Visitors don’t pay admission to attend the Austin ArtWorks Festival and that’s no accident.

It follows the civic festival model which encourages broad community participation. To keep the Austin ArtWorks Festival a free-admission event, the volunteers and staff at Austin Area Arts secure over $100,000 to fund the event. The majority of budget comes from individual donations with over half the donations $100 or less.

To see all the community members investing in the arts—including gifts received after this program goes to print—please go to our website at: austinareaarts.org/2023-festival-support. That’s where you can make a donation, too. Thanks!

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8TH ANNUAL SCHINDLER CELEBRATION

CHASTITY BROWN AT PARAMOUNT THEATRE

Chastity Brown will play at the Paramount Theatre on Saturday, August 26 at 7 p.m. The show is possible because of Mayo Clinic Health System’s sponsorship.

The Schindler Celebration is held annually to celebrate the life of family physician Dr. Dick Schindler who practiced medicine for over 40 years and passed away in 2014.

Based in Minnesota, but with roots in Tennessee, Chastity grew up surrounded by country and soul music. In the full gospel church of her childhood, she played saxophone and drums and found her singing voice and a passion for music. She’s been featured on NPR’s “Favorite Sessions,” CMT, American Songwriter, and others.

“What I’ve realized is that the personal is political,” Brown said in a recent interview. “Just by me being a bi-racial, half-black, half-white woman living in America right now is political. Just being a person of color, a queer woman of color, for that matter, is freaking political. I’m really intrigued by the perseverance of the human spirit.”

Tickets on sale now at the Austin ArtWorks Festival.