Dear Columbia Arts Friends and Supporters,

We are almost at the end of the year. As 2021 draws to a close, the COLUMBIA CENTER for the ARTS, the Interim Executive Director, CCA Staff, and the Board of Directors wish to send a heartfelt “Thank You” to everyone who has supported the Art Center this year and for continuing to be a patron of our arts and cultural programs. We are thankful for our guests, volunteers, artists, performers, staff, contractors, clients, volunteers, and our donors for helping keep the arts alive during unprecedented times.

We wish you a healthy, hopeful and festive season and as the new year unfolds, celebrate a rejuvenated sense of purpose, continued resiliency, inspiration, and vast potential for the year to come.

There’s so much to be excited about in the coming months at CCA! We’ll be opening our gallery with a diverse exhibition of renowned artists’ work on February 4th, and running a breath of artistic explorations in classes and workshops. You’ll find more activation in our Theatre: it’s time to push the boundaries of what we’ve come to expect from a cultural arts community center.
Our Goals for 2022

As we move into the New Year, new beginnings can be felt all around! There is something for everyone and we're excited to take you on a journey with us. We want you to join us as we embark on an adventure to discover new things. These include:

- **Continue to build collaborative relationships with organizations** in the Gorge; Looking to take tangible action to build equitable and lasting relationships with our diverse communities
- **Equity, Access, Inclusion, and Diversity Training on an organizational level** as needed to align with strategic goals
- **Recruitment of new Board of Directors and Board Governance Strategies**
- **Realign our mission, vision, and core values** as needed to align with strategic goals and EAID objectives
- **Persist in providing memorable arts experiences for our community** by exploring the boundaries of theatre, dance, music and visual art.

We hope that you're able to take some time to relax and recharge this holiday season. We will model those values by taking care of our team with an invitation to rest and engage with some winter hibernation in the following way:

**We will be closing operations from December 24th through January 2nd, as well as closing to the public during the month of January.**

During this time, we will be responding to emails, engaging with social media, and taking meetings. We look forward to reconnecting with you with events in our Gallery, Art Studio, and Theater spaces when we return.

**We will resume normal operations on Friday, February 4th.**

Happy Holidays to all!

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:

Year-end giving!

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 or call 541-387-8877 x3.
Thank you!

**Special Tax Incentive to Donate to Oregon Arts**

[Image of Oregon Cultural Trust logo]

**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](https://www.culturaltrust.org). 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](https://www.culturaltrust.org) and the [tax credit](https://www.oregon.gov/DEQ/Permitting/Environmental/Assistance/). 

**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, by submitting the online [Volunteer Form](https://www.cccartcenter.org/volunteer). CCA Volunteer Opportunities include (descriptions on our website): House Manager, Usher, Event Support, Art Class Instructional Aide, and Gallery Support.

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](https://www.cccartcenter.org/join). 

**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

Honoring Kate Mills

Our community deeply mourns the loss of a key supporting member and a wonderful person. Katharine Leadbetter "Kate" Mills, passed away on December 7th, at age 89 surrounded by family.

Kate was smart, funny, and kind. Kate had championed the arts and particularly theatre for more than 50 years. Kate was on the original Board of CAST in Hood River in the 1970s and you would always find her in the audience for every CAST show throughout her life. Kate helped to host Columbia Center for the Arts annual trip of 50 people to Ashland to enjoy theatre at Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) for many years.

Kate and her husband Jack served on many boards in our Hood River community, and through their avid support, made COLUMBIA CENTER for the ARTS possible. When Kate and Jack purchased the building we reside in, they gave us two years to raise the money to pay them back. Two years later, we did! The CCA community is eternally grateful for their generosity and support.

Kate's passions were the environment, theatre, and land use. She leaves a lasting impact on Hood River and will be greatly missed.

Memorial services for Kate Mills will be held next spring.
Need a last minute gift? Our annual Holiday Small Works Market will run through December 23, 2021!

Our gallery and retail space is 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**

Thank you to everyone who made an offer for our end-of-year Silent Auction to support the arts! Auction and sale items were 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 ran from November 5th - December 17th, 2021. If your bid won, you have or will be receiving a call from CCA staff.
CCA Exhibitions are Supported by Cathedral Ridge Winery

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

Thank you to Sotheby’s and Nancy Houfek Brown for their Holiday Party highlighting Nancy’s work with an opportunity to meet the artist! Her painting exhibition at Sotheby’s International Realty in downtown Hood River is this month! Please stop at Sotheby’s.

In the Theater:

Thank you for all who joined us this past weekend for our Holiday Show: The Groove Project Grooves Christmas

CCA IN THE THEATER:

THE GROOVE PROJECT
Grooves Christmas
Featuring Tim Mayer, Joanna Grammon, Dave Henehan, Jon Green and Mike Grodner

December 17 & 18 - 7:30pm

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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.

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 | 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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