You will often note in materials you receive, that there is a place for you to contribute money to MCAC (in addition to payment of dues or fees) to help grow our Endowment Fund. The Medina County Arts Council Endowment Fund is professionally managed by the Akron Community Foundation.

An Endowment Fund offers us a predictable, stable source of income to support our mission. We can tap into the interest income for our operating expenses while the fund continues to grow in perpetuity.

Please consider donating to the Medina County Arts Council Endowment Fund to continue the support of arts in Medina County for years to come. You can send your checks to Medina County Arts Council, P.O. Box 532, Medina, OH 44258. Be sure to note “Endowment Fund” on the memo line, or contribute directly through our website.

Endowment Fund Growth

2019 Arts Grant and Scholarship Applications due in February

Does your arts organization need funding for a special project? Could your high school senior use an extra $1,000 to use for their college tuition? The application process for the 2019 Grants as well as the 2019 Scholarship are open now. Forms and guidelines for both are available now on the MCAC website.

Deadline for Scholarship applicants is March 16.
Deadline for Grant applicants is February 28.

All grants and scholarship applications are reviewed by a committee of Trustees and voted on by the Board of Trustees. The decision of the committee is final.

Join MCAC during the Annual Membership Drive

The Medina County Arts Council is all about pride in our community and partnerships. Without our members, donors, and generous event sponsors who invest in our mission, we would not be able to support our artists, musicians, thespians, writers, and artisans with funds, scholarships, underwriters, and promotions. If you haven’t yet, please mail in your membership renewal or go to our website. With your membership and contribution, you are directly nurturing the creativity in our community!

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After another year of careful local planning and work with potential supporters, the Medina Performing Arts Center (PAC) was the scene of the eighth annual “Holiday Pops” Concert by the Akron Symphony Orchestra and Chorus. On Saturday, December 8, 2018, the 1,500 seat auditorium filled with an audience of patrons eager to enjoy the seasonal music under the direction of orchestra Conductor Christopher Wilkins, chorus Conductor Marie Bucoy-Calavan, and youth chorus Conductor Eric Benjamin of the Akron Symphony Youth Chorus. The Medina County Arts Foundation (MCAF), under the leadership of Michael Sferro, MCAF president, was again the official sponsoring organization of the concert which honored the memory of Dr. Ron Ricci, longtime Trustee of the Foundation.

Local people serving on the Medina Holiday Pops project were Foundation Trustees: Mike Tierney, Karen Thorn, Shannon Harvey, Steve Sedlock, Valarie Terrell, and Debbie Muniak, who is the Medina school PAC Manager.

Playing in the orchestra was Keith Holiday, ASO Musician and Arts Council member. He formerly taught at Medina High School.

Arts Council and AAUW Medina members served as ticket-takers and passed out programs. Among them were Debbie Bock, Betsy Sprowls, Ken and Judy Smith, Marilyn Glauner, Doris and Dick Christy, Betsy and Jim Gilder, Ann Cole, Robert Smith, Kathy Elias, Will and Debbie Muniak, Theresa Laffey, and Walt Barry.

2018 “Holiday Pops” Concert

Kudos to Thomas Sigel

Congratulations to Medina resident Thomas Sigel, founder and CEO of ORMACO (Ohio Regional Music Art and Cultural Outreach), who was chosen by the Ohio Arts Council to represent Ohio in the national “Arts Venture Challenge” program of 2019 at the University of South Carolina, from June 1 to June 8 in Columbia.

The program at the University is a professional development workshop that teaches participants to become “better entrepreneurs, collaborators, change agents, community pillars and dreamers.” The 81 selected participants will compete by designing projects that will be publicly judged.
Winter 2019

ARTS CALENDAR

Events listed are subject to change

Medina Community Band
WINTER CONCERT

Sunday, January 27, 2:00 pm
Medina High School
851 Weymouth Rd., Medina, OH
www.medinacommunityband.org

One District, One Book:
Family Cartooning Night

Monday, February 4
7:00 - 8:00 pm
Highland Library
4160 Ridge Rd., Medina, OH
Register at mcdl.info/events or call 330-278-4271.

In collaboration with Highland Local Schools, cartoonist Jeff Nicholas will be here to share his art and have some fun.

Songwriting for At-Risk Youth School Assembly

February 8 at 9:00 am
Garfield Elementary School

We welcome you to this short program. Students at Garfield Elementary have been hard at work over the past few months to present their songs at this school assembly. It is a joy to see the enthusiasm of the kids when guests come to see what they've accomplished.

Fiddle Fest

Saturday, February 9
1:00 - 2:00 pm
Buckeye Library
6625 Wolff Rd., Medina, OH
Register at mcdl.info/events or call 330-725-4415.

Stop by for a lighthearted afternoon of fiddle music from a local studio. Enjoy the tunes and learn a bit of folk music history.

Art in Action

Saturday, February 16
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Medina Library
210 S. Broadway St., Medina, OH
No registration for this event; stop in any time.

Leave your winter blahs outside and experience inspiring works of art inside. Talk with local artists, learn their techniques and even create some art!

Harlem Renaissance

Tuesday, February 26
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Buckeye Library
6625 Wolff Rd., Medina, OH
Register at mcdl.info/events or call 330-725-4415.

Explore the music and poetry of the Harlem Renaissance. Understand the historical context of this pivotal time in the African American experience. Read excerpts from the poetry of Langston Hughes and interpret language through dance. Listen to samples of Blues and Ragtime music and discuss how these musical forms were a heartfelt expression of the people of the time.

STEAM Day

Saturday, March 9,
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Highland Library
4160 Ridge Rd., Medina, OH
No registration, this is a stop-by family event.

Celebrate STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) at Highland Library.

Writers Series:
Edit is a Four Letter Word

Thursday, March 14
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Medina Library
210 S. Broadway St., Medina, OH
Register at mcdl.info/events or call 330-722-4257.

Many writers needlessly dread this crucial part of the writing process. Learn the four stages of editing and how to apply them to your work with local author Katrina Morgan. Bring two copies of your first three pages for this fun, fast-paced, and interactive program.

A Look Back

2018 was a successful year of events, activities, and fundraising. Visit our website at www.medinacountyartsouncil.org to read about our accomplishments.

With gratitude, we say “goodbye” to our long-term newsletter designer, and former Arts Council Trustee, Cindy Allman, who now is pursuing a full-time professional career in the arts.

Like to Sing?

The Medina Chorus is looking forward to a new season starting on Monday, Feb. 4, our second session under the direction of Jordan Saul. All singers are welcome to join the Chorus for the Spring program, particularly Tenor and Bass voices! First rehearsal and sign-up is Monday, Feb. 4 at 6:30 pm and located at Medina Presbyterian Church, 5020 Burgundy Bay Blvd., Medina, Ohio.

If you love to sing and are looking for an opportunity to perform challenging choral works under the leadership of a professional music director, come join the 75-voice Medina Chorus for our Spring season. No audition is required, but some choral music experience is appreciated. For more information, visit www.medinachorus.com.
The popular ORMACO Party Bus is gassed up and ready to go for the 2019 season. Here is the schedule:

**March 22-24 – New York City**
The Party Bus will depart from Buehler’s Wadsworth headed for New York City and an optional tour of the Big Apple or exploring on your own. Tickets are $165.

**April 7 – Buffalo, NY**
Tour two Frank Lloyd Wright houses – Martin House and Graycliff – with a private docent. Enjoy muffins and mimosas on the luxury motor coach on the trip there and wine, cheese, and chocolates on the return trip. Tickets are $130.

**Playhouse Square Party Bus**
Some of the buses are sold out but limited tickets remain for the following shows:

**May 12 – A Bronx Take**

**June 20 - Dear Evan Hansen**

**July 28 – Come From Away**
Departures are from Buehler’s River Styx at 10:30 am and include a catered box lunch, wine, cookies chocolates, cheese, and goodies. Tickets range from $75-$125.

For details and to reserve tickets, call 330-722-2541 or visit www.ormaco.org (credit card fees apply).

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If you are interested in becoming a member, volunteer, or trustee of the Medina County Arts Council, email medinacoartscouncil@gmail.com or call 330-722-5502.