

Madison Arts Commission Highlights 2016

Honors Event at Central Library

Celebrating all those community artists and partner organizations that work together with MAC to advance arts and culture as an essential part of life in Madison.

Annual Grant Program

MAC supports 55 artists and arts organizations through our annual grant program. Added two grant categories, specifically benefitting individual artists and pillar organizations.

Public Art

- Established **Sidewalk Poetry Program** — Installed six sidewalk poems in Marquette Neighborhood
- Installation of **“Updraft”** by Michael Burns in Brittingham Park as part of MAC’s Art in Public Places program.
- Installation of **“Wingra Waters”** by Lisa Koch at the Monroe Street library.
- MAC continues to support efforts of the Regent Neighborhood Association who are commissioning **“Shift”** by Julia Schilling, a public art feature that will be installed under University Ave at Highland Avenue.
- A new **pavement painting** gets installed in Owl Creek.
- Draft language for a **percent for art ordinance** is ready for January introduction to the Common Council and Madison Arts Commission
- MAC funds and supports the creation of **“Try a Little Tenderness”** a mural homage to Otis Redding organized by Henrique Nardi.
- MAC authorizes a selection process for commissioning **Public Art for the 700-800 block of State Street mall**. A selection committee largely comprised of Public Art Standing Committee members selects RDG Dahlquist studios for the commission.
- MAC agrees to fund Art Write Collective’s **“You Are Beautiful”** mural project at 1444 E. Washington.
- Private Developer of 316 W Washington commissioned large-scale **10-story waterfall mural** for front of building.



Trend N Topic

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BLINK Temporary Public Art

- MAC pilots a **utility box art-wrap** project. Four test boxes by photographer Craig Wilson are installed on the Capital Square.
- MAC funds Michael Peterson and Laurie Beth Clark’s **“Feeding Farmers”** Blink project at the MMoCA Wisconsin Triennial.
- Blink funds **“Intentionally Welcoming Communities”** sculptural installations near Union corners.
- MAC Blink artists were featured in a panel discussion at MMoCA titled **“Art + Place.”**
- MAC supports 13 graduate student artists displaying **temporary work at UW Arboretum** with Blink funding
- Jeremy Nutall’s **“Rolling it Forward”** is installed in Central Park near the skateboard park.
- MAC funds **Faisal Abdu Allah’s work** with area at-risk youth to create neon signs that will be publicly displayed.
- MAC supports **MUNICIPAL, a one-day pop-up exhibition** at the Municipal Building prior to internal demolition and renovation.



Sid Boyum House

K Wolf

Conservation

- Work begins on City-owned Sid Boyum sculptures
- Cleaned and polished the Cap Square Fountains
- Work begins on major conservation effort for “Spirit of Greenbush” by Tony Testelin
- Community group forms to help save and restore the “Annie Stewart Fountain” near Vilas Zoo.
- Community group successfully raises funds to save the Sid Boyum house, increasing the likelihood that his self-taught artistic legacy will be preserved.

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Overture Center

- Contract evaluation revealed need for clearer understanding and transparency regarding arts programming per Structural Agreement and Annual Contract. Taking steps towards improving Overture's reporting about goals and budget in this area.

Poet Laureate Program

- Oscar Mireles becomes Poet Laureate
- Buslines expands to all ages and celebration of selected poets at Dream Bank is a great success.
- MAC agrees to fund projects of the Poet Laureate's from annual grant funding at \$1500/year.
- Annual grant funds support a book of poems collected by former poet laureate John Tuschen
- Continued Poetry at Common Council meetings

Any Given Child

- Kia Karlen represented MAC at the annual meeting in Washington DC
- Collective Impact partners agree to hire full time director

- MAC sent eight local musicians to Kansas City for the International Folk Music Alliance as part of BandSwap
- A professional development panel for musicians occurred at The Brink Lounge covering topics such as accounting, copyright, touring, and marketing
- Local Bandswap concert features CD release for Josh Harty.
- Make Music Madison succeeds in their fourth year
- Madison Songwriting Conference organizers get ready for the first of what they hope will be an annual conference in the summer of 2017.
- Funded summer concerts, Wisconsin Union Directorate's Revelry Music and Arts Festival, and Dane Dances!

Miscellaneous

- Worked with Housing Initiatives and other partner organizations to organize a public screening and panel discussion of "Thank You For Your Service," a film about the ways the mental health system is failing our veterans.
- As part of the neighborhood planning process, hosted a design charette in the Darbo/Starkwater Creek neighborhood to give residents the opportunity to define their vision for art and design in the community.
- Madison's creative economy is profiled in the National Ovation Network series about Creative Economies www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtXbTD-mq6HY&feature=youtu.be
- Documented and catalogued City-owned artworks and deaccessioned a number of works prior to moving out of the municipal building.
- Applied for and received re-grant funding from the Wisconsin Arts Board.
- Developed a public art bike-tour map and led a bike tour the morning of the Mayor's Neighborhood Conference.

Losses

Sarah Sosa Acevedo and Rick Tvedt resign their seats on the commission to pursue new adventures.



Owl Creek Mural



Utility Box Wrap