAC sponsored four pilot projects in the following neighborhoods:

Allied Drive (Marcus Nickel), Northside (Sharon Kilfoy w/ Northside neighbors), Leopold (Sharon Kilfoy w/ Leopold Neighborhood Association participants) and Meadowood (Brittany LaBorde)

Historical Mural for the Madison Municipal Building

Gift from Sister City Tepatitlán de Morelos, Mexico, by José Guadalupe Rios Córdoba

Projects Coming in 2016

*Brittingham Park Placemaking Project*, Michael Burns; Mary Berryman Agard, coordinator

*Wingra Waters*, Monroe Street Library, Lisa Koch; Sarah Lawton, coordinator

*Owl Creek Placemaking Project*, James Coan and Laura Milbrath

*Leopold Gateway Project*, Sonia Valle

*Shift*, Julia Schilling: coordinator 1000 Friends of Wisconsin

*Anchorlily*, William Turnbull

Conservation of Madison’s Outdoor Public Art

MAC provides ongoing maintenance, monitors the collection, and works with the community to save “works at risk.”

*Fountains on the Square*, 2015-16, Craig Deller, conservator.
BLINK Temporary Public Art Program

BLINK PROGRAM

* Blink provides funding for the creation of temporary public art.

2014 Blink Projects

Jessica Becker — *Reflections From the Banks of the Yahara River*
Grace Deane and Aliza Roth — *Persona, Madison*
Aaron Granat — *Focal Points*
Nadia Niggli — *Rain, Sculpture for Vilas Park Lagoon*
Michael Peterson — *Measures of the Lake*
Jovita Hogan — *Healing Race Relations*
Palmer Mathews — *Foliage*
Thomas Ferrella — *HYBRID*
Tyanna Buie — *This is Only a Façade*
Megan Katz, Marina Kelly — *Asylum*
Ellen Carlson & Erika Monroe-Kane — *WHERE ARE YOU GOING?*

2015 Blink Projects

Alaura Seidl — *Mirror Portraits*
Sharon Kilfoy — *Willy Street Hope Photo Project*
Wyatt Agard — *Sound & Light @ Tenney Park*
Thomas Ferrella — *A Mutual Curiosity Farm Art Dtour*
Anders Zanichowsky & Elsa Noterman — *Mapping Madison’s Racial Geographies*
Yeonhee Cheong, Richard Jones, Mallory Shotwell, and Gregg Williard — *Hilldale BLINK*

Blink Projects Coming in 2016

Art WI — *Memorial to Mildred Harnick*
Jenie Gao — *Illuminate Madison*

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BLINK is an opportunity for experimental, ad hoc, temporary works of art to sprout up in the community—and vanish—leaving residents and visitors eager to see what Madison artists are going to do next.

Madison neighborhoods are open canvases.
City of Madison Alders
Barbara Harrington-Mckinney,
Ledell Zellers
Amanda Hall
Michael E. Verveer
Shiva Bidar-Sielaff
Marsha A. Rummel
Steve King
Zach Wood
Paul E. Skidmore
Maurice S. Cheeks, Council President Pro Tem
Chris Schmidt
Larry Palm
Sara Eskrich
Sheri Carter
David Ahrens
Denise DeMarb, Council President
Samba Baldeh
Rebecca Kemble
Mark Clear
Matthew J. Phair

In 2014 and 2015, students of Carrie Firman at Edgewood College provided graphic design for poems on the exterior of Metro buses, as well as some online, https://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/poetry/poetryarchives2015.cfm.

2014-2016 MAC Members
Sheri Carter, current Common Council Representative*
Ginger Ann Contreras*
Briony Jean Foy*
Jenie Gao*
Cedric Johnson*
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Yorel Lashley*
Leslee Nelson
Yvette Pino*
Marsha Rummel, former Common Council Representative
Barbara Schrank, Chair *
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Sarah Sosa-Acevedo*
Chris Taylor
Rick Tvedt*
*Current Member as of Jan 1, 2016

Thank you to Mayor Paul Soglin and all the Mayor’s office deputy mayors, members of the Common Council, and dedicated City staff for their continuous support of arts and culture in the City of Madison and of the work of the Madison Arts Commission.

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Hansa Kerman Pistonik stands before her Bus Lines poem placed on a Metro Transit bus. Photo: John Brandt Pistotnik

Isthmus between two lakes
as we exist between two winters
this hourglass refusing to shatter.
Hansa Kerman Pistonik