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# COLUMBIA CENTER for the ARTS

Dear Columbia Arts Friends and Supporters,

As the giving season is upon us, we hope that community members continue to support the Arts in our region. After an arduous couple of years, CCA is excited to continue our efforts for the return of live theatre, music, and art back to the Columbia Gorge community. It is imperative to provide safe indoor environments for CCA guests (visitors), volunteers, artists, performers, staff, contractors, clients, and volunteers. Per state guidance, visitors are required to wear a face-covering and maintain six feet of social distance. Free Face masks and sanitizer shall be available at the entrance for you to use during your visit. If coming to a theatre performance bring proof of vaccination.

With everything happening in the world it can be hard to remember that there is still good to be found. As the world changes around us, the arts are needed more than ever. There is no better time than now to engage in something new, creative, and uplifting. The Columbia Center for the Arts is here to provide a creative space for community engagement and a place from which light can shine. We need you as much as we need light. This building and all of its events and classes and programs are for you, you, and you. With the arts, there's something for everyone.

The best thing about the holidays is the feeling of togetherness and appreciation for those who work hard to create those happy moments. Here at CCA, we have a lot to be thankful for! Let's be thankful for those who work hard to provide us the arts and those who generously donate to keep the arts alive! Community support, sponsorship, and donations are a key component of our nonprofit's fundraising, and we know we can count on the support of our beloved Gorge communities. Donate or consider giving the gift of the arts to this community treasure.

Be sure to check out our webpage for more information on events, classes, and news. We can't wait to see you this winter at the Columbia Center for the Arts! Why not come out and see what the arts are doing to rebuild our sense of community?

Respectfully yours,

Yasmin Arlette Acosta-Myers, Interim Executive Director

Hannalies Bosman, Operations Manager; Rachael Erickson, Gallery Manager; Mattea Schwab, Gallery & Administrative Coordinator

And the Board of Directors

Judie Hanel, Chair; Genevieve Scholl, Co-Chair; Ashley Huckaby May, Secretary; Tim Mayer, Treasurer, Amirra Malak, Ron Cohen.

## Ways to Support:

### Volunteers Needed

Our team includes many highly-valued volunteers who support the Columbia Center for the Arts in a variety of ways. Volunteering for the arts is a wonderful way to expand your social horizons, learn new skills, share your breadth of experience, and give back to the community.

If you are interested in supporting your community arts center, please join us as we build CCA back up to the thriving arts scene we know and love, please submit the online **Volunteer Form**. CCA Volunteer Opportunities include (descriptions on our website): House Manager, Usher, Event Support, Art Class Instructional Aide.

CCA is also currently searching for new community members to join our Board of Directors. If you are enthusiastic about bringing art to the communities of the Columbia River Gorge, enjoy interacting with others by advocating for the arts, or simply enjoy fundraising and supporting nonprofits, we'd love to connect with you! **[Apply for Board Membership Here.](#)**

### Volunteers Needed for December Events:

**Gallery:** Reception on Saturday December 4th (11am-5pm)

**Theatre:** House Managers & Ushers: December 17 & 18

### On Social Media

Help CCA with our social media presence and outreach by re-sharing our posts. Much like word of mouth, re-sharing our posts both from Instagram and Facebook creates more visibility on what's going on in the gallery and with upcoming live events, educational opportunities at the center, as well as resources for artists. Thank you for all your help! [facebook](#) | [instagram](#)

## Give!

Your donation to CCA benefits arts throughout the Columbia River Gorge and helps our community thrive! Please consider [making a donation](#) to the Columbia Center for the Arts. You can make a [donation](#) from your business, [in your own name](#) or the name of someone you love, or [explore other ways to support](#).

If you live in Oregon, you can double your contribution at no cost to you through the [Oregon Cultural Trust](#). (See below for details).

### Thanks to Everyone Who Has Contributed

Thanks to everyone who has helped, and who continues to help us, create an arts-rich community in the Columbia River Gorge. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

### Special Thanks to Our Charter Members

Thousands of people have helped Columbia Center for the Arts meet its goal of becoming a destination for the arts. There are too many names to list here. Some supporters however, due to the size of their contribution, deserve special recognition. [Click to see the list of these special donors](#) and join us in thanking them for their outstanding commitment to the arts.

### For More Information

If you would like more information about how to make a donation to Columbia Center for the Arts, please contact [director@columbiaarts.org](mailto:director@columbiaarts.org) or call 541-387-8877 x3.

**Thank you!**

### Special Tax Incentive to Donate to Oregon Arts



### Oregon Cultural Trust gives your whole match back

Make a year-end donation to the Columbia Center for the Arts, then make a matching donation to Oregon Cultural Trust, and you get the whole match back. [Click to learn more](#)

about [Oregon Cultural Trust's tax incentive for donating to the arts](#). As so many of our cultural organizations have been hit especially hard by the pandemic – there has never been a more important time for Oregonians to support arts and culture through the cultural tax credit. Here are some links to more information about the [Cultural Trust](#) and the [tax credit](#).

## In the Gallery:

### **Holiday Small Works Market**

**Exhibition December 3 – December 22, 2021**



Columbia Center for the Arts is excited to present our annual Holiday Small Works Market!

Our gallery and retail space will be full of smaller works by local and regional artists. From ornaments and holiday cards to original paintings, ceramics, limited edition prints, jewelry, and wearable items – we have everyone on your list covered.

### **Entryway Gallery: Silent Auction**

**November 5th - December 17th, 2021**

CCA is so excited to offer an end-of-year Silent Auction to support the arts! Auction and sale items will be displayed in the Entryway Gallery for attendees to assess, place bids on, and purchase. Items are from CCA's donated inventory as well as participating local artists. The auction will run November 5th - December 17th, 2021, so come in and place your bids!

## CCA Exhibitions are Supported by Cathedral Ridge Winery



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Cathedral Ridge will be continuing to showcase artists Cindy Ives and Sally Bills Bailey through the month of December! Call to make reservations for a tasting and to view these stunning works!

## CCA Partnership With Sotheby's International Realty Hood River

Don't forget to go see Nancy Houfek Brown's painting exhibition at Sotheby's International Realty in downtown Hood River this month through December! Please stop at Sotheby's December 10th from 5-7 PM for their Holiday Party highlighting Nancy's work and to meet the artist!

## Last Week to see Don't Quit Your Day Job Exhibition November 5-27, 2021



What does it mean to be an artist who is also a worker? How does a worker find ways to develop their art while also keeping food on the table and a roof over their head? How does a person manage the compulsion to create art within the context of the day job workday? And what does that do to the artist, and to the art? This split existence can often be a painful experience, but sometimes a rewarding one and a source of the energy behind an artist's work.

For this show, Columbia Center for the Arts is seeking to showcase the art and the stories of artists with day jobs, or other daily concerns that provide the resources needed to survive – food, shelter, healthcare, transportation. We presented an immersive experience of what it is to make art, to create artistic expression, when sales of artworks are not the artist's sole source of income.

This show was curated by local artist and CCA Board Member, Genevieve Scholl. [Click here for more information.](#)

## In the Theatre:

### Holiday Show: The Groove Project Grooves Christmas December 17 & 18 at 7:30pm, 2021



***Featuring Tim Mayer, Joanna Grammon, Dave Henehan, Jon Green, and Mike Grodner***

Columbia Center for the Arts presents The Groove Project, a concert celebrating the holiday season on December 17 and 18. The eighty-minute show begins at 7:30 pm and includes a compilation of jazzy, groove-punctuated, beat-poppin' holiday tunes— some new, some familiar, all unique. Musicians performing are the show's producer, Tim Mayer on piano, Joanna Grammon on vocals, Dave Henehan on guitar, Jon Green on bass, and Mike Grodner on drums.



Tickets for The Groove Project may be purchased Tuesday through Saturday at CCA or online at [columbiaarts.org](http://columbiaarts.org). Due to COVID 19 social distancing restrictions, only 70 seats will be sold for each performance.

**Thank you all who participated in our Día de los Muertos Ofrenda (Day of the Dead Altar): Community Invitation: *Creating a bit of sacredness***



Columbia Center for the Arts honored Day of the Dead this year by offering our Theatre space for an altar (Ofrenda) as a way to remember family members and friends who are no longer with us. As well as, honoring the grief and loss our community is experiencing throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

In partnership with The History Museum of Hood River County and Arts in Education of the Gorge, we honored the rich history of the Hood River area, with a Day of the Dead Celebration. The celebration includes the erection of a community Ofrenda at Columbia Center for the Arts, and a screening of The History Museum of Hood River County's 11th production Cemetery Tales.

**Thank you for all who came to Cemetery Tales Screening and Talkback at CCA**

***Talkback to include director/producer Joe Garoutte, writer/producer Michael Friend and actors Jim Yue, Elisa Solis, Kathy Williams, Ann Harris and Tom Burns.***



Cemetery Tales, the popular annual theatrical performance about influential members of our community from the past, has been created as a professional video production this year. This is the 11th production of Cemetery Tales, an event created by The History Museum of Hood River County featuring local actors. The COVID-19 pandemic prevented the production of Cemetery Tales in 2020 and has shifted this year's production to a virtual format.

## Virtual Art Education & Lecture Opportunities:

Columbia Center for the Arts in partnership with  
Arts in Education of the Gorge



Through a partnership with [Arts in Education of the Gorge](#) we are bringing K-12 arts education to you! Stop by and pick up a **free art kit for K-5 students with Vimeo links** to guided art lessons with AIEG teaching artist, Chloë Hight. *Art kit Supplies are limited.*

[Click HERE](#) to visit Vimeo art lesson videos on CCA's website!



***Arts in Education of the Gorge is also offering art activities during CCA's First Friday events. Come visit!***

[www.gorgeartsined.org](http://www.gorgeartsined.org) | [Instagram](#) | [Facebook](#)

## **Sense of Place Lecture Series** ***Connecting people through place and storytelling***

***October, November, and December lectures are online via Zoom.***

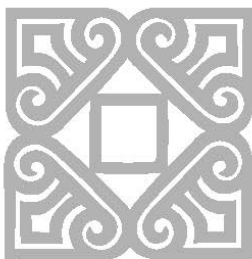


Due to the current COVID health regulations Sense of Place (SOP) is going to stream their series online for the remainder of the year (2021) instead of using CCA's Theater. We hope to be back in the theater with Sense of Place in 2022.

As with last season, all the lectures will be recorded and then offered online for free (this includes any lectures that they are able to have live). Sense of Place will also have additional audio/video content that may be of interest to our patrons.

Click [HERE](#) to visit Sense of Place Homepage & How to Register for Lectures!

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