Six beautiful years. That is how long I’ve had the privilege to serve as the Executive Director of the Springfield Regional Arts Council. (So far!) What a great ride it continues to be. From my chair at The Creamery Arts Center, it is exciting to see what we’ve been able to accomplish together and thrilling to see what’s on the horizon.

This year thanks to the generosity of the Musgrave Foundation and donors with an arts and culture focus at the Community Foundation of the Ozarks, we distributed $39,000 to local and regional nonprofit organizations tackling exciting projects.

The National Endowment for the Arts awarded the SRAC additional funding to test out a new program idea, Community Concerts & Conversations. Through a series of three events, participants explored tough topics in our community: poverty, LGBTQ issues, and racism. In the first year of the series, we had a full house listening to the music and stories of those who identify in these areas. Each story and song were deeply moving and powerful and continues to impact my perspective, both personally and professionally.

We partnered with Springfield Public Schools to host the Springfield Regional Arts Integration Conference. Two days of professional development provided more than 60 teachers, most who are teaching in non-arts subjects, with new tools and techniques using the arts to better understand core subjects like math, science, reading through dance, visual art, and drama.

Looking ahead, we have many opportunities to ensure the arts are a part of all community conversations. The SRAC is working to establish new partnerships with organizations to offer accessible, high-quality arts education experiences for students every week day. In the coming year, we expect to reach 1,000 children, helping them prepare for school, to find their first successes, and instilling a passion for the arts at an early age.

Adding to our advocacy efforts, we will be working through Forward SGF, the City’s comprehensive planning process, which will take place over the next 18-24 months. There are lots of great opportunities to share your ideas for the arts in Springfield at community events throughout the process. I’ve also been appointed to the Forward SGF Advisory Team, so email me your dreams for what the arts and the community at large will look like 20 years from now. Let’s dream the big dreams!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our efforts this past year. Members, patrons, sponsors, partners: each of you play a vital role in the work of the SRAC. It would not be possible without your continuing passion and dedication to the arts. I am excited to tackle the big projects this year. I hope you will join me!
As the President of the Board of Springfield Regional Arts Council, I want to thank you on behalf of the Board of Directors for your contributions to the vibrant arts community that continues to grow and thrive throughout the 27 counties in Southwest Missouri that we serve – the largest outreach of any regional arts council in Missouri.

We couldn’t accomplish what we do without your steadfast support, your advocacy, your participation, and your enjoyment of the arts scene in our community, in all its myriad forms. We are lucky because we know the intrinsic value that the arts and arts education provide to our quality of life, quality of place, and economic health.

Despite this knowledge and our firm belief that the arts transform lives and enrich our community, it seems we have been called upon to beat the drum even louder, so that these messages reach the ears of those who hold the fiscal reins and determine the placement of earned media.

With that in mind, the SRAC Board of Directors has been hard at work with the Executive Director and staff to develop and implement a new strategic plan that hones our advocacy efforts, expands our brand recognition as the go-to place for arts-related information, and focuses on community listening and service through action, in order to increase representation, diversity, and inclusion throughout our community and our art offerings.

We have achieved so much with the expertise and grit of dedicated staff members, passionate volunteers, and talented teaching artists and artist members. It is with great pride in our accomplishments and a clear sense of the work in front of us that I invite you to continue forward together with us!

In Service,
Joshua Best
FY2019 Accomplishments

NUMBERS
- Sold $8,500 in artwork through the Corporate Art Program.
- Sold over $24,000 in art sales during exhibits and events.
- Hosted 12,140 people in The Creamery Arts Center from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
- Hosted 164 rehearsals, 370 meetings, 11 performances, 69 special events, and 185 workshops at the Creamery Arts Center for a total of 799 appointments.
- Hosted 8 First Friday Art Walks at The Creamery, showing over 400 pieces of art from 248 artists.
- Provided transportation for equipment and materials to area arts organizations via the Arts Truck, which was driven 2,393 miles.

EVENTS
- Celebrated 30 Arts in the Park Graduates.
- Hosted MAC Cultural Equity Focus Group.
- Provided support for the Springfield Jazz Festival in downtown Springfield.
- Facilitated fish printing activity at the Japanese Fall Festival “Arts & Culture” tent.
- Hosted Artist Registry Workshop with 13 SRAC Members.
- Hosted “Art & Health” panel with artist Bambi Lint.
- Community Concerts & Conversations throughout the fall, held at The Fairbanks, The Creamery Arts Center, and Midtown-Carnegie Library; a total of 7 musicians performed and 70+ in attendance.
- Celebrated 6 winners at The Ozzie Awards in October.
- Hosted MAC Grant workshop with 22 attendees.
- Made gift bags, ornaments, and decorated cookies with 50 participants at Holiday Free Art Day in December.
- Participated in the Springfield Sister Cities’ Kite & Pinata Festival in April.
- Celebrated Artsfest sneak peek at Hotel Vandivort’s monthly “In Party.”
- Hosted 39th Annual Artsfest on Historic Walnut Street.
- Hosted Free Art Day at Springfield-Greene County Park Board’s “SnowFest” in June.
- Hosted Art Gone Wild at Dickerson Park Zoo, inspired by World Ocean Day.

EDUCATION
- Attended Arts and Aging: A Statewide Convening.
- Attended Drury University’s Non-Profit Leadership Conference.
- Led Field Trips with organizations including Boys & Girls Club, St. Elizabeth, BASE, reaching 200 students.
- Attended “Any Given Child Exchange” in Washington, DC.
- Attended “Community and Connectivity Conference” at Missouri State University.
- Attended Art Ease: A Regional Convening on Arts and the Military.
- Attended Missouri State University’s “Facing Racism Institute and Diversity and Inclusion Conference.”

PERSONNEL UPDATES
- Hired Christa Sutherland for the Bookkeeper role in August.
- Executive Director celebrated 5-year anniversary.
- Krista Cirillo hired in June as Office & Facility Manager.
- Arwen Inman worked as a part-time Summer Program Assistant.

FUNDING
- Submitted and received Missouri Arts Council grants for operating support, arts education programming, the Springfield Jazz Festival, and Springfield Regional Arts Integration Conference.
- Raised over $18,000 for arts education at The Ozzie Awards.
- Received $6,000 in donations during Year-End Giving.
- Participated in Men’s Chorus of the Ozark’s “Big Hat Fantasy Extravaganza,” raising money for arts programming.
- Distributed $39,000 to 12 arts organizations for the Arts & Culture grants, funded by The Musgrave Foundation and Community Foundation of the Ozarks.
- Received $1,000 grant from The Junior League for “Growing Up in the Arts.”

VALUES: CREATIVITY IN ALL FORMS, COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS, LEADERSHIP, INNOVATION, QUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVENESS, ACCESSIBILITY, GROWTH AND EDUCATION, SUSTAINABILITY
EXHIBITIONS

- *Metamorphosis* exhibit in August had 32 artists with 33 pieces.
- *Inspired By...Music* exhibit in September with 23 artists and 34 pieces of art.
- *Pure Enjoyment* exhibit in October, sponsored by Brewer Science; 50 artists with 104 pieces.
- *Caught My Eye* annual exhibit in November, sponsored by Positronic Industries; had 8 artists with 67 pieces.
- *$100 & Under* in December featured 24 artists and sold over $4,600 in art.
- *Annual Member’s Show* had 88 participating artists.

CORPORATE ART PROGRAM

- *Executive Director* renewed role as Southwest Missouri Regional Vice President on Missouri Citizens for the Arts board.
- *Attend*ed OACAC Back to School Fair, reaching 60 students.
- *Presented* to the Table Rock Art Guild.
- *Presented* to the Springfield-Branson National Airport's board about the Sky Gallery.
- *Hosted* a Creamery Arts Center Tour to the incoming Junior League class in September.
- *Executive Director* served on the AIA Springfield Design Awards Public Jury.
- *Hosted* the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art Education Department.
- *Attended* Kickapoo High School’s “Art Fair,” reaching 200+ students.
- *Attended* Salute to Legislators in Jefferson City, MO.
- *Hosted* a coffee meeting of local, state, and federal policymakers to discuss arts advocacy.

ADVOCACY & OUTREACH

- *Executive Director* served as chair of Citizens Day for the Arts at the Capitol in Jefferson City.
- *Presented* to Studio 55 and the Visual Arts Alliance about Corporate Art & Structure Galleries.
- *Presented* a session at Missouri Association for Community Arts Agencies annual conference.
- *Spoke* to Health Sciences Academy on “Art, Illness, and Empathy.”

OTHER

- *Implemented* new software for donor management, DonorView.
- *Welcome*d six new board members.
- *Adopted* three-year strategic plan.
- *Hired* Ascension Protective Services to provide security at The Creamery in coordination with Creamery tenants.
- *Hosted* focus groups and wrote the Community Focus Report chapter on Arts & Culture.
- *Fresh* Gallery, an SRAC fiscal program, celebrated 10 years of operation.

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ARTSFEST 2018-2019

ARTS AWARDS SPONSORS

Neanie Squires
Best of Show | $1,000

John & Beth Raidel
Best of 3D | $500

Ed & Phoebe Rice
Best of 2D | $500

Lisa Blumenstock & Gloria Galanes
Virginia Bussey Memorial Award | $500

Hood Rich Architecture
Award of Excellence | $500

The Family of Bob White
Award of Excellence | $400

Gailey’s and Rob & Sally Baird
Award of Excellence | $400

L&R Specialties, Springfield Blue Print, and Maschino’s
Award of Excellence | $400

Members of the SRAC Board of Directors
Award of Excellence | $425

Outland Complex
Live Art
Best in Show: $250
Second Place: $175
People’s Choice: $75

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EXHIBITIONS & WORKSHOPS

Brewer Science
Pure Enjoyment Exhibition
Positronic
Members Show Exhibition
Caught My Eye Exhibition

Annual Art Auction
EXHIBITION: January 15 - February 7
CLOSING RECEPTION: February 7 at 5pm - 8pm

Randy Bacon at The Sky Gallery
EXHIBITION: February 15 - May 15

Mid-Career Invitational
EXHIBITION: February 28 - March 30
OPENING RECEPTION: February 28

Between the Lines
EXHIBITION: April 3 - April 30
OPENING RECEPTION: April 3

Live Art from Artsfest
EXHIBITION: May 8 - 28

Annual Member Show
EXHIBITION: June 5 - July 31

Professional Development Workshops
Starting in April

Annual Member Meeting
Friday, July 31, 2020 at 11:00am

Artsfest on Walnut
May 2 & 3, 2020
Saturday 10am to 6pm
Sunday 10am to 5pm

The Big Show at Sky Gallery
May 2020
2019 OZZIE AWARDS

2019 OZZIE AWARD Winners

Andrea Ehrhardt
Featured Breakout Artist

John “Chuck” Rogers
Individual Award

Steve Snyder
Regional Impact Award

Chyrel Miller
Education Award

Nick Nelson and The Springfield Art Museum
Phoenix Award

Yolanda Lorge
Leadership Award

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FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

Revenue & Expense Report

General Operating Fund

FISCAL AGENCY PROGRAMS
- Eclectic Endeavors
- Fresh Gallery
- Film and Media Association of Springfield
- Sculpture Walk of Springfield

SRAC FISCAL PROGRAMS
- Clay-Mobile with Springfield Pottery
- First Friday Art Walk
- ideaXfactory
- SATO48

REVENUES
- Operations $195,616
- Programs $159,579
- Festivals $142,984

TOTAL REVENUES $498,181

EXPENDITURES
- Operations $191,290
- Programs $169,060
- Festivals $94,207

TOTAL EXPENDITURES $454,559

NET CHANGE $43,622
Artists & Patrons

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