Dear Columbia Arts Friends and Supporters,

Want to know what the Arts can do for you?

The arts have been an integral part of human society for centuries. In recent years, the arts have been taking a backseat to other forms of entertainment and needs, but the value of the arts cannot be overstated.

Why the arts? The answer is simple: because they help shape the lives of the next generation.

The arts can be one of the most important pillars in education. They can help us thrive, professionally, culturally, and socially.

Paintings and sculptures tell a story. Living vicariously through someone's experiences can be an interesting way to experience their world. There's something about staring into a painting and feel as if you're about to be sucked into the art. Get lost in all the details and intricacies and feel as if you're right there, experiencing the painting with the artist.

There is a transformative power of the performing arts, how it builds communities and bridges audiences through shared experience.

The arts connect communities to their own history. Whether it be through song, dance, weaving, sculpture, painting, or many other forms, the arts are a common thread among generations and communities. For Native communities, the arts are an expressive legacy that has been passed down through the generations.

Art is a reflection of culture and life. It gives us access to new worlds. It's a new year! We're looking forward to an exciting journey to find out what's waiting for us. New memories and new possibilities!

Respectfully yours,

Yasmin Arlette Acosta-Myers, Interim Executive Director
In the Gallery:

**Contemporary Native Voices: Prints from Crow’s Shadow Institute of the Arts**

**Exhibition February 4 – March 26, 2022**

In collaboration with the Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts and The Dalles Art Center.

Contemporary Native Voices showcases prints created at Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts by local and regional Native artists. Prints will be shown at both Columbia Center for the Arts and The Dalles Art Center. Crow’s Shadow Institute of the Arts is located on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in the foothills of Oregon’s Blue Mountains. Crow's Shadow is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization formed in 1992 by local artists James Lavadour (Chinook and Walla Walla) and Phillip Cash Cash (Cayuse and Nez Perce). Their mission is to provide a creative conduit for educational, social, and economic opportunities for Native Americans through artistic development. Over the last 24 years, Crow's Shadow has evolved into a world-class studio focused on contemporary fine art printmaking.
This exhibit seeks to acknowledge, honor, and celebrate the original inhabitants of this land and create space for diverse regional contemporary Native voices.

To learn more about featured artists, click here.

To become a show sponsor, click here.
Thank you to our sponsors for making this possible:

Entryway Gallery: Artist Don Bailey Exhibits: Whil-xolik (Story Telling)  
February 4 - 26, 2022

Artist Don Bailey will open a solo exhibition in our Entryway Gallery in February: “Whil-xolik” (“story telling”/“tell me a story”). Don is an accomplished contemporary painter, who “in the spirit of whil-xolik (story-telling), creates stories in his paintings to shake up (mis)understandings of (indian) art and history.” says Bailey. Don has been featured on the Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) television show Art Beat and in Oregon ArtsWatch. His work is in the collection of the Hallie Ford Museum (Salem, Oregon), the State Library of Oregon (Salem, Oregon), City Hall (Portland, Oregon), the collection of the Chemawa Indian School (Salem, Oregon), Riverfront Park (Salem, Oregon), R B Ravens Gallery (Ranchos de Taos, NM), and private collections, and is also a member of Blackfish Gallery in Portland, Oregon.
Call To Artists!

Our annual show and a Hood River favorite is coming up in June! Art-a-Day is an annual exhibition that challenges artists to create one piece of art a day for the duration of a month. Each artist presents their series together allowing viewers to see the development over a 30-day practice while keeping a journal of the process. Applications will be due March 22nd! Please click here to apply!

Opportunity For Artists Affected By Covid

Artist Resilience Program Application Guidelines
The purpose of the Artist Resilience Program is to provide relief funding to Oregon artists who have experienced financial hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic due to loss of income, loss of opportunity, or other unanticipated impacts to their artistic practice. Artist Resilience Program funding is intended to help sustain the artistic practice of professional artists. The program supports professional artists from the disciplines listed in the application guidelines who have experienced or anticipate experiencing a loss of revenue of $1,000 or more from January 1 through December 31, 2021.

**Holiday Market**

We are so grateful to have had such a wonderful Holiday Market this year! What a great way to wrap up the season, with so much joy and patronage in the gallery and for our local artists. It was such a pleasure to see familiar, warm smiling faces in the gallery on First Friday and all throughout the month. We want to thank our patrons, visitors, and artists for your support for local, hand-crafted items made for this show.

**Silent Auction**

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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 received a call from CCA staff and we await your reply!

CCA Exhibitions are Supported by Cathedral Ridge Winery

Cathedral Ridge will be showcasing artists Heather Marlow and Brian Chambers starting in February through the month of April! Call to make reservations for a tasting and to view these stunning works!

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

January, February, March, April lectures are online via Zoom.

Due to the current COVID health regulations Sense of Place (SOP) is going to stream their series online. 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!

Ways to Support:

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 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.

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. 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.

**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

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